

## Student Eligibility Requirements for Federal Aid

Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College offers Financial Aid in the Form of Federal Pell Grants, NHSC Program Scholarships, American Indian College Fund Scholarships, and any other scholarship a student applies for on their own. To apply for Financial Assistance at Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Students should apply for financial aid as soon as possible after January 1 of the year they will begin college. Applications will be accepted all year long, but since some aid is limited and awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, those students who apply by May 1 will receive priority. Before aid is disbursed, the Financial Aid Office must be in receipt of the following:

- Appropriate signed tax returns and W2's (if requested).
- Financial aid verification form (if requested).
- Any other documents required for verification.
- Signed letter indicating acceptance of aid.
- Copy of high school transcript or GED certificate or transcript. (Your transcript that is required for Admissions and Registration will be copied and placed into your financial aid file)
- Evidence of acceptance and enrollment at the college.

Students who have not filled out their FAFSA at the time of registration will have to sign a payment agreement. Payment Agreements will be made only during the semester in which the student is enrolled and must be paid in full during the semester. Students' costs paid by employers, high schools, or other entities must be reported by the student at the time of registration. The student must provide documentation that their educational costs are being paid by a third party. If they do not have the documentation at the time of registration, then they must sign a payment agreement.

Most students are eligible to receive financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college or career school. Your age, race, or field of study won't affect your eligibility for Federal Student Aid. While your income is taken into consideration, it does not automatically prevent you from getting Federal Student Aid. To receive Federal Student Aid, you'll need to...

- Qualify to obtain a college or career school education, either by having a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate, or by completing a high school education in a homeschool setting approved under state law
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student in an eligible degree or certificate program
- Be registered with Selective Service, if you are a male (you must register between the ages of 18 and 25)

- Have a valid Social Security number unless you are from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau
- Sign certifying statements on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) stating that o you are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe a refund on a federal grant o you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes o Maintain satisfactory academic progress in college or career school In addition you must...
- Be a U.S. CITIZEN or U.S. NATIONAL o You are a U.S. citizen if you were born in the United States or certain U.S. territories, if you were born abroad to parents who are U.S. citizens, or if you have obtained citizenship status through naturalization. If you were born in American Samoa or Swains Island, then you are a U.S. national.
- OR have a GREEN CARD o You are eligible if you have a Form I-551, I-151, or I-551C, also known as a green card, showing you are a U.S. permanent resident
- OR have an ARRIVAL-DEPARTURE RECORD o Your Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services must show one of the following:
  - ♣ Refugee
  - ♣ Asylum Granted
  - ♣ Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending)
  - ♣ Conditional Entrant (valid only if issued before April 1, 1980)
  - ♣ Parolee
- OR have BATTERED IMMIGRANT STATUS o You are designated as a “battered immigrant-qualified alien” if you are a victim of abuse by your citizen or permanent resident spouse, or you are the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act.
- OR have a T-VISA o You are eligible if you have a T-visa or a parent with a T-1 visa. Before a student will be considered for financial aid, that student must complete the required forms. All forms are available from the NHSC Financial Aid Office.
- SAR/ISIR, which is the result from submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Higher Education Grant Application (Enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes). Students must contact the Higher Ed Office at (701)627-4112.
- Tribal Enrollment Abstract (For the Registrar’s Office)
- A GED or High School diploma must be on file in the Registrar’s Office prior to any release of financial aid funds. (Exception: Dual Credit High School students) Note: Dual Credit High School students are not eligible for financial aid.
- Statement of Acknowledgment (Academic Good Standing and Progress Standards)

- Information Release Form (if applicable).
- If selected for Verification once the student's FAFSA has been filed, the student will be required to submit further documentation, including: Low income Statement, Tax Transcript, and/or a verification packet

o V1—Standard Verification Group

Students in this group must verify the following if they are tax filers:

- adjusted gross income
- U.S. income tax paid
- untaxed portions of IRA distributions
- untaxed portions of pensions
- IRA deductions and payments
- tax-exempt interest income
- education credits
- household size number in college
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits
- child support paid

Students who are not tax filers must verify the following:

- income earned from work
- household size
- number in college
- SNAP benefits
- child support paid

O V2—Reserved for future use by the Department.

O V3—Child Support Paid Verification Group

Students must verify child support paid by them or their spouse, their parents, or both.

o V4—Custom Verification Group

Students must verify high school completion status and identity/statement of educational purpose in addition to receipt of SNAP benefits and payment of child support.

o V5—Aggregate Verification Group

Students must verify high school completion status and identity/statement of educational purpose in addition to the items in the Standard Verification Group.

o V6—Household Resources Group

Students must verify the items in the Standard Verification Group as well as certain other untaxed income on the 2015–2016 FAFSA:

- payments to taxdeferred pension and retirement savings plans (Questions 45a and 94a)
- child support received (Questions 45c and 94c)
- housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (Questions 45g and 94g)
- veterans' non-education benefits (Questions 45h and 94h)
- other untaxed income (Questions 45i and 94i)
- money received or paid on the applicant's behalf (Question 45j)
- resources or benefits not appearing on the FAFSA, such as in-kind support from a relative or a government agency.