

# 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. It honors the continually growing relationship with Dominican's local Indigenous partners. The scholarship makes the University's rich educational experiences available to qualified Coast Miwok and other Indigenous students.

### **Eligibility**

- Admitted first-year and transfer students seeking an undergraduate degree at Dominican.
- Individuals who are enrolled members of an Indigenous tribe that is federally or state recognized; are
  able to provide a letter from a tribal council, including a spiritual non-profit tribal council and/or
  Indigenous-led councils; and individuals who self-identify as an Indigenous community member and
  provide a letter from an Indigenous community member. Federal documentation from the Bureau of Indian Affairs is 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 documented Coast Miwok ancestry will be given priority.

#### **Details**

- The scholarship covers full tuition, excluding University and program fees, with a four-year maximum and full-time enrollment.
- The scholarship applies only to fall and spring semesters. It excludes tuition and fees for courses taken during summer terms.
- The scholarship does not cover room and board. The recipient may be eligible for grants and financial aid toward the cost of room and board.
- Recipients are required to maintain satisfactory academic standing of a GPA of 2.5 or better.





## **Apply**

- Complete the Dominican University of California admissions application.
- Submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by published deadlines.
- Email the following to dei@dominican.edu: (1) the Maria Copa Indigenous Scholarship application, (2) documentation showing Indigenous status, as outlined above and (3) a personal statement (500 words) responding to the prompt:

What would receiving this scholarship and a Dominican University of California education mean to you?

### Preferred deadline is May 1, 2024

Applications received after the deadline may be reviewed at the discretion of the scholarship committee. The selection committee includes employees of Dominican University of California and members of the local Indigenous community.

#### For additional information visit:

dominican.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/scholarships-and-grants/undergraduate-scholarships-and-grants

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