

# APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM

*Cultural Diversity Waivers are intended to encourage enrollment of a culturally diverse student body for the benefit of all students and the academic community.*

## **Eligibility: (Applicant must meet one of the following definitions for eligibility)**

- Enrolled members of federally recognized American Indian Tribes, and Alaska Natives and villages as defined pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Special emphasis will be given to enrolled members of the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and graduates of North Dakota Tribal Colleges.
- Members of a culturally diverse group, who are defined as historically under represented (African American, Asian American, American Indian or Hispanic) persons of different cultural, racial, or ethnic heritage. International students do not qualify for this program.
- **Must be seeking a degree from Bismarck State College.**

**To Apply: (Submit the following by May 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall Semester or November 1<sup>st</sup> for Spring Semester to Bismarck State College Financial Aid Office to receive top consideration). Applications will be accepted after the top consideration dates; however, awards will only be given based upon availability of funds. Students must reapply each year for consideration.**

- Complete a Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver Application Form.
- Complete Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Complete Bismarck State College Admissions Application.
- Students are encouraged to provide information to support meeting the cultural diversity criteria. Examples include: Tribal enrollment verification, passport, and birth certificate.

## **Academic Considerations:**

Past academic performance will be used to determine initial eligibility. A student must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled Bismarck State College students who are not currently receiving the Cultural Diversity Waiver, minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00, and in good academic standing.
- Currently enrolled high school student or high school graduate, ACT minimum composite score of 18 or high school GPA minimum 2.00.
- GED graduate, minimum average standard score of 500.
- Transfer student from a previous college, minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 and in good academic standing.

## **Renewal Requirements:**

Students are automatically considered for the waiver if the student successfully completes 2/3 of the attempted credits in their major field of study and maintains a 2.00 GPA per semester and a 2.00 cumulative GPA. Academic records of recipients will be reviewed at the end of each semester to determine compliance with this requirement. Students will be notified in writing by mid-June of each year. Eligible students can apply for this waiver for a maximum of five semesters, if funds are available.

## **Amount of Waivers/Duration:**

- **Waivers will not exceed 50% of the amount of tuition and are awarded to students taking on-campus classes only. Tuition waivers do not include application fees, technology fees, books, room and board, online classes or off campus programs.**
- **Recipients should be enrolled full-time at Bismarck State College; however, consideration will be given to those enrolled less than full-time.**
- **Awards will be made for an academic year, which runs from August – May.**
- **Recipients shall be limited to a maximum of five semesters of participation in the Bismarck State College Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver Program.**

# CULTURAL DIVERSITY TUITION WAIVER

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE – THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (middle) (last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

## You must check one of the following:

Culturally Diverse:

\_\_\_\_ Alaska Native

\_\_\_\_ African American

\_\_\_\_ Asian American

\_\_\_\_ Hispanic

\_\_\_\_ American Indian (check one)

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Enrolled Member (Tribal Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_ Non-enrolled member

## Please complete the following:

Mother's Ethnic Background: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Ethnic Background: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by High School Principal or Counselor for all High School Seniors**

ACT Composite Score \_\_\_\_\_ High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_ (as of the day completed)

H.S. Officials Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## To be completed by student, if not a high school senior.

High School Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ GPA based on a 4.0 scale \_\_\_\_\_

If you did not graduate, did you receive a G.E.D.? \_\_\_\_\_ Date G.E.D. received \_\_\_\_\_

G.E.D. composite score \_\_\_\_\_

Forward a copy of college transcript, if applying as a transfer student.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the information on this application is true. My signature is authorization for releasing tuition waiver award information to the news media, the BSC Embracing Diversity Team, and authorization for access to my BSC transcript to determine eligibility.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Students Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return waiver form and any other documentation to: Office of Financial Aid, Bismarck State College, PO Box 5587, Bismarck ND 58506-5587. (701) 224-5441.