General Information
In 1997, Northern Arizona University (NAU) and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation established the Wassaja (Wash-jah) Scholarship to assist qualified NAU Native American undergraduate and graduate students with their educational expenses. This scholarship was established in remembrance of Dr. Carlos “Wassaja” Montezuma, a Fort McDowell Yavapai tribal member, who received a medical degree in 1889 and became a distinguished leader for his people. Awards are up to $2,000 for the 2015-2016 academic year.

**Eligibility Requirements (please read this section carefully)**

Applicant must:
- Be an NAU undergraduate or graduate student **within one (1) year** of completing a bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree. **Must be graduating in December 2015 or May 2016.** A college advisor must verify the expected graduation date on the bottom portion of the application.
- Have a cumulative and term GPA of 2.5 or above for undergraduates, or a 3.0 GPA for graduate students.
- Maintain **full-time status** as a NAU undergraduate (minimum of 12 units/hours) or graduate student (minimum of 9 units/hours) throughout the duration of the award period, Applicants must be presently enrolled in the appropriate number of units for the fall 2015 term at time of application submittal.
- Applicants must have completed a **2015-16 FAFSA application** and have a complete file with the NAU Scholarship & Financial Aid office. In addition, applicants must have a remaining need and be in **good Satisfactory Academic Standing (SAP)** which will be verified. This is a need-based scholarship.
- Be an **officially enrolled member of a federally-recognized tribe or nation**, priority consideration shall be given to enrolled members of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.
- Selected recipients must perform **20 hours of volunteer service by December 4, 2015** with an American Indian tribe, organization, or state/federal departments or agencies providing service to American Indian communities. Volunteer service will only be required in the fall term.
- Never have received the Wassaja scholarship before at Northern Arizona University.

**How to Apply (student must be graduating in Dec. 2015 OR May 2016)**

Applicants must submit ONE copy of the following documents:
1. **Application** – Must be typed and signed by the applicant (available in MS Word format).
2. **Personal Essay** – Provide (a) introduction of yourself; (b) reason(s) why you need funding; (c) type of degree sought; (d) professional aspirations; and (e) description of personal involvement in extracurricular activities, community service, and/or leadership positions including previous or current work with Native American communities and/or people. Be as thorough as possible.
3. **Two reference letters** – Letters should include (a) how long and in what capacity the reference has known the applicant; (b) description of applicant’s academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, and extracurricular activities; and (c) description of applicant’s commitment to Indian communities/populations. Please, no letters from relatives and personal friends.
4. **UNOFFICIAL transcripts** from all institutions attended (does not have to be official)
5. **Resume** (current, 2 page limit)
6. **Photocopy of tribal enrollment document** (i.e. Certificate of Indian Blood, enrollment card)

**SUBMIT BY MAIL TO:** Native American Student Services
ATTN: Sharon Doctor
PO Box 5653
Flagstaff, Arizona 86011-5653

**NOTE:** Be sure to SIGN your application and include all required documents. Incomplete application packets will not be considered.

**SUBMIT IN-PERSON TO:** Sharon S. Doctor, Native American Cultural Center (bldg. 14), Room 100, 318 W. McCreary Drive (at the corner of Knoles & McCreary Drives, next to Adel Math Building).

For information call: (928) 523-6960, outside of Flagstaff call 1-877-523-8125

**DEADLINE:** Postmarked or submitted by June 26, 2015 (by 4:30 p.m. MST)
THE FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION WASSAJA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2015-16

DEADLINE DATE: JUNE 26, 2015 BY 4:30 pm MST

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY.

### Biographical Information

Name: 

NAU ID#: 
Tribal Affiliation(s): 

Mailing Address: 

City: 
State: 
Zip: 

Phone #: 
E-mail: 

### Academic Information

College Standing: 

- Undergraduate student (bachelor)
- Graduate student (master’s, doctoral)

Major: 
Minor: 

Major: 
Minor: 

* Verification of Expected Graduation Date (Must be completed by a College Advisor) *

Total Hours Earned To Date: 
Current Cumulative GPA: 

Remaining Unit hours to Complete Degree: 
Expected Graduation Date: 
(Must be Dec. 2015 or May 2016)

Advisor Signature: 
Print Name: 

Advisor Phone #: 
Email: 

An unsigned application will be considered invalid.

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am awarded the scholarship, I agree to perform 20 hours of volunteer service for the fall only, maintain full-time status for the fall 2015 and/or spring 2016 terms, maintain a 2.5 CGPA (undergraduate) or 3.0 CGPA (graduate) and be in good SAP standing for the 2015-16 academic year.

Signature of Applicant: 
Date: 

FOR NASS OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Recd: 
Remaining COA: $ 
Status: 

Notification date: 
Volunteer Hours Completed: 

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