

Subject Higher Education: Indian Scholarships

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Overview

The Minnesota Indian Scholarship program (MISP) awards need-based scholarships up to a specified maximum amount to state residents who attend Minnesota postsecondary institutions and are either (a) one-fourth or more Indian ancestry, or (b) an enrolled member or citizen of a federally recognized American Indian or Canadian First Nations tribe. This bill makes changes to one of the program's eligibility requirements, increases award maximums, and appropriates a to-be-determined amount of supplemental funding for the program.

Summary

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| 1 | Student eligibility.
Removes the requirement that undergraduate students must be eligible for a Pell grant or state grant in order to receive an Indian scholarship. |
| 2 | Award amount.
Increases the maximum award amount for undergraduate students from \$4,000 to \$8,000 per academic year. Increases the maximum award amount for graduate students from \$6,000 to \$8,000 per academic year. |
| 3 | America Indian scholarships.
Amends the fiscal year 2023 appropriation for MISP. The amount is to-be-determined. |