



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
AND LEARNING DESIGN  
ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

**St. Cloud State University & Lower Sioux Indian Community  
Teacher Preparation Partnership (TPP) Program  
Scholarship Application**  
*Spring – Summer – Fall 2023*

**Overview**

Financial support is available for American Indian/Alaska Native students to earn **teacher licensure** at St. Cloud State University (SCSU). The funding is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education – Office of Indian Education. The financial support covers tuition, books and supplies, and initial licensing exam fees. A monthly living stipend and dependent allowance are provided for full-time students not working more than 20 hours per week. Funding from this grant is contingent upon a service payback obligation, meaning that it will not need to be paid back if graduates seek employment in qualifying schools after graduating. In addition to the financial support, students will receive academic support through a Native Educator linking seminar while in school, and teacher mentoring post-graduation.

The TPP financial package will supplement other financial aid therefore amounts awarded will vary per participant. The following are estimated amounts for each of the categories:

- Tuition – \$4,500 to \$5,500 per semester
- Living Stipend – (up to) \$1,200 per month
- Instructional Supplies/Exam Fees – \$1,500 (annual)
- Dependent Allowance – (up to) \$300 per month

**General Eligibility Requirements**

- American Indian/Alaska Native students who are tribally enrolled or first/second generation descendants. Priority will be given to tribally enrolled citizens then first and second generation descendants.
- Admission to SCSU and enrollment in a teacher licensure program.
- 30-40 credits that transfer to SCSU and can be applied to the SCSU general education and/or degree requirements. The TPP program is intended to be a 2-3 year program depending on credits already earned.
- Minimum 2.5 GPA to enter the TPP program.
- Math proficiency demonstrated by one of the following: ACT Math score of 22 or higher, SCSU Math 201 (Elements of Mathematics I), or math placement equivalent.
- Good standing with federal loans and eligible for federal government approval.
- Satisfactory criminal background check.
- Completion of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**Eligibility for the TPP scholarship is contingent upon admission to SCSU.**

**Service Obligation**

The Office of Indian Education requires students in the teacher preparation program to complete a service obligation (work payback) equal to the total period of time for which the student received funding through the scholarship (typically 2-3 years). If a student does not meet the payback requirements, the student must repay the total amount received and expended for training/education. The federal government has no hardship deferrals. Students must:

- Graduate with an undergraduate education degree or complete a graduate certificate program.
- Obtain Minnesota professional teacher licensure in the licensing area supported with TPP funds.
- Secure employment in an eligible school with a threshold percentage of American Indian students.
- Comply with all the requirements of the Teacher Training/Professional Development program.
- Comply with the federal grant service obligation.

**Professional Development Program Data Collection System (PDPDCS)**

Scholarship recipients are required to actively monitor their program data through the PDPDCS while completing their degree and during the payback period. Social security numbers are required for identification in the system.

**Renewal**

Award recipients must demonstrate satisfactory progress toward the completion of teacher licensure and meet the obligations outlined by the US Department of Education – Office of Indian Education.

**Application Requirements**

- Completed signed application (pages 3 and 4 of application).
- 1-page typed letter of interest.
- Virtual visit with TPP grant team.
- Unofficial college transcripts (official transcripts will be required for admission to SCSU).

***Completed TPP scholarship materials should be submitted in one packet via mail or email.***

Mail	Email
St. Cloud State University American Indian Center Attention – Allicia Waukau-Butler Atwood Memorial Center 219 720 4th Ave. S St. Cloud, MN 56301	Subject – TPP Scholarship Application  Allicia Waukau-Butler <a href="mailto:allicia.waukau-butler@stcloudstate.edu">allicia.waukau-butler@stcloudstate.edu</a>  PDF files only.

**Application Deadline:**

TPP applications are now being accepted for Spring, Summer, and Fall 2023.

***For TPP scholarship questions contact –***

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**General Information**

Last Name	First Name	
Preferred Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Primary Email		
Preferred Phone Number	Secondary Phone Number	

**Tribal Information**

**All applicants either must be enrolled in a tribal nation or a first generation/second generation descendant of a tribally enrolled citizen. This includes federally recognized tribes, state recognized tribes, and Alaskan Native.**

*Please indicate the individual with tribal membership below. (Check One)*

TPP Applicant <input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant's Parent <input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant's Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/>
Enrolled Member's Name	Tribal Enrollment Number	

Provide the name and address of the tribe or band maintaining enrollment for the above member.

**Area of Interest**

What grade level/subject area are you interested in teaching?

**Start Date**

When would you like to start the TPP program?

Spring 2023   
  Summer 2023   
  Fall 2023   
  Undecided

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<b>College Credit Information</b>	
<b>Associate Degree Information</b>	
Do you have an associate degree? ___YES ___NO	If yes, what program of study?
Number of college credits earned?	Name of degree granting college.
<b>General College Credits</b>	
Do you have college credits outside of an associate degree? ___YES ___NO	
If yes, how many college credits?	Are you currently enrolled in college? ___YES ___NO
<b>List all Colleges Attended</b>	

**Statement of Interest**

Typed 1-page statement of interest addressing the following:

- Why are you applying for the TPP scholarship?
- Why do you desire to be a teacher of American Indian students?
- What experience do you have working with Native people or communities in any setting?
- Any additional information you would like the scholarship committee to consider as part of your application.

**Certification**

*I the undersigned hereby attest that the information I have provided within the St. Cloud State University & Lower Sioux Indian Community Teacher Preparation Partnership Program scholarship application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any information deemed false will eliminate my application from consideration, and may render me ineligible for future TPP funding opportunities. I understand that completing this application does not guarantee funding.*

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**We look forward to receiving your application!**

Applicants will be notified about scholarship decisions via email.