



CANKDESKA CIKANA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Spirit Lake Dakota Nation



Spirit of Sovereignty

Spirit of Sovereignty Scholarship

Sovereignty – the authority of a government to govern itself – fulfills its promise when our children can realize their dreams. The Spirit of Sovereignty helps make higher education a reality for deserving Indian students and helps children and families in their time of need. Established in 2002 as the charitable arm of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), Spirit of Sovereignty is now a NIGA-advised donor fund at the Indian Land Tenure Foundation (iltf.org), a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. This arrangement allows more funds to be spent in the community and less on administration.

The Spirit of Sovereignty is designed to provide scholarships to at least one deserving student each year at all 37 tribal colleges, where Native American students are encouraged to learn more about their history, culture and languages. More than 30,000 students attend tribal colleges which are often located in geographically remote areas on reservations across Indian Country. There students complete practical job training and earn associates and bachelor's degrees. More than 85 percent of students attending tribal colleges complete their course of study versus just 10 percent of Native students who leave home to attend mainstream colleges and universities. Spirit of Sovereignty scholarships enable ambitious Indian students of all ages and circumstances to pursue their dreams in an environment that offers them the best possible opportunities for success.

All students registered for at least half time course load at CCCC will be eligible for the scholarship. The amounts awarded will vary according to financial need. Preference will go to students who: (1) have an unmet financial need; (2) are pursuing a two-year degree program; and (3) have successfully completed at least one semester of course work. Applicants must submit an application and one-page essay explaining their educational/career goals and how they will contribute to the community. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office at CCCC.

****Deadline to apply is November 21, 2020**

Spirit of Sovereignty Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Gender: _____

Are you an enrolled tribal member? _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____

What is your degree program? _____

Declared Major: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Number of credit enrolled in: _____ Credits completed: _____

Year in College: _____

Students: *You must attach a one page essay that describes your education/career goals and how you will contribute to your community.

Signature: _____ Date: _____