

Resources for Native Students at Wellesley College

COMMUNITY:

- Programs in the Greater Boston area
 - [North American Indian Center in Boston](#) - As the oldest urban Indian center in Massachusetts, their mission is to empower the Native American community with the goal of improving the quality of life of Indigenous peoples.
 - [United American Indians of New England](#) - UAINE is a Native-led organization of Indigenous people and their supporters who fight back against racism and settler colonialism. UAINE supports Indigenous struggles to defend sovereignty, land, water, culture and more, not only in so-called New England, but throughout the Americas and the world.
 - [Native Lifelines](#) - Native American LifeLines, Inc. is a Title V Indian Health Services contracted Urban Indian Health Program serving the Baltimore and Boston metropolitan areas. The Mission of Native American LifeLines is to promote health and social resiliency within Urban American Indian communities. Native American LifeLines applies principles of trauma informed care to provide culturally centered behavioral health, dental, outreach and referral services

Native American Tribes in Massachusetts

- [The Massachusetts Tribe at Ponkapoag](#) - Members of the Massachusetts Tribe at Ponkapoag are descendants of the Neponset band of the Massachusetts. The state of Massachusetts took its name from this tribe. Wellesley College is built on the stolen and unceded territory of the Massachusetts Tribe.
- [Wampanoag Tribe of Gayhead Aquinnah](#) – One of two Federally recognized tribes in the state of Massachusetts, the reservation of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gayhead Aquinnah is located on the southern tip of [Noepe](#) (later renamed Martha's Vineyard by European settlers). The town of Aquinnah, where the tribe's reservation is located, is famous for its beautiful cliffs, which are made of "red, yellow, blue, indigo, black and white" clay. The clay and the cliffs are sacred to the tribe, and cliff access is restricted for non-tribal members. The Wampanoag Tribe of Gayhead Aquinnah is famous for its wampum jewelry, and it also hosts an annual Cranberry Day celebration. The Aquinnah Wampanoag tribe received Federal recognition in 1987, and tribal lands of the Aquinnah Wampanoag include the Gay Head Cliffs, Herring Creek, Lobsterville, and some parts of Chappaquiddick and Christiantown. The tribe has around 1,121 enrolled members.
- [Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe](#) – From their website: "The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, also known as the People of the First Light, has inhabited present day Massachusetts and Eastern Rhode Island for more than 12,000 years. After an arduous process lasting more than three decades, the Mashpee Wampanoag were re-acknowledged as a federally recognized tribe in 2007. In 2015, the federal government declared 150 acres of land in Mashpee and 170 acres of land in Taunton as the Tribe's initial reservation, on

which the Tribe can exercise its full tribal sovereignty rights. The Mashpee tribe currently has approximately 2,600 enrolled citizens.”

- There are several state recognized tribes in Massachusetts.

- NATIONAL NATIVE INTERNSHIPS
 - [Dartmouth College](#) – This link contains everything from internships, scholarships, entry-level positions, programs, fellowships, and professional organizations.
 - [Washington State University](#) – This link includes internships around the country and breaks them up by academic interest (for example, art, STEM, Health, Education, etc.)

FINANCIAL AID:

- Students needing financial assistance should contact the [Wellesley Student Aid Society](#).
 - Native American students are encouraged to contact their tribe’s Education Department to learn more about tribe-specific scholarships.

- Scholarship sources
 - [Nitro University](#) - A list of scholarships around the country and additional college prep materials.
 - [Scholarships.com](#) - An extensive list of scholarships around the country tailored for Native American students.
 - [Accredited Schools](#) online list of scholarships for Native American students.
 - [AfterCollege STEM Inclusion Scholarship](#) - Scholarship is open to currently enrolled students working towards a degree in a field of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics and who are from a group underrepresented in their field of study.
 - [American Indian Education Fund Scholarships](#) - Offers over 200 scholarships each year to both undergraduate and graduate students. Each scholarship is worth up to \$2,000 which is directly paid to the award winner’s school.
 - [American Indian Services Scholarships](#) - Offers thousands of scholarships to enrolled college students who are at least one-quarter of a federally recognized Native American tribe, complete the FAFSA and maintain at least a 2.25 GPA.
 - [Association on American Indian Affairs Scholarships](#) - Most scholarships are for undergraduate and graduate students from federally recognized tribes who are attending an accredited institution and working toward an associate’s degree or higher. Applicants must have at least a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) GPA.
 - [Catching the Dream Scholarship](#) - Applicant must be 1/4 or more degree American Indian and be an enrolled member of a U.S. tribe. Applicant must be attending or planning on attending a college or university within the U.S. on a full-time basis that is fully accredited.

- [Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars, Inc.'s National American Scholarship](#) - Every year, a \$5,000 renewable scholarship is awarded to those who are an enrolled tribal member, maintain a 3.0 GPA and plan to work in a field of education or social service.
- [Daughters of the American Revolution \(DAR\) American Indian Scholarship](#) - The DAR American Indian Scholarship is available to any Native American student who is attending any post-secondary school, although undergraduate students are given preference. If awarded the scholarship, students can expect a one-time payment of \$4,000.
- [EduMed list of scholarships](#) for Native American students.
- [Full Circle Scholarship Program](#) - Administered by American Indian College Fund, this scholarship program offers merit and need-based scholarships to undergraduate students who are attending either a tribal or non-tribal college. All applicants must have at least a 2.0 GPA.
- [Indian Health Service \(HIS\) Scholarship Program](#) - Native American and Alaskan Natives who are studying to work in a health profession are eligible for this scholarship. Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance, the application essay and faculty/employer evaluations.
- [Truman D. Picard Scholarship](#) - The Intertribal Timber Council sponsors and administers this scholarship which offers multiple \$2,500 awards to graduating high school seniors, current college students and those about to enter graduate school. Besides providing membership in a federally recognized American Indian tribe or as an Alaska Native, the student must also be pursuing an education in natural resources area of study.
- [Wells Fargo American Indian Scholarship](#) - Administered by the American Indian Graduate Center and funded by Wells Fargo, this scholarship is for federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaskan Native students who will study in banking or a related field, demonstrate financial need and maintain a 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale.