

RST Higher Education Program
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Dear Student;

The RST Higher Education Program's purpose is to serve eligible Sicangu people and provide opportunity to achieve their educational goals. This opportunity is provided as a privilege with the intent that tribal members will return to the Rosebud Reservation to apply their learning to the development of the Sicangu Oyate.

A completed scholarship application consists of the following:

FOR FIRST TIME APPLICANTS please attach the following items 1 thru 7 to establish a file. If you have received the scholarship previously then you complete: 1, 4, 5, 7

- 1) RST scholarship application
- 2) Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood
- 3) College Letter of Acceptance or Open-Door Policy letter
- 4) College Official Transcript(s) (if you been in college)
- 5) Financial Needs Analysis Form should be completed by Financial Aid Officer (last page of RST scholarship app)
- 6) High School/GED Diploma
- 7) Class Schedule of Semester/Quarter

All documents must be submitted by the deadline date for the terms you are applying. Your file must be complete before review and awards are contingent upon academic progress, financial needs and availability of funds. **Minimum requirements are 12 credit hours.** You must have completed the FAFSA for the college. Students in financial default are not eligible for funding. **We do not fund certificate programs. For vocational non-degree programs; contact the AVT Scholarship officer at Sinte Gleska University.** Awards are based on funding priorities; awarded on a first come until funding is depleted for the term. You must submit a new application each funding year and maintain a GPA of 1.5-freshman; 2.00 sophomores; 2.5 for junior and seniors. There is no scholarship for graduate (Masters/PhD) students.

Funding priorities:

1. Continuing students
2. Reservation students beginning with seniors
3. In-State students beginning with seniors
4. Out of State students beginning with seniors

Deadline dates

July 1 Academic Year (Fall, Winter and Spring Semesters, Quarters, Etc.)

December 1 Spring Term Only (Spring semester, quarter, trimester)



HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

RST Higher Education, PO Box 40, Rosebud, SD 57570

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Application Request: 2025-2026 New Renewal

Student Information

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Last Name	First Name	MI	Maiden
Address (Permanent)		City	State
Zip Code			
Date of Birth	Student ID Number	Social Security Number	RST Enrollment Number
Sex	Marital Status	Number of Dependents	

High School Information

Type: Tribal Public Private GED

Name/Address of High School	Graduation Date
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College Information

College Name/Address		College Major	
Classification	Degree	Request	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman 1-32 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate of Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	Full time/Part time
<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore 33-64 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	Full time/Part time
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior 65-97 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior 98 + hrs.			

Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Yes _____ No _____

If no, please visit <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> and complete as soon as possible.

Have you ever applied for this grant? If so, when: _____

Application deadlines dates: **July 1, 2025** **December 1, 2025**

***All requested information must be provided by deadline to be considered complete.**

Statement of Certification and Consent for Release of Information

I hereby certify that the above information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and consent to the release of this information to necessary agencies to complete my financial aid package. I agree that any grant awarded to me be mailed to me in care of the financial aid office of the college/university. I will provide an official Grade Report or Transcript to the RST Higher Education Program at the end of each term. I declare that I will use any funds I receive under the RST Higher Education Office solely for the expenses connected with attendance at this college/university.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

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**Financial Needs Analysis Form
2025-2026**

Part I: To be completed by Student

Students Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

SSN _____ Date of Birth _____ Telephone _____

Are you a dependent / independent student? (Circle one) Does someone claim you on their taxes?

I grant permission to: _____ to release information as requested below to the RST Higher Education Program for scholarship eligibility.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Part II: To be completed by Financial Aid Officer

Budget Period: _____ to _____

School Expenses

Tuition _____
Fees _____
Books/Supplies _____
Room/Board _____
Transportation _____
Personal Expenses _____
Childcare _____
Misc. /Other _____

Student Resources

Student Aid Index _____
Veteran Benefits _____
Vocational Rehabilitation _____
State Scholarship _____
State Indian Grant _____
College Grants _____
Other _____

Awards

Pell _____
GSL _____
SEOG _____
Work Study _____
Stafford Sub _____
Stafford Unsub _____
Direct PLUS Loan _____
PLUS Loan _____
Scholarship _____
Tuition Waiver _____

Total Expenses \$ _____ **Total Resources** \$ _____ **Total Awards** \$ _____

Unmet Need: \$ _____

Classification: Fr _____ Soph _____ Jr _____ Sr _____ Full Time _____ Part Time _____
School System: Semester _____ Quarter _____ Trimester _____ Other _____

Ineligible for PELL due to: _____

Financial Aid Officer: _____ College/University: _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Date _____