

### Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program

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### Agenda

- Introduction
- Outreach Overview
- Key Eligibility Requirements
- Important Processes
- Questions and Answers
- Online Process Overview (for reference)

#### Introduction

- Provides postsecondary financial assistance
  - Minnesota resident students
  - One-fourth or more Indian ancestry
  - Demonstrate financial need for an award
  - Nearly <u>900</u> undergraduate and graduate students a year receive average annuals awards of \$3,333
- Provides outreach and support services
  - Students, parents, schools, counselors, community groups and organizations statewide

#### **Outreach Overview**

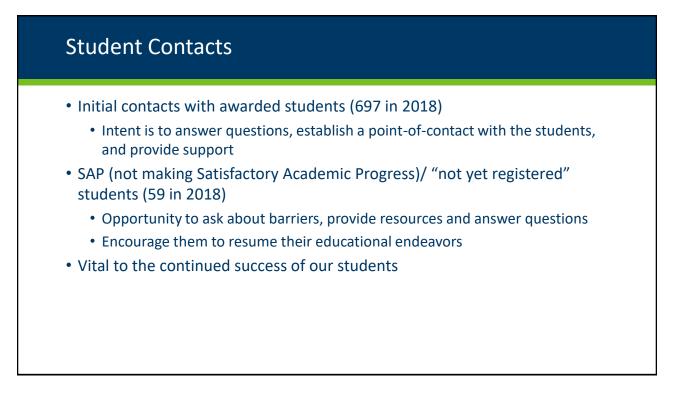
- Presentations
- Inquiries
- Student Contacts
- Annual Survey

#### Presentations

- Between 45-55 presentations provided annually
  - High school students, college students, community members, education committees and organizations
  - Travel spans the rural and metro regions of Minnesota
  - Includes each of the 5 tribally-run high schools in the state

### Inquiries

- Annually 400 to 600 queries, requests, and other contacts
  - E-mail, telephone, and face-to-face contacts
  - Students, school officials, tribal leaders, tribal education officers, and other contacts regarding the scholarship
  - In 2018, there were a total of 241 student contacts and 216 contacts from schools, tribes, and other organizations



### Annual Survey

- Annual Survey (914 in 2018)
  - Survey the students for their feedback on the program
  - Importance of outreach activity is reflected in responses to the survey from students

#### Various Survey Responses

- "The scholarship that I received helped me greatly. I am a single mama who went back to get her college degree at the age of 42 and I succeeded with an associates in accounting along with my GPA 3.87. The funds helped with textbooks which I definitely wouldn't have been able to afford on my own so thank you so very much!!"
- "I applied for the MN Indian Scholarship online with the help of student services at my college. I completed both fall and spring semesters on the dean's list and I know that the scholarship I received helped me to do this. I believe that the supportive services of this scholarship, along with the student success services offered to me were absolutely invaluable. Miigwetch!"

#### Various Survey Responses

- "I am a disabled native American veteran and this scholarship has been a lifesaver, I really appreciate the help it encourages me to go forward with my education and I am looking forward to applying again next year"
- "My first year experience at [my college] was very positive. I am maintaining a 4.0 GPA, on the Dean's List, Phi Theta Kappa, and I am on Student Senate. I participate in the Human Services Club, Diversity Club, and Trio. I am a leader at my college and a positive role model in my community on [my] reservation. I am very passionate about my educational program: Human Services/Chemical Dependency. The MN Indian Scholarship has helped me a great deal by taking the pressure off of me to work and go to college. I am able to be a full time student, focus on my studies, and take care of my children and home"

#### **MISP** Outreach Liaison

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### Key Eligibility Requirements

- Enrollment
- Child Support Hold Doesn't Apply but Default Does
- Complete FAFSA and apply for all other state/financial aid
- Financial Need and Exceptions

### Enrollment

- To be eligible for disbursement in each term
  - Undergraduate: enrolled at least three-quarter time (9 credits)
  - Graduate: enrolled at least half time (defined by institution)
- Enrollment level
  - Undergraduate: Same as State Grant enrollment level determined
  - Graduate: Same as how enrollment determined for in-school deferments
- Refund requirements covered in next section

## Child Support Hold Doesn't Apply but Default Does

- For this program, Child Support Hold does not apply
- Student must still not be in default on a state or federal student loan or has regained eligibility for aid

### Complete FAFSA and Apply for All Other Aid

- Students must apply for all other existing federal and state grant and scholarship programs
- Note: Undergraduate students are not eligible to receive funding unless they have provided any required transcripts or other documentation to complete State Grant application
  - Unless institution determines student would not qualify for a state grant award based on EFC/PC at any enrollment level

### Financial Need and Exceptions

- Undergraduate Students
  - Unmet need after EFC and all forms of gift aid subtracted from the Title IV COA; and
  - Receive Pell or State Grant in at least one term listed on the budget.
- Graduate and Professional Students
  - Unmet need after EFC and all forms of gift aid subtracted from the Title IV COA

#### **Financial Need and Exceptions**

- Undergraduate Students Only
  - If student is otherwise eligible for Pell or State Grant in at least one term listed on the budget (based on PC/EFC and enrollment level at the institution) but will not receive it because he or she:
    - Has met or exceeded the Federal Pell Grant maximum lifetime eligibility or has met or exceeded the Minnesota State Grant limit on postsecondary attendance; or
    - Has a child support hold listed on the State Grant On-Line Hold Report.
  - Notify OHE with students in this situation in order to accurately identify the student in the database

