

New Beginning for Tribal Students Programs (NBTS)

Questions for FAQs

What is the purpose of the New Beginning for Tribal Students (NBTS) program?

The purpose of the New Beginning for Tribal Students is to increase the retention and graduation rate of Tribal students attending 1994, 1862, and 1890 land-grant universities.

Who is eligible to receive The New Beginning for Tribal Students grants?

The New Beginning for Tribal Students makes competitive grants to land-grant colleges and universities to provide identifiable support specifically targeted for Tribal students.

Can individuals apply for this grant?

Only land-grant colleges and universities are eligible to apply for NBTS funding. Land-grant college and universities can and are encouraged to partner with Tribal colleges, high schools, Tribal Governments, community colleges, technical institutions, and other organizations that work with Tribal students.

What are the parameters for usage of these grant funds?

A land-grant college or university that receives this grant shall use funds for, but not limited to, recruiting; tuition and related fees; experiential learning; student services, including tutoring; counseling; academic advising; and other student services that would increase the retention and graduation rate of Tribal students enrolled at the land-grant college or university.

What is the maximum amount that one state can receive in a single year?

Applicants may request up to \$100,000 (including indirect costs) for a Regular Grant. The maximum one state can receive is \$500,000 per year.

How many awards are anticipated being granted? Ten, although USDA is not committed to fund any application or to make a specific number of awards.

What is the maximum award amount per grant recipient? \$500,000. The anticipated amount available for the New Beginnings for Tribal Students in FY 2020 is approximately \$5 million total.

What is the deadline to apply? June 12, 2020

Will that deadline be extended, given current global circumstances? No

What is the grant duration? Up to 4 years

What is the designated payment system for this grant?

The Automated Standard Application for Payments, operated by the Department of Treasury, Bureau of Fiscal Service, is the designated payment system for awards resulting from this RFA.

What is the criteria for evaluating applications?

NIFA will evaluate applications using the criteria described in [Part V](#) of this RFA. Application for FY 2020 is limited to the following application types:

1. *New application*: New applications will be evaluated using the criteria described in [Part V](#) of this RFA and are subject to the due dates herein (see [Appendix III](#) for definition).

What types of projects or grants are eligible for funding?

Applicants must propose one of three types of projects: *Regular*, *Collaborative Type 1*, or *Collaborative Type II*.

How can one apply for this grant?

Applicants must apply to this RFA electronically; no other method or response is accepted. The electronic application for this RFA and additional resources are available on [Grants.gov](#) and [Grants 101](#). Table 4 provides instructions on how to obtain an electronic application. Part II § 1 of the [NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide](#) (Application Guide) contains detailed information regarding the [Grants.gov](#) registration process.

When will NIFA make a final funding decision? Fall of 2020

When will grant funds be dispersed? Fall of 2020

Where can I find comprehensive information online about this grant?

<https://www.nifa.usda.gov/program/new-beginning-tribal-students>