



Helen Bergstrom Ernst Scholarship



The Helen Bergstrom Ernst Scholarship Trust was established by the Will of Helen Bergstrom Ernst to further the education of students who are members of The Spirit Lake Tribe. Helen was born and raised in St. Paul, MN but became fascinated with the Lake Region when her brother Arthur Bergstrom moved to Devils Lake, ND in 1919 and founded Lake Chevrolet in 1923. When Helen came to visit her brother, she developed a deep and abiding love for the people of the Lake Region and especially for the members of the Spirit Lake Tribe. She admired the spirit of the people. As a result of her love, this scholarship trust was established.

To obtain an application or further information regarding the Helen Bergstrom Ernst Scholarship please contact:

Charmayne Bohanon
Spirit Lake Tribe Education Office
P.O. Box 359
Fort Totten, ND 58335-0359
Phone: 701-766-4347
www.spiritlakenation.com

Qualifications Include:

- Applicant must be currently enrolled or enrolling in an accredited post-secondary institution.
- Applicant must be a member of the Spirit Lake Tribe.
- Required to carry 12 or more credits per term.
- Term and cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 basis.
- Applications are due on or before September 27, 2019.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- One half of the amount awarded will be paid in the fall semester. Spring semester payment is conditioned on proof of full time enrollment and term and cumulative grade point of 2.0 on 4.0 scale.

The Helen Bergstrom Ernst Scholarship Trust is a private foundation and is exempt from federal income tax under 501 (C)(3). Contributions to the trust are eligible for tax deductions and can be directed to:

Helen Bergstrom Ernst Scholarship Trust
C/O Ramsey National Bank
PO Box 160
Devils Lake, ND 58301



SPIRIT LAKE TRIBE EDUCATION HELEN BERGSTROM ERNST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICANTS:

1. Must be Spirit Lake Tribal Member.
2. Must be enrolled or enrolling in an accredited post-secondary institution.
3. Financial need is considered but scholarships may be awarded based on scholastic performance.
4. A term grade point average of a 2.0 on a 4.0 basis carried.
5. Carrying a full course load of 12 credit hours or more.

Application available at www.spiritlakenation.com., or contact the Spirit Lake Tribe Education program @ 701-766-4347.

DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION:

1. Letter of Acceptance, Class Schedule, Latest Official College Transcript, or if you are a 1st time college student a copy of your GED/High School Diploma.
2. Award Letter, Needs Analysis or Budget from the Financial Aid Office.
3. Tribal Enrollment Certificate.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE HELEN BERGSTROM ERNST CHARITABLE TRUST FOR APPLICANTS:

The Ramsey National Bank & Trust Company acts as the trustee for the Helen Bergstrom Ernst Charitable Trust which was established under the will of Helen Bergstrom Ernst. The Scholarship was established to provide members of the Spirit Lake Tribe with an opportunity to pursue their educational goals.

The Scholarship Committee, along with the Ramsey County District Court and the Spirit Lake Tribal Council set some guidelines for awarding scholarships. They are as follows:

1. **DEADLINE:** Applications will be accepted starting July 1st and deadline is the last Friday of September of each year.
2. Students are required to have a Term GPA of a 2.0 or higher each semester. Grades will be reviewed before the balance of the scholarship monies is handed out the second semester.
3. Financial need is taken into consideration.
4. Must be an accredited college with a recognized program for undergraduate or graduate students.
5. Scholarship grants will be mailed directly to the Financial Aid Office of the school the student is attending.
6. The Helen Bergstrom Ernst Scholarship committee will meet mid-October after receiving the applications from the Tribal Education office.
7. Awards will be made for the regular school year. Half will be awarded the fall semester and half the spring semester. This will be done after grades have been received from the school and it is determined that the student is carrying 12 or more credits and the term GPA is a 2.0 or higher. The deadline for spring grades will be the last Friday of January. If you do not have your grades in by this day, you will be dropped from the Scholarship program.



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Please send completed application to: Spirit Lake Tribe Education Office
816 3rd Ave N ~ PO Box 359, Fort Totten, ND 58335
Phone: 701-766-4347 or Fax: 701-766-1213
Email: sltedu@spiritlakenation.com

Applications are available on the Spirit Lake Tribe website @ spiritlakenation.com.

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Telephone: _____

High School Attended: _____ Year Graduated or GED received: _____

College you plan to attend: _____

College academic year you are applying for: [] Freshman [] Sophomore [] Junior [] Senior Graduate

Anticipated date of college graduation: _____
Month Year

Field of Study: _____

Name & phone number of financial aid officer: _____

What other sources of financial aid have you applied for?

_____ Pell Grant

_____ Employment and Training

_____ North Dakota Indian Affairs Scholarship

Please indicate the reason you are applying for the Helen Bergstrom Ernst Scholarship. State the number of hours to be completed and the amount of time the scholarship will be used for:

I hereby certify that the above information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and consent to the release of this information to the Spirit Lake Tribe and the Helen Bergstrom Ernst Scholarship Committee application. I also understand that any false information will be sufficient cause to declare my application incomplete.

Signature: _____ Date: _____