



General Information

In 1997, Northern Arizona University (NAU) and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation established the Wassaja (Wash-jah) Scholarship to assist qualified NAU Native American undergraduate and graduate students with their educational expenses. This scholarship was established in remembrance of Dr. Carlos "Wassaja" Montezuma, a Fort McDowell Yavapai tribal member, who received a medical degree in 1889 and became a distinguished leader for his people. Awards are up to \$1,000 for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Eligibility Requirements (*please read carefully*)

Applicant must:

- ❖ Be an undergraduate or graduate or professional student within one (1) year of completing their bachelors, masters, doctoral, or professional degrees. Must be graduating in December 2009 or May 2010.
- ❖ Have and maintain a cumulative and semester GPA of 2.5 or above for undergraduates, or a 3.0 semester and cumulative GPA for graduate students.
- ❖ Maintain full-time status at NAU throughout the duration of the award period (fall 2009 and spring 2010), undergraduates (12 units/hours or more) and graduate students (9 units/hours or more). Applicants must be enrolled in appropriate number of credit hours for fall 2009 by May 29, 2009.
- ❖ Have a complete NAU financial aid file (2009-10 FAFSA) indicating a remaining need. Applicants must have completed a FAFSA application and have a complete file with the NAU Financial Aid office.
- ❖ Be an officially enrolled member of a federally-recognized tribe or nation, priority consideration shall be given to enrolled members of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.
- ❖ Selected recipients must perform 20 hours of volunteer service by December 4, 2009 to American Indian tribe, organization, or state/federal departments or agencies providing service to American Indian communities.

How to Apply

Applicants must submit three (3) complete and collated sets of the following documents:

1. **Application** – Must be typed and signed by applicant.
2. **Personal Essay** – Providing (a) autobiographical sketch; (b) reason(s) why you need funding; (c) type of degree sought; (d) professional aspirations; and (e) description of personal involvement in extracurricular activities, community service, and/or leadership positions including previous or current work with Native American communities and/or people. *Be as thorough as possible.*
3. **Two reference letters** – Letters should address (a) how long, how well, and in what capacity the reference has known the applicant; (b) description of applicant's academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, and extracurricular activities; and (c) description of applicant's commitment to Indian communities/populations. *Please, no letters from relatives.*
4. **Unofficial transcripts** from all institutions attended
5. **Resume** (current, 2 page limit)
6. **Photocopy of tribal enrollment or Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)**

Note: Incomplete applications submitted will NOT be considered. The scholarship committee will notify you by mail and/or e-mail regarding the status of your application packet.

SUBMIT BY MAIL TO: Native American Student Services
ATTN: Sharon Doctor
PO Box 5653
Flagstaff, Arizona 86011-5653

**Don't Forget to SIGN
your application.**

IN PERSON TO: University Union (Building 30), Room 104
For Information Call: (928) 523-8086, outside of Flagstaff call 1-877-523-8125

**APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO:
Postmarked or submitted by Friday, June 19, 2009 by 4:30 p.m. MST**



NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

THE FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION
WASSAJA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2009-10

PLEASE TYPE. Submit 1 original and 2 copies of application packet (total of 3 sets).

Biographical Information

Name: _____

NAU ID#: _____ Tribal Affiliation(s): _____

Summer Mailing Address: _____
(address to which correspondences can be mailed to you after May 8, 2009)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Summer Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Academic Information

College Standing: [] Undergraduate student [] Graduate student

Major: _____ Minor: _____

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Verification of Expected Graduation Date (must be completed by a College Advisor)

Total Hours Earned To Date: _____ Current Cumulative GPA: _____

Remaining Credit hours To Complete Degree: _____ Graduation Date: _____
(Must be Dec. 2009 or May 2010)

Advisor Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

** Release of Information - An unsigned application will be considered invalid. **

I certify that the above information is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Native American Student Services staff to release any personal information included herein to the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation and/or Northern Arizona University for reporting purposes. If I am awarded, I agree to perform 20 hours of volunteer service, maintain full-time status and maintain either a 2.5 or 3.0 cgpa throughout the 2009-10 academic year.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

FOR NASS OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Recd: _____ Remaining Need:\$ _____ Status: _____

Notification date: _____ Volunteer Hours Completed: _____