

Student Success Award

SPRING 2026 Applicants

About our organization:

The New Mexico Native American Indian Nurses Association is a non-profit organization that embodies stewardship, building community, and nurse excellence through mentorship and scholarship opportunities. We are a group of dedicated nursing professionals and educators aimed at supporting and empowering the American Indian community. We welcome student membership but do not require applicants to apply for this scholarship.

Eligibility: Open to Native American Nursing students who are:

- Registered with a federally recognized tribe
- Reside in the state of New Mexico
- Current nursing students in good academic standing attending an accredited NM nursing program for the Spring Term of 2026. (Nursing students must be actively enrolled in a program in January 2026.)

There is a **limited** number of student success awards available. Priority is given to pre-licensure nursing students.

Mail completed application form with the following:

A. Documentation of federally recognized tribal affiliation or Certificate of Indian Blood.

Personal response [Limit to 2 pages or less]. Discuss professional goals as you answer the following question in a clear and succinct scholarly voice.

B. How will the NMNAINA student success award help your educational endeavor?

C. What impact do you hope to make in your native community?

D. Include any professional, community service, or student nurse association activity involvement. Indicate awards, accomplishments, research, or volunteer projects you are engaged in.

E. Letter of Recommendation

Letter of recommendation from a current Nursing School Faculty on an official school letterhead (one recommendation, please).

* Mail materials to the address below or email: NMNAINA@gmail.com Subject line: "2025 Application_name"

Contact Information:



Last Name:	First Name:
Tribal Affiliation:	Enrollment number:
Current residence/ address: (Must keep updated)	Phone and alternate contact number: School email: Personal email:
Accredited Nursing School Program currently enrolled:	School mailing address and Phone number:
Nursing Program: Circle one LPN ADN BSN MSN DNP	Expected Graduation Date:

All application materials must be received no later than midnight on **November 21, 2025.**

Selected applicants will be matched with a mentor if not already working with a selected Nursing faculty. Pre-licensure nursing students will be contacted by a member of the organization to ascertain progress, provide support and facilitate a successful transition to their prospective nursing career. It is the responsibility of the student to keep addresses updated and current. We will send an email of receipt. Award selections are made after January 30, 2026.

Any questions or inquiries, please email NMNAINA.org@gmail.com.

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Scholarship sponsor:

The New Mexico Board of Nursing

Send all application materials and supporting documents to:
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