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 only to Native American students.

**Apply from February 1, 2022 - January 31, 2023 to be considered for awards in the 2022-2023 school year.**

**Apply by May 31, 2022 for Full Circle awards in the 2022-2023 School Year**

Please see the instructions below; you will be applying to both scholarships. Contact the financial aid office if you have questions or need help.

**Before Applying:**

- **Select a current digital photograph** from your computer files that can be uploaded on to the application. Photos are shared with scholarship donors so a headshot (no selfies, no cropped photos) 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 into the application (combine multiple documents into one document for upload purposes).

- **Upload your most recent college or high school transcript.** Have a digital copy of your transcript ready to upload into the application.

- **You may choose to 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. **Are you a descendant of a boarding school survivor?** If so, you will be asked to write an essay up to 300 words and explain how it impacted them and your family. Identify which boarding school they attended and what approximate years, if they had a good or bad experience, if they spoke their tribal language before attending boarding school and if they were allowed to speak it there. How did they feel when they came back; did things change and how? Has it affected your family?
  2. A list of all honors and other distinctions you have received, including dates received
  3. A list of all extracurricular activities and/or volunteer work in which you have been involved (church, school or community)
  4. 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?
  5. Please include a heartfelt thank you to the scholarship donors.
How to Apply:

To create your account, go to: https://collegefund.org/students/scholarships/. Click on “Apply Now” and “Sign Up.”

You will create a profile to get started. When you are done, click on the tab “Create Profile” and you will be brought to your American Indian College Fund Portal. Click on the box titled “Get Started” to complete your application. There will be five sections to complete:

- Scholarship Application (required)
- Education History (required)
- Extracurricular Activities (required)
- Honors and Distinctions (required)
- Resume (Optional, but complete if you are interested in an internship with American Indian College Fund)

When you have completed each required section, you will be able to “Submit Application” (green box). You cannot change your application once submitted.

NOTES:

- The TCU scholarships are chosen by a local committee which will choose awardees for both Fall and Spring awards by the end of September. **Students who are not enrolled for Fall will need to complete their application by January 31 to be considered for a Spring scholarship.**

- Full Circle scholarships are decided by the American Indian College Fund near the beginning of Fall semester, and are more competitive as you are competing nationally. **The priority deadline is May 31 each year for the following school year, although you can still apply and be considered as a runner-up for a Full Circle scholarship up until January 31 for your current school year.** You should receive an award letter via U.S. postal mail or a denial letter via email from AICF Full Circle.

- **NOTE:** 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

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