



## AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND

### 2017-2018 Recipient Summary Kathryn B. McQuade Foundation Scholarship Program



#### **Christen Falcon**

**College:** Montana State University - Bozeman

**Degree:** BA - Bachelor of Arts

**Major:** Business Management

**GPA:** 3.3

**Tribe:** Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana

**Year in school:** Third-Year Undergraduate

*"I was more than grateful when I received this scholarship. It helped me in many ways accomplishing my education. I was able to put gas in my car for school and work, pay off some debts and bills also saving up some money to help with paying for a place of my own. Scholarships like this help out tremendously with not only day to day life, but saving for the future. Last spring I gave birth to my first child, and the scholarships I received helped me pay down on a reliable car for my little family, it helped pay for my child's necessities and most importantly the scholarships helped me stay in school, and worry less about having to work as much to pay for everyday expenses. If it was not for these scholarships, I would have had to quit school, and focus solely on working to provide for my family. Because of these scholarships, I was able to graduate with my associate's and will be furthering my education into receiving my bachelor's. Again thank you for your major contribution!"*



#### **Shanon Black**

**College:** Haskell Indian Nations University

**Degree:** BS - Bachelor of Science

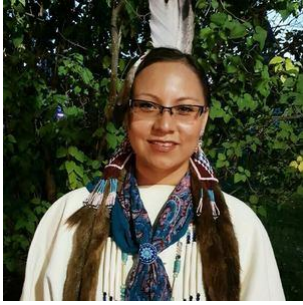
**Major:** Environmental Science

**GPA:** 3.5

**Tribe:** Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

**Year in school:** Fourth-Year Undergraduate

*"I am grateful that there are opportunities like this scholarship program that can make what used to be impossible possible. It is through generous benefactors such as you that make this dream a reality for me and so many others. Not only am I going to be able to complete my education, but my children will be able to see the importance of education and goal-achieving through my example. It is because of you that I have a chance to better not only my life but my children's and grandchildren's lives. So I want to take this opportunity to say thank you. The impact of your donation to this scholarship program will be felt for generations."*



**Amanda Clairmont-Perez**

**College:** Salish Kootenai College

**Degree:** AA - Associate of Arts

**Major:** Liberal Arts

**GPA:** 2.7

**Tribe:** Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

**Year in school:** First-Year Undergraduate

*"This scholarship will afford me the financial support to be a full-time student and single mother. With financial stability I will be able to blaze a pathway for my children and young Native youth from my reservation. I promise that I am worth the investment and that upon earning my degree I will give back by serving women and youth as it relates to mental health and abuse. With your generous support this scholarship you provide will be of great help to my family, meeting our essential daily needs, paying my education expenses, and it will allow me to concentrate more of my time for studying toward a brighter future. My educational pursuits would not be possible without generous support from scholarship sponsors like your organization. Thank you for enabling this opportunity!"*



**Denise Denny**

**College:** Dine College

**Degree:** BA - Bachelor of Arts

**Major:** Elementary Education

**GPA:** 3.0

**Tribe:** Navajo Nation

**Year in school:** Fourth-Year Undergraduate

*"Thank you for your support in helping Native Americans. Thank you for making it possible to help in every way. Every bit of help counts and through the kind hearts of donors we are able to make it! Again thank you for the contribution and my family thanks you from the bottom of our hearts. May the great creator bless you and your families."*



**Ciara Fineday**

**College:** United Tribes Technical College

**Degree:** BS - Bachelor of Science

**Major:** Biomedical Science

**GPA:** 3.8

**Tribe:** Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (Six component reservations: Bois Forte Band (Nett Lake); Fond du Lac Band; Grand Portage Band; Leech Lake Band; Mille Lacs Band; White Earth Band)

**Year in school:** Third-Year Undergraduate

*"Thank you so much for helping my fellow Native Americans and I attend college. You're helping us diminish a stereotype day by day, and that's all we ask for. Thank you so much!"*



**Bonnie Follestad**

**College:** Northwest Indian College

**Degree:** AA - Associate of Arts

**Major:** General Studies

**GPA:** 3.7

**Tribe:** Tulalip Tribes of Washington (previously listed as the (Tulalip Tribes of the Tulalip Reservation)

**Year in school:** Second-Year Undergraduate

*"I am very honored and grateful to have been awarded this scholarship.*

*Receiving these funds will help me achieve my educational endeavors. These*

*funds will help to focus and pursue my college education as a full-time student.*

*Again, I thank you for your investment in me."*