St. Joseph’s Indian School Scholarship Program

PROGRAM INFORMATION
St. Joseph’s Indian School College Scholarship Fund has been established by the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart (CPOSH) Board to benefit Native American students. The scholarship fund provides for the educational needs of students in established institutions of higher learning. The maximum number of years to be able to receive scholarship funding is five (5) years or 10 scholarships.

Preference is given to graduates and former students of St. Joseph’s Indian School. Should funding exceed the number of preferred St. Joseph’s alumni, other Native American applicants will be considered for scholarships.

An application should be submitted any time before August 21 for the fall semester. Funding applications for the spring semester should be submitted any time before January 12. A new application packet must be requested for each semester. Old forms or copies will not be accepted. To obtain a Scholarship Packet you will need to call the Alumni Associate’s office at (605-234-3454) and request one to be mailed to you or you may pick one up in person.

INITIAL REQUEST

The initial request for scholarship funding requires the following information:

1. A letter of request from the applicant. Information about the course of studies being undertaken and career goals should be included in the request letter. Please note the dates and years you attended or graduated from St. Joseph’s. If applicant did not attend St. Joseph’s note the name of the school and year of graduation.
2. Proof of tribal enrollment/blood degree is to be provided.
3. A letter of acceptance from the college that applicant will be attending.
4. The Financial Information Form (attached) completed and signed by the college Financial Aid Officer outlining projected income and other funding sources and expenses for the current semester.
5. An official high school transcript must be included. If currently attending college an official copy of the most recent grade report/transcript must be provided in lieu of the high school transcript. A 2.0 GPA is required to receive a scholarship.

The above five pieces of documentation must be provided before the application is considered complete. If all the documentation has been submitted the application will be presented to the
Scholarship Committee to be reviewed and considered for funding. **All applications must have a completed packet by the deadline for each semester.**

**CONTINUED FUNDING:**

If a scholarship has been **previously awarded** and the student wishes to receive **continued funding** applicant will need to provide the following information:

1. A letter of request from the applicant.
2. A letter of acceptance or proof of attendance from the college attending (i.e. class schedule).
3. The Financial Information Form (attached) completed and signed by the college Financial Aid Officer outlining projected income and other funding sources and expenses for the current semester. (A new one has to be completed and signed for each semester that funds are being requested.)
4. An official copy of the most recent grade report/transcript.

The above four pieces of documentation must be provided before the application is considered complete. If all the documentation has been submitted the application will be presented to the Scholarship Committee to be reviewed and considered for funding. **All applications must have a completed packet by the deadline for each semester.**

**OTHER INFORMATION**

- All scholarship awards are mailed directly to the institution of higher learning. No checks are sent to individuals or private addresses.

- St. Joseph’s scholarship money is awarded based on financial need and academic performance.

- The deadline to submit an application for the **Fall Semester is August 21** and for the **Spring Semester is January 12.** A new application packet is required for each semester.

- A 2.0 GPA must be maintained in order to receive additional or continued funding.

- The CPOSH Board of Directors at St. Joseph’s Indian School will establish the yearly amount of scholarship award money. Scholarships will be awarded according to the funds available.

Mail the completed applications packet to:

**ST. JOSEPH'S INDIAN SCHOOL**  
**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
**PO BOX 89**  
**CHAMBERLAIN, SD  57325**  
**Revised 4/2017**
INITIAL REQUEST CHECK LIST/WORKSHEET

APPLICANT NAME: _________________________  E-mail _______________________

SEMESTER: _______________  (Please check off the list below).  FAX 605-234-3483

_____ Letter of request from the applicant

_____ Have you ever attended St. Joseph’s (yes or no) Years _______________

_____ If you graduated from St. Joseph’s, state year graduated?

_____ Proof of Tribal Enrollment

_____ Copy of your college acceptance letter or class schedule

_____ Financial Information Form completed and signed by the Financial Aid Officer of the academic institution.

_____ Previous semester/quarter grades (for students currently attending college)

_____ Degree being pursued by the applicant & time frame to obtain degree.

_____ Would you be willing to ‘give back’ to St. Joseph’s? (visit campus, talk to students, etc.)

Comments:

______ APPROVED       ______ REJECTED

______________________________  __________________________
Signature (President)      Date

Revised May, 2019
Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Enclosed you will find your packet for the fall semester ________.

