

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## EMMA SHORE-THORNTON ENDOWMENT FUND

The Michigan State University Native American Institute is accepting applications for the 2022 Emma Shore-Thornton Endowment Fund. Through a generous donation from Ms. Emma Shore-Thornton, the Fund recognizes outstanding **Native American undergraduate and graduate students** at Michigan State University who are actively engaged in activities and/or career pathways that promote the recognition of American Indian and First Nations people at MSU or abroad. Since 1990, the program has been jointly administered by the Michigan State University Foundation and the Native American Institute to recognize the successes of **Native American** students at Michigan State University. Please read the following eligibility requirements to be considered for the award. Note that award amounts are contingent on availability of funds and the number of applicants.

### ELIGIBILITY

- **Must be Native American.**

#### Graduate Students:

- You must be currently enrolled in a full-time, degree granting graduate program at Michigan State University
- You must have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA.

#### Undergraduate Students:

- You must currently be enrolled full-time at Michigan State University
- You must have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA and are not currently on academic probation
- Preference will be given to graduating seniors.



### University Outreach and Engagement

#### Native American Institute

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### REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Provide a 500-word personal statement detailing (1) your educational and other attainments, (2) your pursuit of scholarly excellence, (3) your capacity and will to develop your talents in ways that will benefit yourself and others (4) your plans for future contributions to the wellbeing of others, and (5) your engagement in activities and/or a career pathway that promotes the recognition of Native Americans at MSU or abroad. Please include concrete examples that support your engagement activities and career goals (i.e., did a tribal internship, engaged with Native American youth programs, etc.).
- Documentation of Native American tribal enrollment or descendency (e.g., tribal card; letter of support from your tribe; Department of Interior letter; Bureau of Indian Affairs letter; or tribal enrollment documentation of a parent or grandparent).

### SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

- Send a PDF copy of your application materials to Jennifer Patterson, [patter34@msu.edu](mailto:patter34@msu.edu)

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE is Friday, April 22, 2022 at 5:00 pm**