

The University of California's Native American Opportunity Plan (NAOP) ensures that in-state UC Tuition and Student Services Fees are fully covered for California students who are also enrolled in federally recognized Native American, American Indian, and Alaska Native tribes. This plan applies to eligible undergraduate and graduate students enrolled for the fall, winter and/or spring term. Native American Opportunity Plan does not cover Summer Sessions tuition and fees.

What fees are covered by NAOP?

If you are eligible for the Native American Opportunity Plan, your in-state UC Tuition and Student Services Fees will be fully covered by either UC financial aid or another federal, state or other financial aid program.

Campus fees, student health insurance costs, Summer Sessions tuition and fees, and Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition are **not** covered by NAOP. Visit the [Office of the Registrar website](#) to learn more about these costs.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Must be a current or newly admitted University of California undergraduate, graduate or professional school student enrolled in full-time units.
2. Must be a California Resident for tuition purposes.
3. Must be an enrolled member in a federally recognized Native American, American Indian and/or Alaska Native tribe.
4. Must be enrolled in a qualifying UC degree program. Review the [FAQs on University of CA webpage](#) to learn more about which programs qualify.
5. Undergraduates must apply for financial aid by submitting a FAFSA, if eligible for federal aid, or California Dream Act application.

Process

Students must first submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a CA Dream Act Application (CADAA).

Undergraduate students will first be considered for the [Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan](#); which covers the same UC Tuition and Fees as NAOP.

If you are not eligible under the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan, then the Financial Aid Office will email you and post a requirement in the Financial Aid section of R'Web for you to submit documentation. You will be asked to fill out the *UC Riverside NAOP Tribal Enrollment Verification Form (Google Form)*.

Students can demonstrate their eligibility for the plan by submitting:

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- Certification of tribal enrollment on tribal letterhead
- Enrollment/membership card that contains the tribal seal and/or official signature of a tribal leader
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) if the CDIB includes tribal enrollment information
- Tribal identification card with an enrollment number

You will be able to view the changes on your financial aid offer in R'Web, within the Financial Aid section.

This is a lifetime requirement; you will not have to submit this documentation annually.

Special note: If you are a member of a tribe that is not federally recognized, additional support may be available through external organizations, including the [Federal Indians of Graton Rancheria](#).

Timelines

The Financial Aid Office will begin collecting documentation in July (for incoming Fall start students) or in December (for incoming Winter start students).

Note: If you do not receive an email after these general timeframes, please contact the Financial Aid Office by visiting the Highlander One-Stop Shop, email, or phone call.

Renewals

If you are a continuing student, you must still submit your FAFSA or CADAA to get your NAOP renewed every year. You must also submit any outstanding requirements. Once your official financial aid offer is completed, then the NAOP review begins.

What to Expect After Submitting Documents

Financial Aid will review your documentation within 1-2 weeks of submission.

You existing financial aid offer may be adjusted to reflect NAOP eligibility. This means that other University aid is adjusted or a "University Grant" is added. The goal is to have grant funding total the amount of your in-state systemwide tuition and fees.

Additional Resources

Visit the [Opportunity Plans](#) UCR webpage.

Visit the [University of California's NAOP](#) webpage.

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