

ATTENTION STUDENTS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS TO AICF FOR FALL SEMESTER

OPENS ON AUGUST 15 AND CLOSES ON SEPTEMBER 15

SPRING SEMESTER

OPENS ON DECEMBER 26 AND CLOSES ON JANUARY 26

It is highly recommended that you update and submit your information as early as possible to avoid missing out on scholarships that have earlier deadlines and may be awarded at the beginning of the semester. All students are encouraged to follow the new guidelines posted below. We highly recommend someone proofread your essay before submitting it to AICF. BMCC offers a free writing lab through Moodle called BrainSTEM that allows you to submit any essay and receive a critique along with helpful suggestions on your work within 24 hours. We highly suggest you take advantage of this tool! You can also seek help from the Student Success Center or the English Department. The Student Services - TRiO and Financial Aid Departments offer several workshops and will post workshop dates and times prior to the closing date. All students applying for scholarships should attend these workshops.

If you need assistance from the Financial Aid Office, please sign up on the door for an appointment time.

You must request assistance at least one day prior to closing date.

NO ASSISTANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE CLOSING DATES.

New BMCC-AICF Guidelines for Scholarship Applications

1. Must be a U.S. Citizen, Canadian/U.S. Dual Citizen or Jay Treaty eligible student.
2. Students with at least a GPA **2.0 or higher** will be given first consideration during the review and awarding of scholarships. Should there be funds available after the initial awards are made, those with less than a 2.0 GPA may be given consideration. New students in their first semester at BMCC will be allowed to apply for all scholarships that a student with a 2.0 GPA is eligible to apply for.
3. Must carry 6 credits or more to apply.
4. Must submit all required information to AICF. (The web site is <http://aicfstudents.civicore.com> or www.collegefund.org.)
5. Must submit a **new completed profile each semester.**
6. Must submit a **new "Head Shot" Photo** each semester of **student only**. Your face must be the largest object in the photo and you must look nice. **You are NOT allowed to wear hats, bandanas, or sunglasses in the picture or you will be disqualified from the scholarship.** The photo can be taken in the Financial Aid Office upon request.
7. **Keep a copy** of your confirmation for proof of submission.
8. **Follow these guidelines when answering the highlighted items below. Use short essay format and complete sentences. (Some scholarships may have specific criteria, so read each individual posting carefully for other requirements.)**

A. What challenges have you overcome to attend college? (200-300-word answer required)

1. Introduction

- Who are you? **(First Name only)**
- Where are you from?
- What do you value?

2. Obstacle

- What has been a significant challenge in your life?
- How did you overcome this obstacle?

B. What are your educational and career goals and how will this scholarship help you achieve them? (200-300-word answer required)

1. What are your current educational goals(s)?

- What is your purpose of attending college?
- Why did you choose this field of study?
- How will a scholarship help you achieve your educational goals?

2. What is/are your long-term career goal(s)?

- What can/will you do with your degree?
- How will a scholarship help you achieve your long-term career goals?

C. How will completing your education impact the Native American community? (200-300-word answer required)

1. What is your community involvement?

- What extra-curricular activities do you do?
- What volunteer activities do you participate in?

2. How will your education affect your local community?

- What skills/knowledge will you gain from your education that you can use to help the Native American community?
- How do you plan to reciprocate the support and knowledge that you received from your community?

D. Please include a heartfelt thank you to our scholarship donors. (minimum 50 words)

1. Restate how a scholarship would help you attain your goals.

2. Thank the donors for donating funds to assist with your higher education costs.

- ♦ All applications will be reviewed after the closing date, and students will be notified if they received an award by in house posting.
- ♦ Additional selection criteria are based on financial need, grade point average and attendance.
- ♦ F.A.F.S.A. is recommended, but is NOT required.
- ♦ If you are having technical problems, please contact AICF directly at info@collegefund.org or Toll Free: 800-776-3863
- ♦ Full-time Bay Mills Community College employees are NOT eligible

We highly recommend that you bring your writing in a Word document ready for copying and pasting, and someone from the Student Success Center or the English Department help you proofread your answers before submission.

