



Sharon Indian School Foundation

Fall 2026 Scholarship Application

Winkapo! (“Hello!”)

Thank you for your interest in a Sharon Indian School Foundation Fall 2026 scholarship. The scholarship is intended to support tuition costs for the Fall 2026 Academic Semester. The Upper Mattaponi Tribe takes great pride in our citizens’ educational endeavors and is eager to assist our students wherever possible.

Completed applications should be emailed to Morgan Faulkner at Morgan.Faulkner@umitribe.gov or mailed to the Tribal Government Office located at:

Upper Mattaponi Tribe
Attn: SIS Foundation Scholarship
13476 King William Road
King William, Virginia 23086

Completed applications must either be emailed or postmarked by **May 29, 2026. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.** All completed and timely applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors for the Sharon Indian School Foundation. The following criteria must be met and relevant documentation submitted to complete your application:

1. Enrolled citizen of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe;
2. Graduate or graduating from high school, high school equivalency diploma, or another accredited institution;
3. Acceptance into an accredited community college, university, trade school, apprentice program, professional development, or approved institution for educational preparation or testing;
4. A copy of your recent transcripts to prove GPA of 2.75 or higher;
5. A completed application including all requested information, short answer questions, and essays; and
6. Two letters of reference from individuals not in your immediate family.

In order to conserve funds so that the Foundation can help as many students as possible we will only be able to fund the total amount of funds needed with the maximum amount of each award capped at \$5,000. Please be as specific as possible when including your cost of tuition for the semester or course.

The amount of funds awarded will be announced by June 5, 2026 via email following the Board’s decision. Funds will be dispersed directly to the institution of the applicant’s choosing. Please contact Morgan Faulkner with any questions about the application process.



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Tribal ID # _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Parents: _____

Email Address: _____

ACADEMICS

Name and location of last school attended: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ Final GPA: _____ Degree Awarded: _____

Name and location of other schools attended: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ Final GPA: _____ Degree Awarded: _____

Name and location of institution or program for which you are currently seeking scholarship funds:

Acceptance Date: _____ Planned Entrance Date: _____

Attending: Full-Time Part-Time Student ID #: _____

SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT INFORMATION

Office/Department to Receive Funds: _____

Mailing Address for Office/Department to Receive Funds: _____



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Office/Department to Receive Phone Number: _____

Exact total cost of tuition for one semester, please be precise: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Have you received scholarships from any other sources for the Fall 2026 semester that would offset the total cost of tuition you need covered? Yes No

If yes, please list the funding source(s) and award amount(s): _____

SHORT ANSWER & ESSAY

Please answer the following prompts completely and thoughtfully.

Short Answer:

1. Organizational Involvement and Leadership Roles: Please list all school, civics, or volunteer organizations you have joined and leadership roles you may have assumed. This includes activities such as music, athletics, National Honor Society, etc.
2. Tribal Involvement: Please discuss your involvement in Upper Mattaponi Tribal affairs or your involvement in cultural activities. If you have not had the opportunity to become involved, please explain your plan to become more involved.

Essay:

- Between 750-1000 words, please write an essay outlining your personal vision for the Upper Mattaponi Tribe for the 10 years and how you can use the education you are pursuing to achieve those goals. What challenges or opportunities do you see for the Tribe? How will your education directly support tribal growth, sovereignty, culture, or economic development?



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REFERENCES

Please provide at least two signed letters of reference from individuals outside of your immediate family who can speak to your academic achievements, community involvement, and/or tribal participation. Each letter must include the contact information and the actual signature of the reference.

ATTESTATION

I have included all materials requested and hereby affirm that the information submitted within this scholarship application is true and accurate.

Signature: _____

Date: _____