

### Helping students with Tribal Enrollment Questions:

Students might need help understanding tribal enrollment procedures or may need to determine if their tribe is federally recognized for scholarship purposes. Students must call their tribe to ask about tribal enrollment eligibility and process. The enrollment process and timeline varies by tribe; it's recommended that students compile their documentation as juniors or at the start of their senior year.

List of Federally Recognized Tribes and Phone list: <http://www.ncai.org/tribal-directory>

List of State Recognized Tribes: [http://500nations.com/tribes/Tribes\\_States.asp](http://500nations.com/tribes/Tribes_States.asp)

U.S. Department of the Interior/Trace Indian Ancestry:  
<https://www.doi.gov/tribes/trace-ancestry>

Canadian First Nations: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1462808207464/1572460627149#chp1>  
\*many scholarships may only honor US federally recognized tribes, check with scholarships when applying if they cover First Nations of Canada Common Documentation

CDIB or Tribal Enrollment Letter: Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (a.k.a. CIB, enrollment letter, letter of descent) is a document from the tribe's enrollment office showing the fraction of tribal blood for that member or descendant. Students should request documentation from each tribe from which they descend. \*Some tribes will not give CDIB's for descendants; students should explain it is for scholarship purposes and see if the tribal enrollment office is able to provide any documentation showing their blood quantum. Some tribes may have residency requirements for enrollment.

Birth Certificate: If not already tribally enrolled, students seeking enrollment, will need a copy of their own birth certificate and maybe their parent(s)'s to prove lineage to the tribe from which they are requesting a CDIB.

Recognition of Parentage: If a parent's name is not on the birth certificate, a tribe might accept a completed Recognition of Parentage form-  
<https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/services/child-support/programs-services/recognition-of-parentage.jsp>