

NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PROCEDURES MANUAL

Subject: MISCELLANEOUS

Effective:

Procedure: 1913 Tribal College Assistance Grants

1. The North Dakota legislature in chapter 15-70 of the North Dakota Century Code established a supplemental grant assistance program to make grant payments to North Dakota tribal colleges for nonbeneficiary students. Subject to available appropriations, the Board is to make grants to eligible tribal colleges following application in the manner approved by the Board.
2. Application for grants shall be made by tribal colleges on the form attached to this Procedure 1913 as Appendix 1. Applications shall be made on an annual basis and are due in the North Dakota University System office not later than February 15 each year. Applications shall be based on an entire year (including summer session, for institutions that have a summer session) and include:
 - a. The name and current and permanent addresses of each student for which grant assistance is claimed;
 - b. North Dakota residency status of each listed student;
 - c. Enrollment status and standing of each listed student;
 - d. Number of credit hours for which each listed student is enrolled on the fifteenth day of each semester or other academic term;
 - e. Ethnic status (based on IPEDS categories) of each listed student;
 - f. Statement of nonbeneficiary status and explanation regarding how that status was determined for each listed student, and
 - g. Other information requested on the form.

Applications must include certification of enrollment and ethnic status of each listed student and a copy of the institution's latest audit report. In addition, a college that previously received a supplemental grant assistance payment must also submit an accurate and detailed account of expenditures of the grant funds received by the institution under this program. Incomplete applications shall be returned to the college for completion.

3. Grant payments shall be made directly to tribal colleges, on or about _____ each year. Payments shall be calculated based on eligible full-time equivalent (FTE) students for the entire year (including summer session). Payments per student shall be in the amount specified by law or, if available appropriations are insufficient to make payments in the specified amount, a lesser, prorated amount per FTE nonbeneficiary student. Total payments in the first year of a biennium may not exceed one-half of funds

appropriated for the biennium. A payment may not be made until the college has submitted a completed application that includes all required reports, documentation and certifications.

4. Definitions.

- a. "Nonbeneficiary student" means a resident of North Dakota enrolled in a tribally-controlled community college but not an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe .
- b. "Full-time equivalent" (or "FTE") means 24 credit hours per fiscal year.
- c. "Credit hour" means only degree credits and excludes all non-degree credits.

STATUTORY REFERENCE: N.D.C.C. chapter 15-70

HISTORY: New policy.

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