Introduction and Purpose
In many indigenous cultures, eagle feathers are given in times of great honor. Many tribes present their people with eagle feathers upon graduation to signify the achievement of this important educational journey and the honor the graduate brings to his or her family, community, and tribal nation. Great Falls College wishes to honor this significance for our students.

Policy
Great Falls College MSU may gift eligible graduating Native American students with one (1) eagle feather. To comply with federal regulations prohibiting transfer of eagle feathers to non-Native American people, proof of tribal enrollment or descendancy must be provided. Graduating eligible students must attend the scheduled Eagle Feather Ceremony to receive transfer of their feather.

Definitions
Native American: Great Falls College defines Native Americans according to the US Department of Education definition, found here.

Resources
US Fish & Wildlife Service Fact Sheet, Possession of Eagle Feathers and Parts by Native Americans
US Department of Education Title VII, Subpart 5, Section 6151
Montana Code Annotated 2-1-315