

What Are TCUs and NASNTIs? Empowering Native Students Through Higher Education

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What are TCUs and NASNTIs?

- **TCUs (Tribal Colleges and Universities)** are colleges that were built to serve scholars from federally recognized Indian tribes and promote the success of Native students. They are typically located on or near reservation land, playing an important role in the preservation and empowerment of Native cultures. There are approximately 35 TCUs in the country serving over 250 tribal nations.
- **NASNTIs (Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions)** are schools where at least 10% of students are Native scholars. While these institutions are nontribal, they work to empower and educate Native students through specialized resources and maintain cultural preservation much like TCUs.



Why are these institutions important?

- TCUs and NASNTIs play an essential role in keeping tribal history alive through:
 - Honoring tribal knowledge and tradition.
 - Offering safe spaces for identity and expression.
 - Supporting tribal language revitalization and land-based education.
 - Serving as launchpads for Indigenous leadership and advocacy.



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Finding community on campus

For some, **finding community** can feel difficult. However, there are many ways to make **lasting connections** with other students. When you get to campus, be sure to attend your school's **registered student organization (RSO)** or **activities fair** to learn more about the clubs, Native student organizations, cultural groups, or other extracurriculars available to you!



Financial aid

- **DSS FAFSA Page:**
 - Do you need help completing the FAFSA? Be sure to check out our website <https://www.delawarestudentsuccess.org/fafs/> and use StandByMe to get one-on-one help from a trained expert!
- **Scholarship opportunities specifically for underrepresented students**
 - Did you know that there are scholarships created for Native scholars like you? Look through our scholarship compendium to learn more! Being a Delaware student can increase your chances of receiving a state scholarship..
 - <https://scholarships.delawarestudent-success.org/>

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