

FIGR University of California Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions:

Which Campuses are Eligible for the FIGR UC Scholarship?

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UC Berkeley	UC Irvine	UC Merced	UC San Diego	UC Santa Barbara
UC Davis	UC Los Angeles	UC Riverside	UC San Francisco	UC Santa Cruz

Please make sure you are an enrolled student with a Student ID in one of the institutions listed above to be eligible to apply.

Only the campuses above are eligible Institutions for the FIGR UC Scholarship. California State University (CSU) Campuses and/or California Community Colleges (CCC/JC) are not eligible.

How do I prove my lineage as a California Native American but not a member of a federally recognized tribe for the FIGR UC Scholarship?

- Provide a copy of your Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) in your name that is showing a California tribal affiliation.

Or

- Provide original certified birth certificates or death certificates for each generation linking you to a person with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) showing a California tribal affiliation.
 - Example: If your maternal grandmother has a CDIB. You will need to provide supporting documents verifying all claims, such as mother's original birth certificate (with her mother/your grandmother's names on the birth certificate) and your original birth certificate. Make sure to send in all original documents (not copies of the originals).

Or

- Provide original certified birth certificates or death certificates for each generation linking you to a person on the California census rolls of [1928 or 1933](#) or on the California Judgment Fund Rolls of 1955 or 1972.
 - The Judgment rolls are available through the National Archives at San Francisco. If you know your relative is on the Judgment rolls, contact the FIGR office at FIGRUCScholarship@gratonrancheria.com for more information.

Or

- Provide a letter signed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs certifying that you descend from a person on the California census rolls of 1928 or 1933, or on the California Judgment Fund Rolls of 1955 or 1972.

- The documents above are the only way to prove eligibility. FIGR UC scholarship does not accept documents from federally recognized Tribes to prove lineage.

What is the California Indian Judgment Rolls?

A list of California Native Americans living in California as of June 1, 1852, and the descendants of those individuals. Each individual listed was assigned a “roll number.” The rolls can list a person's name, address, date of birth, and sometimes tribal affiliation.

Where do I begin tracing my Native ancestry as a California Indian?

- Resources for helping you find more information: [Tracing American Indian and Alaska Native \(AI/AN\) Ancestry | Indian Affairs \(bia.gov\)](#)
- Record Group 75: 1928 Census: [National Archives NextGen Catalog](#)

Can I still apply for the FIGR UC Scholarship if I descend from a Federally Recognized Tribe but NOT enrolled, or disenrolled?

Yes. Students can still apply for the FIGR UC Scholarship as a non-enrolled descendant of a federally recognized Tribe as long as you can prove lineage using the information above.

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Can I still apply if I descend from a non-federally recognized tribe located outside of California?

As long as you can prove lineage to a California Indian using the information above and you are not enrolled in a federally recognized tribe, your descent from a non-California tribe does not make you ineligible.

Do I have to re-apply after I am accepted into the scholarship every year?

No. Students who are approved for the FIGR UC Scholarship are eligible for the Scholarship Funds for subsequent terms until graduation as long as they maintain their enrollment status.

What does the FIGR UC Scholarship cover?

The FIGR UC Scholarship only covers systemwide UC Tuition and Student Services Fees, Campus Fees. Contact your UC Financial Aid office to find out which fees do not fall into this criteria. Subject to availability of funds, Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition fees may also be covered. Note this is only a one fraction of your cost of attendance. If you have or are eligible for other Financial Aid that covers any of these costs, you will not receive the FIGR UC Scholarship for those same costs.

Do I have to submit the FAFSA to be eligible for the FIGR UC Scholarship?

Yes. Applicants must submit a copy of their FAFSA confirmation with their application.

When is the Deadline for the FIGR UC Scholarship?

FIGR UC Scholarship Application with all original requested supporting documents need to be Postmarked by August 1, 2026.

What happens if I find out about the FIGR UC Scholarship after the Scholarship deadline?

You may apply during the next application cycle.

Can I apply if I do not live in California?

Yes, if you are not a California resident, you are still able to apply for the FIGR UC Scholarship. Please note, applicants are only eligible to be approved as a non-California resident for one academic year. You must work with your UC campus to establish residency under the UC's in-state residency criteria to be eligible for subsequent academic years.