



We invite you to apply
for the 2025-2026

HIGHER PATHWAYS GRANT



WHAT IS THE HIGHER PATHWAYS GRANT?

The Higher Pathways grant provides funding, support, and culturally relevant resources to **high schools** and **other tribal or educational organizations** to serve Native youth on/near a reservation. Funding and support are provided to **cultivate college readiness** as a school culture, increase student **FAFSA awareness/completion**, cultivate students, families and staff **awareness of TCUs** as an affordable post secondary option, **conduct high school to TCU bridge programming** and increases high school student awareness of and application to our **Full Circle Scholarship**. This grant may be used for any of these activities or to purchase incentives and meals tied to these activities to increase student and family participation.

Please note that this grant may not be used for scholarships

By partnering with us, you will receive:

- Funding, assistance, & support for events
- Access to College Fund hosted events and workshops for educational staff and students
- Our College Readiness Toolkit containing posters and a flash drive of materials
- Access to professional development & networking opportunities
- A set of College Going Guidebooks and a Curriculum Guidebook

The 2025-2026 Higher Pathways Grant is valued at \$4,000

GRANT RECIPIENT EXPECTATIONS

A contact person must be established at the school or organization to:

- Encourage students to participate in your college and career grant funded programming
- Track student and family participation in grant funded events
- High Schools: In the spring, provide a list of seniors expected to graduate by the end of the school year. List should include first and last names and dates of birth.
*This information will only be used to track student enrollment in college with the National Student Clearinghouse
- Briefly share what your school has learned during your Higher Pathways experience by completing the provided reporting form to us by **May 1st, 2025**
- Use the grant funds for college readiness programming and resources by **May 1st, 2025**

GRANT REPORTING

Awarded schools/organizations will be asked to briefly report on narrative and data that demonstrates the impact of their grant. Potential items to report on:

- Native student participation rates, family participation rates (if applicable)
- Total student graduation rates and Native student graduation rates (expected and/or actual graduation rates, if applicable)
- Number of total student FAFSA completions and Native student FAFSA completions (if applicable)
- Number of Native students who completed scholarship applications (if applicable)
- Dual enrollment numbers (if applicable)
- Number of students who **submitted college admission applications**
- Any student/family quotes or feedback that you'd like to share with us on how this program impacted them

"As an employee of the Parshall School District and also a parent of a senior this year, I have seen first hand the tips, advice, and scholarship opportunities Native Pathway has made available to the youth of our community. I can't thank them enough for helping our students explore every opportunity available on whatever path they may choose in their future!"

Parent of student at Parshall H.S. – Parshall, ND

Please reach out if you have questions. We would be happy to provide application assistance and talk through your ideas. Email us at nativepathways@collegefund.org