Recognizing the educational benefit of a culturally diverse student population, Valley City State University administers a Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver Program. The number of waivers is limited and waivers are typically awarded as partial waivers.

Eligibility
Applicants must meet one of the following definitions for eligibility under this program:
A. Enrolled members of federally recognized American Indian Tribes, and Alaska Native and Villages as defined pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and as such constitute a political group officially recognized by the United States government.
B. Members of a culturally diverse group, who are defined as individuals historically under-represented in culture, race or ethnic heritage.

Special Emphasis
A. Enrolled members of federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives and Villages with particular emphasis to enrolled members of the Devils Lake Sioux Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.
B. Graduates of North Dakota Tribal Colleges.
C. Beginning freshmen and transfer students.

Academic Considerations
A. Past academic performance may be used in determining initial eligibility.
B. In order to be eligible for renewal, recipients must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00
C. Recipients must be enrolled full-time.

Amount of Waiver-Duration
A. Waivers will not exceed the amount of tuition. Tuition waivers do not include application fees, books, student fees, board, room, or other costs of attendance.
B. Partial waivers are typically awarded.
C. Recipients shall be limited to a maximum of five years as an undergraduate student.
D. Waivers are granted for a period of one academic year. Students must re-apply each year for consideration.
E. **Waivers do not apply to online courses.** Tuition rates for online courses are less than traditional courses.

To Apply
A. Complete a Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver Application. For top consideration this must be mailed before April 15 (see reverse side).
B. Attach Verification of Tribal Enrollment, if appropriate.

Please return this application to the address below. Deadline to apply is April 15.

Student Affairs Office
Valley City State University
101 College Street
Valley City, ND 58072
VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
APPLICATION FOR THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY TUITION WAIVER

1. Full Name:
   ____________________________________________
   (Last)   (First)   (Middle)

2. Current Address:
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________

3. Permanent Address:
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
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4. I am applying for the cultural diversity tuition waiver as:
   ____ American Indian
   ____ Enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian Tribe*
   ____ Alaskan Native
   ____ Graduate of a ND tribally controlled community college
   ____ African/American
   ____ Asian/American
   ____ Hispanic
   ____ Other (please explain) ____________________________

5. Check One:
   ____ New Freshman
   ____ New Transfer Student
   ____ Returning VCSU Student
   ____ Other ____________________________

6. ACT or SAT Score ______ High School Class Rank ______ / ______ Cumulative High School GPA or % ______.

7. Cumulative College GPA _______ most recent term GPA _______.
   Total College Credits Earned to Date ________.

8. List special interests and/or extracurricular activities.
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Applicant’s Signature_________________________ Date__________

*Please attach verification of Tribal enrollment.

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