#### **Important Processes**

- School Budgets
- Refunds

#### **School Budgets**

- Submit Budget Sheets as soon as possible
  - Students depend on funding (MISP and Tribal) and many make enrollment decisions based on awards
- If student has completed <u>all</u> the necessary steps to receive financial aid, including verification, a budget <u>can</u> and <u>should</u> be submitted
- Do <u>not</u> wait until award letter can be issued or tuition rate is set for institution
- Estimate COA, Pell and State Grant if final amounts not available

## School Budgets

- Not necessary to submit budget sheet for every applicant
  - OHE may send notifications about applications pending budget sheets
  - These are not measures of a campus' performance but reminders
- Do <u>not</u> submit school budget sheet if student is <u>not</u> currently enrolled or <u>not</u> expected to enroll
- Do <u>not</u> submit school budget sheet if student has <u>not</u>:
  - Completed a FAFSA
  - Completed verification
  - Submitted documentation to resolve Conflicting Information
  - Provided documentation to determine if a Minnesota Resident Student

# Refunds – Term Based

If student	Then
Fails to enroll	Full refund required
No longer meets minimum eligibility requirement (i.e. updated EFC means no longer eligible for Pell/MSG, SAP/FA Suspension, etc.)	Full refund required
Fully withdraws after end of the drop/add period and was attending at minimum enrollment level on date of disbursement	OHE Refund Calculation required
Reduces enrollment below minimum requirement (Doesn't attend one or more course, partially withdraws, drops courses)	
Before disbursement and before end of drop/add period	Full refund required
After disbursement but before end of drop/add period	Full refund required
After disbursement and after end of the drop/add period and student was <b>not attending</b> at minimum enrollment level on date of disbursement	Full refund required

# Refunds – Modular or Non-Term Based Programs

If student	Then
Withdraws <b>before</b> attending at minimum enrollment level (9 <sup>th</sup> credit for undergrad or reaching HT for grad)	Full refund required
Fully withdraws after disbursement and after attending at the minimum enrollment level (9 <sup>th</sup> credit for undergrad or reaching HT for grad)	OHE Refund Calculation required

# Questions??



## **Online Process Overview**

- Online Student Application
- Postsecondary Institution Access

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MISP Biographic	
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### Ancestry Confirmation Status

- · 'Pending Review for Documentation Already on File'
  - New applicant in database
  - May have old paper file with documentation
- 'Request for Documentation Letter Sent'
  - No documentation on file
  - Letter sent each year student applies until documentation is received
- 'Eligible'
  - Documentation on file or received that meets eligibility requirements
- 'Ineligible Based on Documents Received Letter Sent'
  - Applicant provided documents or some documents already on file however not sufficient to meet eligibility requirements

# Max Eligibility Status

- 'Eligible No previous awards since 2008-09, file may need to be reviewed'
  - New applicant in database for which a historical file may need to be reviewed prior to any new awards
- 'Eligible Previous awards in database has not reached maximum award for current program'
  - If student is in a <4 year program, student has not received 3 years or the equivalent of previous awards
  - If student is in a 4 year program, student has not received 5 years or the equivalent of previous awards
  - If student is in a graduate or professional program, student has not received 10 years or the equivalent of previous awards

### Max Eligibility Status

- These statuses indicate whether a student is ineligible at a specific program level or no longer eligible
- 'Eligible 4 year or higher programs only'
  - Student has received 3 years or more of previous awards
- 'Eligible Graduate or Professional programs only'
  - Student has received 5 years or more of previous awards
- 'Ineligible No additional awards'
  - Student has received 10 years or more of previous awards

Application Info	
MISP Applications	
Date Added: 3/26/2012 Entered By: website	
App Type: Renewal Institution:	
Aid Year: 2013	MISP Applications
Terms:	Top section provides info from most
Summer II No Fall Yes	recent application on file
Winter Yes	
Spring Yes Summer I Yes	
	Date Added refers to the date student
Degree: Bachelor's Major. Educ Major? N	portion of application was received
High School Grad Year: 2009 Expected Graduation Date: 5/1/2014	either online or in paper form
Tribal Affiliation: enrolled	
Tribe(s): White Earth	
Ok to release information? Yes	

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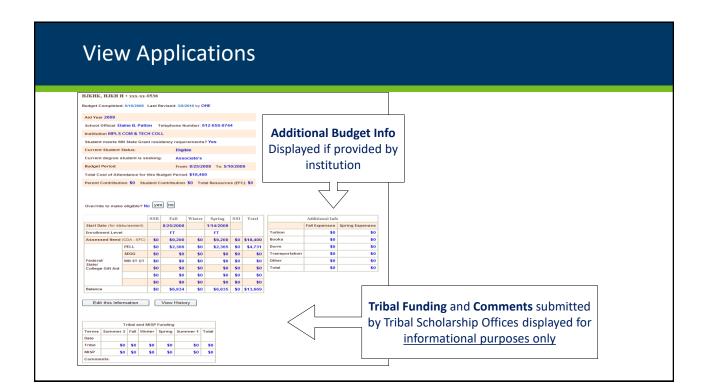
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