

Program Proposed Budget

The following table summarizes the executive budget proposal for this program by year, type of expenditure, and source of funding.

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Budget Item	Base Budget Fiscal 2004	PL Base Adjustment Fiscal 2006	New Proposals Fiscal 2006	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2006	PL Base Adjustment Fiscal 2007	New Proposals Fiscal 2007	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2007	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 06-07	
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	0	96,500	0	96,500	0	0	0	0	96,500
Total Costs	\$0	\$96,500	\$0	\$96,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$96,500
General Fund	0	96,500	0	96,500	0	0	0	0	96,500
Total Funds	\$0	\$96,500	\$0	\$96,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$96,500

Program Description

The Tribal College Assistance Program provides funding to support a portion of the costs of educating resident non-beneficiary Montana students (non-tribal members) attending the seven tribal community colleges on the Reservations in Montana. Section 20-25-428, MCA, requires the Board of Regents to provide assistance to tribal colleges if the legislature specifically appropriates the funds, up to a maximum of \$1,500 per year for each resident non-beneficiary student FTE. The statute does not establish a minimum appropriation level.

Program Highlights

Tribal College Assistance Program Major Budget Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The executive budget funds tribal college assistance in the 2007 biennium at the same level authorized in the previous biennium • No base year appropriations appear because all funds were expended in FY 2005

Program Narrative

- Tribal community colleges, which are under federal jurisdiction to provide a higher education for tribal members, receive no federal funding assistance to support education costs for non-beneficiary students
- Tribal community colleges are not required to offer admission to Montana resident non-beneficiary students
- Since FY 1996, the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education indicates that tribal community college enrollment in Montana has averaged 311 resident non-beneficiary FTE students per year
- Under 20-25-428, MCA, the legislature has funded tribal college assistance at:
 - \$1.4 million appropriation in the 1997 biennium
 - No appropriation in the 1999 biennium
 - \$0.8 million appropriation in the 2001 biennium
 - \$0.0965 million appropriation in the 2003 biennium
 - \$0.0965 million appropriation in the 2005 biennium
- The seven accredited tribal community colleges in Montana, as federal government and reservation institutions, are not subject to governance or control by either the Board of Regents or the legislature

Funding

The following table shows program funding, by source, of the base year and for the 2007 biennium as recommended by the Governor. Funding is entirely from general fund.

Program Funding	Budget	% of Budget	Budget	% of Budget
	FY 2006	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2007
01000 General Fund	\$ 96,500	100.0%	-	-
Grand Total	96,500	100.0%	-	-

Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law Adjustments" table shows the primary changes to the adjusted base budget made by the legislature. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Legislative decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies. The other numbered adjustments in the table correspond to the narrative descriptions.

	Fiscal 2006					Fiscal 2007				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 28 - Reestab. Non-beneficiary Student Base Approp.	0.00	96,500	0	0	96,500	0.00	0	0	0	0
Total Other Present Law Adjustments	0.00	\$96,500	\$0	\$0	\$96,500	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments					\$96,500					\$0

DP 28 - Reestab. Non-beneficiary Student Base Approp. - The executive budget reestablishes the 2005 biennium base appropriation for state support for resident non-beneficiary students at tribal community colleges. The \$96,500 biennial appropriation was expended in fiscal 2005 and therefore not included in the 2007 biennium expenditure base (FY 2004).

LFD COMMENT

Resident non-beneficiary students are those who are Montana residents but are not enrolled members of a federally recognized Indian tribe. Since the Tribal College Assistance Program was created by the legislature in FY 1996, there has been an average of 311 resident non-beneficiary FTE students per year attending tribal community colleges in Montana.

Assuming this average continues into the 2007 biennium, funding at the present law adjustment level of \$96,500 for the 2007 biennium provides a total of \$155 of state support per non-beneficiary FTE student per year. Since the inception of the tribal college assistance program (20-25-428, MCA) the legislature has funded resident non-beneficiary student FTE at tribal community colleges at the following annual amounts:

- FY 1996 at \$1,371
- FY 1997 at \$1,369
- FY 1998 at \$0
- FY 1999 at \$0
- FY 2000 at \$1,457
- FY 2001 at \$1,298
- FY 2002 at \$167
- FY 2003 at \$167
- FY 2004 at \$128
- FY 2005 at \$128

To fund this program at the statutory maximum (\$1,500 per FTE student per year) would require an additional appropriation of \$836,500 in the 2007 biennium, based upon the historical average of 311 student FTE per year.