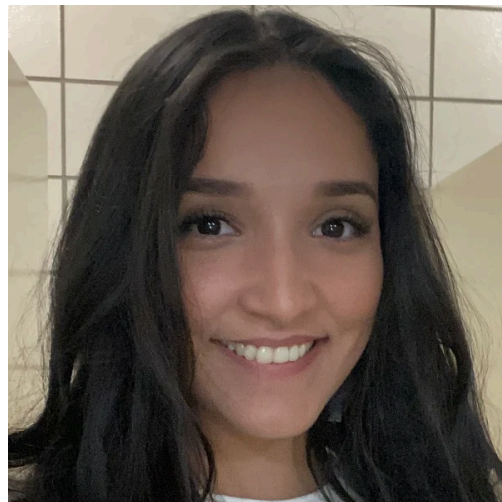




Congratulations to 11 outstanding students!

We wish you a successful semester. See larger photos on [the 2026 scholarship page](#).



Dreams of the ancestors

We recently received a message from **Cheristine M.**, an Oglala Lakota student from the Pine Ridge Reservation. Her words perfectly captured why your support matters:

"Scholarships for Lakota people are appreciated by me... We are our ancestors'

wildest dream in surviving these new times and with your help we can achieve it. Wopila Tanka (A big thank you!)"

When you support Lakota Friends Circle's scholarship fund, you aren't just funding a scholarship—you are honoring a lineage. Cheristine

reminded us that her generation is the living proof of her ancestors' endurance.

Wopila Tanka. That "big thank you" is for **you**. **Your** generosity ensures that students like Christine don't have to face these new times alone. You are helping them achieve dreams centuries in the making.

Help the dreams



New name, same loving care!

The foster home for children under 13 was operating under another non-profit. It is now its own entity with the name:

Children First (*Wakanheja Tokahepi* in Lakota). Originally intended for short-term stays, it is now offering extended stays. With the ongoing challenge of finding Native foster families, this change ensures our children have a stable, culturally connected place to call home for a longer period.

With your help, we continue to send food, toiletries, and cleaning supplies. We also fund utilities and assist with transportation costs. Now that it is an IRS-recognized non-profit, we are prospecting for grants to help with operations and staff training.

💡 **Did you know?** In Lakota, *Wakanheja* translates to "children," but the root of the word implies they are "sacred beings."

Gearing up for Spring and Summer!

- **Clothing:** T-shirts, tank tops, baby rompers, dresses, shorts, leggings, and skirts. Hoodies and light jackets for those cool evenings.
- **Basics:** Lightweight PJs, underwear, and sports bras.

- **Footwear:** Sandals, flip-flops, sneakers, and summer socks.
- **Gear & Fun:** Sunscreen (SPF 30+), pool attire and towels (the foster home staff takes the children to the local pool), and outdoor toys to use in the new playground.

How to Help: Gently used items are always welcome, except for underwear! Your financial gifts to [Lakota Friends Circle](#) make these programs possible—visit our [website page on needs](#) for more details. Find shipping addresses and tax forms [here].



We are thrilled to spotlight a new partner! **My Hope, Inc.** is a new shipping non-profit founded by one of our own supporters, Jane.

[My Hope Website](#)

Feedback has been amazing: **My Hope, Inc.** makes donation shipping affordable so that costs never stand in the way of giving.

It Takes a Village:

We often say it takes a village, and we are incredibly lucky to have ours. We couldn't support so many children and families without your generosity and the dedication of our talented partner groups. [Sew For Kids](#) is a powerhouse group of skilled sewists and clever shoppers who keep our shelves stocked, while [For The Children of Pine Ridge and Rosebud](#) provides beautiful handmade fiber-crafted items and essential store-bought items. We are also grateful to [The Pine Ridge Elders group](#), who share their wisdom and talent by sending beautifully handcrafted clothing and blankets.

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