The **deadline** for the **Fall Semester** request for funding is at the end of **August**. The following items are necessary to continue the process:

1. A request letter from the applicant.
2. A copy of the student’s most recent transcript or grade report.
3. A letter of acceptance from the institution or proof of enrollment (ie Class Schedule).
4. Proof of Tribal Enrollment.
5. A financial statement completed and signed by the college Financial Aid Officer outlining income and other funding sources and expenses. *(Please note that the student is required to fill out the front side.)*

These items need to be provided for each semester scholarship funds are being requested. If these items are not received the application will be deemed incomplete and will not be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. The request needs to be complete before it will be reviewed.

The Scholarship Committee awards will be made by the end of **September**. Checks will be sent to the college and notification of the award will be sent to the student.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 605-234-3454 or send me an e-mail at andy.lepkowski@stjo.org. **Our fax # is 605-234-3483**

Sincerely yours,

Andy Lepkowski
Alumni Associate
St. Joseph's Indian School
Chamberlain, SD 57325
ST. JOSEPH’S INDIAN SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Chamberlain, SD
FINANCIAL INFORMATION FORM: SEMESTER _____________
ALL INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED

To be filled out by the student

DATE: ____________________________________________

INDIVIDUAL: ___________________________ PHONE: __________
ADDRESS: ______________________________________
____________________________________
____________________________________

SCHOOL: ___________________________ PHONE: __________
ADDRESS: ______________________________________
____________________________________

Which school year are you applying for scholarship: _____________
What year of college are you in: ________________________________
Expected graduation date: ________________________________
Degree to be achieved: ________________________________
Major(s): ______________________________________

Back side is to be filled out by the Financial Aid Office of the college you are attending. DUE: End of August.
FINANCIAL AID OFFICER: _____________________ PHONE: _______________

CURRENT GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST:

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TOTAL CURRENT STUDENT EXPENSES $ _______

INCOME & OTHER FUNDING SOURCES:

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TOTAL OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING $ _______

ACTUAL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FROM ST. JOSEPH'S INDIAN SCHOOL $ _______

Signature of Financial Aid Officer (This will verify the information on this form)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call (605) 234-3454. Please complete all sections on front and back of this form. Scholarship applications received from students or graduates of St. Joseph's Indian School are given priority.

Please mail this form along with the other required documentation to the address provided below or FAX to 605-234-3483

MAIL TO:
ST. JOSEPH'S INDIAN SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
P.O. Box 89
CHAMBERLAIN, SD 57325
Name of student: ____________________________

_________________________________________

Term of Award: _____

_________________________________________

Fall     Spring     Summer
(Circle one)

This is a (Need Based Award):

GPA Requirement: 2.0

Term GPA or Cumulative _____

(If award exceeds, remaining need, can go directly to student).

Full Time Enrollment Required          Part Time

YES                             NO

YES                             NO

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P.O. Box 89
CHAMBERLAIN, SD 57325

Revised: May 2019
To whom it may concern:

I, ________________________________ (Student’s name), authorize ________________________________ (School’s name), to release my Financial Aid information to:

St. Joseph’s Indian School Scholarship Program
PO Box 89, 1301 N. Main Street,
Chamberlain, SD 57325 – 9988
(1-605-234-3454)

For the upcoming semester. Fall Spring Summer (Circle one)

_________________________________________ (Student’s signature)

_________________________________________________ (Financial Aid Office - signature)

_________________________________________ (Date)

Sincerely,

Andrew S. Lepkowski
Alumni Liaison
St. Joseph’s Indian School
1301 N. Main
Chamberlain, SD 57325
Phone: 605-234-3454
andy.lepkowski@stjo.org