



**LBST HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM
LOWER BRULE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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The Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Higher Education Grant is available to students who are enrolled members of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe or can prove that they are one-quarter degree Lower Brule Sioux. Priority funding will be given in the following order: students living on or near the Lower Brule reservation, SD residents, out of state residents. The program is supplemental and it is mandatory that the student does apply for the PELL/FASFA grant, plus any other aid that you may be entitled to. The maximum amount of the grant is based on the Tribal Priority Allocations (TPA) and could vary from year to year. The current amount is \$3,000 per school year for all full time students. The student's need is then determined by their college or university financial aid office (FAO) providing the SAR (Student Aid Report) from the PELL grant is on file. The student must enroll as a full time student (12 credit hours) in an accredited college or university and maintain and maintain a 2.00 grade point average (GPA). Any student failing to meet this requirement will be placed on financial aid probation for the following semester or quarter and if satisfactory progress is not met by the end of this period the student will be on suspension from Tribal funding. Students with a completed file by the required dates (see Grant Requirements) will be given priority. **Part-time funding may be available to those students in good standing and who are attending the Lower Brule Community College. A minimum of \$250 will be awarded to those students enrolled in a minimum of 3-6 credit hours.** Awards will be based on unmet need and amount of funds available.

Appeals Process

If for some legitimate reason the student does not agree with the final decision concerning their financial aid an appeals letter can be written to the Post-Secondary Education Board.

Administration of Grants

When the student has a completed file and meets all requirements, the Scholarship Officer submits a payment request voucher to Tribal Finance. The check is made out to the student and the college or university and sent directly to the FAO. The Financial Aid Director applies this amount to the student's educational costs and if there is any left the Financial Aid Director administers it to the student according to their guidelines. The turnaround time for this procedure is approximately two to four weeks. Therefore, it is advised that **ALL** deadline dates be met for funding consideration.

The same procedure is followed each year and the student **must apply for the PELL/FASFA grant and submit a new application** by July 15 for the Fall semester/quarter, November 1 for Winter quarter, November 30 for Spring Semester and January 15 for Spring quarter.

The student must submit to this office an **official transcript for each semester/year.** **This is mandatory for all future funding!**

Transportation to and from the institution is the student's responsibility.

Associate of Applied Science Applicants If you are enrolling in a vocational education or technical school; you must apply for the AVT grant or submit a letter to this office verifying: 1) Accreditation; 2) Transferability of credits to a four-year institution.

Summer School Applicants May be awarded to those seniors needing **9** credit hours or less to graduate. Students must submit an **Application** and a **Letter of Justification** from an academic advisor or another staff person directly involved with the student's progress. This is necessary due to limited funding.

Lower Brule Community College Students The Lower Brule Tribal Scholarship funds will be used to fund part time students attending LBCC. A part-time student is one who is carrying a minimum of three credit hours and a maximum of eleven. Anything over twelve credit hours will be considered full-time. A minimum of \$250 plus \$50 for each additional credit hour over six will be awarded to each eligible part-time student.

The balance of these Tribal funds will be used as Incentives based on the following criteria:

<u>Grade Point Average</u>	<u>Amount of Incentive</u>
4.00 - 4.00 @ 12 CH	\$200
3.99 - 3.51 @ 12 CH	\$150
3.50 - 3.00 @ 12 CH	\$100

This will be awarded to the student at the end of each semester based on 12 or more credit hours. If an institution is on the quarter system, then only the 1st and 3rd quarters will be awarded. To receive the Incentive award, students must have an **official grade report (grades submitted from the Internet will not be accepted)** in this office by the following deadline dates:

<u>Semester/Quarter</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
Fall Semester/Quarter	January 15
Spring Semester/Quarter	June 1
Winter Quarter	March 15

Graduate Program

\$6,000 is taken from the Higher Education Infrastructure money each year to fund three graduate students at \$2,000 each for a maximum of two years.

Application Process

1. Complete the Higher Education Grant Application
2. Letter of Application from the student stating what the student will be pursuing, what institution, completion date, other funding sources, how you are going to use your degree.
3. Letter of Acceptance
4. Financial Needs Analysis Form
5. Proof of Lower Brule Tribal enrollment
6. Class schedule (**official**) in a master's program (nine credit hours = full time).

