



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

The **TCU scholarship** is awarded mainly to Native American students at a Tribal College or university, although there are a limited number of scholarships for non-Native American students for the current school year, here at FDLTCC. **Full Circle** scholarships are awarded during this time period to Native American students selected by the College Fund and can follow you to any college or university.

**Apply from February 1, 2024 - January 30, 2025 to be considered for TCU and Full Circle awards in the 2024-2025 school year. (Full Circle priority deadline: May 31, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year).**

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 Scholarships uses one profile of base information. To create or edit your profile, go to the FDLTCC scholarships webpage: <https://fdltcc.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships/> Choose "Apply for American Indian College Fund Scholarships," create an account or log in to your existing account:**

## **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. **Are you a descendant of a boarding school survivor?** If so, you will be asked to write an essay of at least 500 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?
2. A list of all honors and other distinctions you have 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 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).

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

## How to Apply:

Go to: <https://fdltcc.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships/>

Choose “Apply for American Indian College Fund Scholarships,” create or edit your profile.

1. Copy and paste the appropriate parts of your prepared paragraphs into the profile (honors and awards, activities, thank you).
2. 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.
3. **Select “Complete Scholarship Application”** and complete the application. Native American students will be applying for both the TCU and Full-Circle scholarships by completing *one* application. Non-Native students will only be eligible for the TCU scholarship.
4. 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.

### 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 each year. **Students who are not enrolled for Fall will need to complete their application by January 30 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 they are not awarded in-house. **The priority deadline is May 31 each year for the *following* school year, although you can still apply and be considered for a Full Circle scholarship up until January 30 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](http://collegefund.org)

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