



American Indian College Fund (AICF) TCU and Full Circle Scholarships

The **TCU scholarship** is awarded mainly to Native American students, although there is a limited number of scholarships for non-Native American students for the current school year, here at FDLTCC. The **Full Circle** scholarship is awarded to Native American students for the next school year, and can be awarded to students transferring to non-tribal schools.

Please see the instructions below to get started on one or both scholarships. Contact the financial aid office if you have questions or need help.

The American Indian College Fund **TCU and Full Circle** Scholarships use one profile of base information. To create or edit your profile, create an account or log in to your existing account at:

<https://aicfstudents.civicore.com>

Before Applying:

Please type the following four paragraphs in advance and save them as a document on your computer so that you can later copy and paste them into the online application:

1. A list of all honors and other distinctions you have received.
2. A list of all extracurricular activities and/or volunteer work in which you have been involved (church, school or community)
3. Write a 300-word maximum paragraph for each of these three questions:
 - a. What challenges have you overcome to attend college?
 - b. What are your educational and career goals and how will this scholarship help you achieve them?
 - c. How will your education impact the Native American community?
4. Please include a heartfelt thank you to our scholarship donors.

Select a current digital photograph (in jpg format) from your computer files that can be uploaded on to the application. Photos are shared with scholarship donors so a headshot is preferred. Note: the file must be in jpg format.

Obtain a digital copy of a document that verifies that you are an enrolled tribal member. If you are applying as a descendant of a tribal member, obtain digital copies of birth certificates and enrollment information. These documents must be uploaded from your computer files on to the application (combine multiple documents into one document for upload purposes).

For the Full Circle scholarship, also obtain a digital copy of your most recent college transcript or high school/GED transcript if you are in your first college semester. Unofficial transcripts are accepted.

How to Apply:

Go to <https://aicfstudents.civcore.com>

1. Create or edit your profile.
2. Copy and paste the appropriate parts of your prepared paragraphs into the profile (honors and awards, activities, thank you).
3. When all required fields in your profile are complete, click on "Save" and you will be taken to the applications page where you will see the two Scholarship applications listed.
4. **Select TCU or Full Circle Scholarship** and complete the application.
5. Upon selecting "submit", you will be able to answer the three questions, above. After submitting a final time, you can verify that your application has been sent by receiving an on-screen message thanking you for submitting the application. You will also receive an email from AICF at the address you provided in the application.
6. If you are applying for both scholarships, go back to step 3 and continue with the next scholarship.

NOTES:

- The TCU scholarships are chosen by a local committee and you will be offered various deadlines throughout each semester. **Remember to apply both in the fall and spring semester.** You will receive an email from FDLTCC financial aid if you are awarded.
- Full Circle scholarships are decided by the American Indian College Fund near the beginning of Fall semester, and are more competitive as they are not awarded in-house. **The application opens January 1 and is due May 31 each year for the *following* school year.** You should receive an award letter via U.S. postal mail or a denial letter via email from AICF Full Circle in August of the award year.
- If you have already received your maximum amount of financial aid for the semester, it may be required that we use your award funds to pay down any loans you may have borrowed or adjust other financial aid you have received.

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For more information on these scholarships and other resources, go to: collegefund.org