



Island Mountain Development Group Scholarship Fund 2021-2022 Scholarship Application Form

The Island Mountain Development Group Scholarship Fund was established to support educational opportunities for the Aaniiih (Gros-Ventre) and Nakoda (Assiniboine) People of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation. IMDG’s mission is dedicated to creating a self-sustaining economy by striving to create opportunities for the Aaniiih and Nakoda Nation through business, jobs, and resource development. IMDG recognizes that in order to do so, we must invest in our future leaders. Our scholarship fund is one way we can accomplish that and promote our values of generosity, sustainability, and resilience.

Applicant Criteria

- Must be an enrolled member of the Fort Belknap Indian Community
- Attending an accredited higher education institution in the United States
- Must be enrolled full-time (Full-time status may vary depending on higher education institution and/or area of study)
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher

Scholarship available through the Island Mountain Development Group Scholarship Fund

- **IMDGSF Undergraduate & Graduate Scholarship:** Scholarships are for \$1,500 for the full academic year. *** (Does not include Summer semester) ***

Application Checklist

1. Please read and follow instructions carefully.
2. Complete ALL sections of the application.
3. Include these documents (copies are acceptable).
 - IMDGSF Application Form
 - Essay – questions provided
 - Photo of yourself
 - Acceptance letter from accredited higher education institution
 - Tribal Enrollment Document/Card – Copy Only
 - Recent Transcripts (DO NOT have to be official)
 - GED Documentation (if applicable)

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Essay Questions (Double spaced, typed, 12 pt. font only)

The application requires essay questions that are listed below. This is an opportunity to tell your story and demonstrate your writing skills. Answer the following questions in a separate document and include the question in each essay answer:

- ✓ **Introduction** – Introduce yourself in the Aaniih or Nakoda language (not mandatory) and in English. Include information about your family and community. (minimum of 100 words)
- ✓ **What steps are you taking to reach your short and long-term educational goals?** (minimum of 100 words)
- ✓ **What is your definition of leadership? What important values does a good leader demonstrate?** Describe current or past leadership experiences that you have or have had, including any lessons learned about leadership. (Minimum of 300 words)
- ✓ **Who past or present has taught you, been a role model, or inspired you to become a leader? How have they done so?** (Minimum of 300 words)
- ✓ **In what ways have you contributed to your community? What has been your most significant contribution?** (Minimum of 300 words)
- ✓ **Describe a personal challenge(s) you have faced in your life? How did you overcome this challenge?** (Minimum of 300 words)
- ✓ **Describe your life five years after completing your degree. What is your vision for the future? How will the IMDGSF scholarship help you attain your goals?** (Minimum of 300 words)

APPLICATIONS MUST BE:

MAIL TO: Island Mountain Development Group -OR- EMAIL: scholarships@islandmtn.com
 ATTN: IMDG Scholarship Fund
 353 Old Hays Road
 P.O. Box 470
 Hays, MT 59527

DO NOT FAX APPLICATION

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General Information

Name (First, M.I., Last): _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Current Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Tribal Affiliation/ID # _____

Have you applied for other scholarships? YES NO Did you receive any? YES NO

How did you hear about the IMDG Scholarship? School Counselor/Advisor/Teacher Social Media

Financial Aid Office Poster Family/Friend Other _____

High School Information

High School _____ Graduation Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I received my GED (Attach documentation to completed application)

GPA

Current Cumulative GPA _____ GPA is from High School College

*Please attach GED documentation if you do not have a GPA records

Education Institute Information

College Name _____ (Circle one) Freshmen Sophomore Junior Senior

College Address _____

Current Degree Program _____ Degree of Major _____

Are you the first member of your immediate family to attend college? Yes No

Expected Graduation Semester _____ Expected Graduation Year _____

Student ID # _____

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Miscellaneous Information

Do you have children? Yes No If Yes, how many? _____

Are you a Veteran of the US Armed Forces? Yes No

Are you employed? Yes No If yes, Full-time Part-time

Place of employment _____

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- Essay questions
- Photo of yourself
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- GED Documentation (if applicable)

READ AND SIGN BELOW

I certify that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and is my own work. I understand that misrepresentation or fraudulent information may be grounds for loss of scholarship funds and repayment. By accepting a scholarship from Island Mountain Development Group Scholarship Fund, I authorize them to use my name and photograph or any information I have provided in advertising or publicity in any and all media. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, the mailing address and email address information that I’ve provided is correct and I will be contacted through email and mail. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, I will provide any additional information requested from IMDGSF.

Signature _____
Date

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