

# NewRange Copper Nickel

# Scholarship Program

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# Purpose

To provide information on the NewRange Scholarship program. NewRange Copper Nickel awards scholarships in three broad categories: Tribal, Community STEM and Community trades.

These scholarships are a one-time award.

# Objective

- Provide information on the program
- Define the program requirements
- Provide Administrative contact information
- Outline the application process and related timeline

## Scope

The NewRange Copper Nickel Scholarship is available to high school seniors who are enrolled members or first-generation descendants of tribes who share geography with Minnesota, and residents of Minnesota who are high school seniors.

## Eligibility

Provided the eligibility criteria (as outlined below) are met, the scholarships are available to:

- 1. Tribal Scholarships:
- Open to all high school seniors who are currently enrolled in a Minnesota high school, provided that the diploma courses will be accepted as admission to a recognized institute of higher education.
- Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe who shares geography with Minnesota, or;
- A first-generation descendant of a federally recognized tribe who shares geography with Minnesota.
- 2. Community STEM and Trades Scholarships:
- Open to all students who are currently enrolled in a Minnesota high school, provided that the diploma courses will be accepted as admission to a recognized institute of higher education.

## Scholarship Criteria

All applicants must meet or provide the following information:

- GPA, skill courses, advanced training, and any other academic/training information relevant to your application
- Extracurricular activities including programs, awards, honors or other
- Community involvement including volunteer work or other service to your community
- Demonstrated financial need may be considered if applicable
- Pursuing their first degree, diploma, certificate, or trade credential; or
- Planning to pursue any course of study which will lead to an applicant's first recognized degree, diploma, diploma bridging to a subsequent credential, certificate, or trade credential by attending:



- o an accredited college;
- o an accredited junior or regional college;
- o a recognized institute of technology; or
- o an entry level trade program

In junior or regional colleges, the course of studies must be at least two years, unless the applicant is enrolled in entry-level trade courses that will lead to a trade certification.

The recipient of an award must register with an institution of higher education in the same year which the scholarship award is made.

## Description of Scholarships

Scholarships will be awarded to Tribal members/first generation descendants (separate scholarships) and Minnesota residents in three categories.

#### Tribal Scholarships

Scholarships of up to \$7,500 will be one-time for tribal scholarships. The scholarship is designed for students pursuing post-secondary education.

#### STEM Scholarships

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded one-time. The scholarship is designed for students pursuing a future in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

#### Trade Scholarships

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded one-time. The scholarship is tailored for students with a strong interest in skilled trades including but not inclusive to welding, hydraulics, mechanics, carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, and more.

Students must be registered for at least 80% of a full course load as defined by the institution.

## Administration

The NewRange Scholarship Program is administered by a selection committee which has complete control over the interpretation of the guidelines and whose decision is final. The applications will be evaluated consistently with NewRange policies against non-discrimination.

The Scholarship Program may be altered from time to time or discontinued at the discretion of NewRange Copper Nickel.

In evaluating scholarship applications, NewRange will consider all information provided by all applicants. NewRange reserves the right to award more than one scholarship in any scholarship category, or to not award a scholarship in any category, depending on the number and quality of the applications received. NewRange also reserves the right to award a scholarship amount less than the maximum in any category.

## Contact

Questions about the application process should be directed to NewRange Copper Nickel: <u>scholarship@newrangecoppernickel.com</u>.



# **Application Process**

NewRange Scholarship Program applications are available from November 22, 2024, and must be submitted online prior to March 31, 2025. No scholarship applications will be accepted after March 31, 2025.

Note: Transcripts must show complete grades from the most recent academic year.

Note: Proof of registration must be provided and must specify that applicants will be enrolled in full-time studies in 2025-2026.

## Notification

NewRange Copper Nickel will start grant notification in the Spring of 2025 following the assessment of applicant eligibility and verification of the criteria. Those who do not receive an award will be similarly notified.

Note: a valid email address is mandatory as all communication with applicants will be conducted through email correspondence.

#### Payment

Payment of a NewRange Scholarship will be made by NewRange by the end of June. NewRange will mail checks to the recipient's home address. Checks will be made payable to the recipient's post-secondary institution that is confirmed through the award acceptance process.