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Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Higher Education Grant Required Documents

To receive consideration for a Higher Education grant, you must turn in a **COMPLETE FILE** by the deadline dates listed below. ****Please Note the different deadlines depending on whether the College/University operates on a Semester or Quarter****

<u>Semester/Quarter</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
Fall Semester/Quarter	July 15
Winter Quarter	November 1
Spring Semester	November 30
Spring Quarter	January 15
Summer Session	*Current <u>Seniors</u> Only

The following documents are required to complete your application file:

1. Application for Federal Student Aid (**PELL/FASFA**). This must be done even if you are not eligible for a PELL grant.
2. A completed **HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION FORM**. *Faxed or computer reproduced copies will not be accepted.*
3. A **Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood** certifying that the applicant is a member of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe (new applicants only).
4. A **Letter of Acceptance** from an eligible institution. (New students, transfers and previously suspended students only).
5. A **High School Transcript or GED**. High School students must also submit a transcript of any completed college course work. (New applicants only).
6. **Updated College Transcript** from the previous year/term of attendance. This is **mandatory** for continued funding. The student must send an official copy directly to this office. Continuing and returning students must have these in by the following deadlines:

Spring Semester/Quarter: June 1

Winter Quarter: March 15

Fall Semester/Quarter: January 15

7. **Financial Aid Needs Analysis Form**. This is prepared and certified by the college Financial Aid Officer indicating the student's unmet need. This is required even if you don't qualify for a PELL/FASFA grant. **It is the student's responsibility to get the form to their college of choice.**
8. **Class Schedule** (12 credit hours=full time). An official copy must be sent to this office. Part time students (6-11 credit hours) attending **Lower Brule Community College** may be eligible for funding.

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Checklist of Required Documents Needed for Higher Education Application

To receive consideration for a Higher Education grant, you must turn in a **complete file** by the deadline dates shown below:

<u>Semester/Quarter</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
Fall Semester/Quarter	July 15
Winter Quarter	November 1
Spring Semester	November 30
Spring Quarter	January 15

1. ___ Application for Lower Brule Higher Education Grant (HE).
2. ___ Verification of enrollment from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe with a Degree of Indian Blood.
3. ___ Copy of your high school transcript or GED certificate.
4. ___ Acceptance letter from an institution of higher education.
5. ___ Copy of completed Student Aid Report (SAR-PELL/FASFA)
6. ___ Signed Financial Needs Analysis form. *This must be sent to the institution you are attending.* (Attached)
7. ___ Signed Privacy Act Statement (Attached)
8. ___ *Semester/quarter grades (continuing, transfer and previously suspended students only)
9. ___ **Class schedule for upcoming semester/quarter
10. ___ Other

*Grades must be in by:

Fall Semester/Quarter: January 15 Spring Semester/Quarter: June 1 Winter Quarter: March 15

**Class schedules must be in within 2 weeks of starting your semester/quarter.

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PRIVACY ACT AND PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

This information is provided pursuant to public law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), December 31, 1974. Although furnishing personal information to this office is voluntary, failure to supply complete and accurate information may preclude the applicant from eligibility for assistance under this program.

This information is being collected to determine eligibility of the individual applying for services. This information will be used to produce statistical records for the Post-Secondary Education Programs. Responses to this request are required to obtain a benefit.

I hereby certify that the information on the LBST Grant Application form and other required documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I consent to the release of this information to necessary agencies to complete my financial aid package. I request that any Post-Secondary Education Grant assistance awarded me be mailed to the Financial Aid Office where I will be attending. I will provide a copy of my grades and/or transcripts to the Education Administration Office at the end of each academic term.

Signature of Student

Date

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USE OF POST-SECONDARY GRANTS

Funds are appropriated by Congress to aid Indian students who have an unmet financial need after other sources have been sought. Post-Secondary grants serve as a source of aid for Native American students to further their education, but are financially unable to attend an Institute of Higher Education. Native American students are expected to take advantage of the financial aid “package” that the institutions offer. Students applying late for a Post-Secondary grant may not receive that amount applied for. Post-Secondary grants may be used for tuition, subsistence, required fees, textbooks and miscellaneous expenses related to attendance at a college/university.

Post-Secondary grants are considered to be supplemental in nature and based on need. Each applicant will be required to gain support from other public sources and must apply for the PELL grant as this is used as the basis for all financial aid funding.

Due to limited funds in the Post-Secondary Education programs; grants have maximum limits which do not always meet the individual’s unmet need.

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