



**HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP  
2024-25 APPLICATION**

**Deadline: August 2, 2024, by 11:59 pm**

**HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
2 ICE CIRCLE DRIVE  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MI 49783  
highereducation@saulttribe.net  
906-635-7784

**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**

**CHECKLIST –**

- Undergraduate Student
- Graduate Student
- Trade/ Vocational Student
- Full-Time (12+ credits undergraduate, 6+ credits graduate)
- Part-Time (Under 12 credits undergraduate, Under 6 credits graduate)
- 2024 graduating High School Senior
- Has a 2.50 GPA Cumulative – Verification required by submission of transcript
- Live in Tribal Unit 1
- Live in Tribal Unit 2
- Live in Tribal Unit 3
- Live in Tribal Unit 4
- Live in Tribal Unit 5
- Non-Traditional Student (25+ years old)
- Has been homeless, displaced, or in the foster care system during lifetime
- Has 1/4 Blood Quantum – Verification required from the Sault Tribe Enrollment Dept.
- Earned a G.E.D. – Copy of G.E.D required
- Special Needs – Verification of diagnosis required

**PLEASE SEND ALL ATTACHMENTS TOGETHER**

**REQUIRED FOR ALL:**

- Application
- Reflection Questions – You must answer all three questions. Answers must be double-spaced using size 12 Arial or Times New Roman font. (Exception: Special Needs Scholarship applicants)
- Copy of Current Tribal Card
- Updated W-9 Form
- Verification of Attendance – Fall class schedule and/ or acceptance letter (freshman) – Student name and college/vocational school name must be visible.

**IF APPLICABLE:**

- Freshman – Letter of acceptance from the college/university/ vocational school
- Proof 1/4 Blood Quantum – Must attach verification from Sault Tribe Enrollment
- Proof of G.E.D. – Must attach a copy of G.E.D.
- Special Needs – Must submit verification of diagnosis

**Please email all documents as one file in PDF format to [highereducation@saulttribe.net](mailto:highereducation@saulttribe.net) by 8/2/24 at 11:59 p.m., Zip files are not accepted.**

**SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**

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**STUDENT INFORMATION**

First	Middle Initial	Last Name	(Maiden)
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Cell Phone	Home Phone	Tribal File (Red # on Card)	
Personal Email	School Issued Email	Date of Birth	

**COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY, TECHNICAL/ VOCATIONAL TRADE SCHOOL INFORMATION**

College, University, or Trade School	Phone		
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Expected Degree/ Certification	Class Level	# of Credits – Fall 2024	
Major (Minor, if any)	GPA	Student ID #	

**Enrollment Status:**

Full-Time (12+ credits undergraduate, 6+ credits graduate) \_\_\_\_\_  
Part-Time (Under 12 credits undergraduate, Under 6 credits graduate) \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

I hereby certify the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the educational institution listed above to provide the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians with information to coordinate financial assistance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



## Disclosure

**If awarded a scholarship, recipients will be required to sign a Scholarship Agreement prior to receiving their award. This agreement will be e-mailed by the Education Division after receiving notice of award.**

**Listed below are the expectations that are outlined in this agreement:**

- If the scholarship eligibility specifies full-time enrollment status and I either reduce enrollment to part-time status or discontinue school enrollment entirely, I will immediately:
  - Notify the Higher Education Department in writing by mail or email
  - Reimburse Sault Tribe for the total amount of the scholarship award
- If the scholarship eligibility specifies part-time enrollment status and I discontinue school enrollment entirely, I will immediately:
  - Notify the Higher Education Department in writing by mail or email
  - Reimburse Sault Tribe for the total amount of the scholarship award

If the recipient no longer meets the scholarship eligibility specifications for their 2024/2025 Scholarship Award, they must agree to return the entire amount of their award to the Sault Tribe Higher Education Department.

Without additional compensation, we ask to use their name, likeness, biographical information, and voice in advertising worldwide.

**No action is necessary at this time.**

Sault Tribe Scholarship  
2024/2025  
Reflection Questions

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**1. Reflection question: What challenges have you had to overcome to attend college?**

**200 words minimum and 500 words maximum**

When answering this question, we encourage you to reflect on what you've learned from your challenges, how you've adapted and grown, and how they've shaped who you are today.

**2. Reflection question: What are your educational and career goals?**

**200 words minimum and 500 words maximum**

When answering this question, we encourage you to elaborate on how your goals formed and why they are meaningful to you.

**3. Reflection question: How will you use your education to impact your Native Community/Nation or Indian Country?**

**200 words minimum and 500 words maximum**

When answering this question, we encourage you to reflect on why giving back to Indian Country is important to you and the kind of change and growth you want to support.

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<p><b>1</b> Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.</p> <hr/> <p><b>2</b> Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above</p> <hr/> <p><b>3</b> Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC                  <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation                  <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation                  <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership                  <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate         </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____         </p> <p><b>Note:</b> Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is <b>not</b> disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____         </p>	<p><b>4</b> Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any) _____</p> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____</p> <p><small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small></p>
	<p><b>5</b> Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.</p> <hr/> <p><b>6</b> City, state, and ZIP code</p> <hr/> <p><b>7</b> List account number(s) here (optional)</p>	<p>Requester's name and address (optional)</p> <hr/>

## Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									

or

Employer identification number									

## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)  
Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

*If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.*