

Maria Copa Indigenous Scholarship

at Dominican University of California

Named for a revered Coast Miwok elder born in the mid-1800s in Marin County, this scholarship expresses Dominican's gratitude and appreciation for the historical, political, and cultural legacies of the Coast Miwok communities specifically and Indigenous communities broadly, and honors the continually growing relationship with its local Indigenous partners. The scholarship makes the University's rich educational experiences available to qualified Coast Miwok and other Indigenous students.

Eligibility:

- Admitted, new, or transfer undergraduate students in a degree-seeking program at Dominican University of California.
- Indigenous students who are enrolled members of a tribe that is federally or state recognized. Applicants must provide a letter from a tribal council, including a spiritual non-profit tribal council and/or Indigenous led council, or self-identify with a letter from an Indigenous community member. Federal documentation from the Bureau of Indian Affairs is also acceptable, but not required.
- As an acknowledgement that Dominican University of California occupies the unceded ancestral land of past, present, and future Coast Miwok people, individuals with Coast Miwok ancestry have priority.

Scholarship Details:

- Covers full tuition, excluding University and program fees.
- Please note that the scholarship applies only to fall and spring semesters. Tuition for courses taken during summer terms will not be covered.

Application Process:

- Complete application and submit along with a letter or certification showing Indigenous status.
- Submit a personal statement (~500 words) responding to the prompt: ***What does this scholarship mean to you?***
- Email the application form, certification letter, and personal statement to dei@dominican.edu.
- Preferred deadline: June 1, 2023. Applications received after the deadline may be reviewed at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

<https://www.dominican.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/scholarships-and-grants/undergraduate-scholarships-and-grants>



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