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**NATIVE AMERICANS®**

**American Indian Education Fund**

## Application for Graduate Students

(Application must be complete and postmarked no later than April 4th)

**Applicant Criteria:**

- Native American, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian (student or one parent must be enrolled and have documentation.)
- Attending or have been accepted to an accredited graduate school (online colleges are not applicable, ABD not applicable)
- Must be enrolled between 6-18 credits (level of scholarship funding dependent on # of credits enrolled)
- GPA between 2.5-3.5 is desirable, however, all current graduate students are encouraged to apply.

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where you reside while at school: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please CHECK preferred mailing address as we will mail pertinent documents to the address**

**you check mark\*\*\*:** Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ or School Address \_\_\_\_\_

I am pursuing the following degree: CHECK ONE [\_\_\_\_\_] Masters [\_\_\_\_\_] Doctoral

I am attending graduate school: CHECK ONE [\_\_\_\_\_] Part time [\_\_\_\_\_] Full time

Graduate College Attending or Graduate College Accepted To: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your graduate degree/major: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Graduate Credits Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Most Recent G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you complete a graduate admissions test (GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT)?  No  Yes, what was your

Composite Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date/Professional Degree Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently Employed in your Major Field of Study: Yes  No

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Applications To: American Indian Education Fund, 2401 Eglin St. Rapid City, South Dakota 57703

Phone: 1-866-866-8642 Website: www.aiefprogram.org

List if you are currently working as a graduate/research/teaching assistant for pay:

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Are you a previous AIEF Scholarship recipient? Yes  No

List all colleges and high schools with dates attended, beginning with most recent:

School Attended	Date

**PROFESSIONAL, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, TRIBAL ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICE**

In the area to follow, please list all professional, community, school, tribal and/or research activities that demonstrate leadership and participation in community life.

<b>PROFESSIONAL:</b> List the most recent professional-related <u>student</u> activities. Include professional activities/experiences (i.e., conferences, workshops, committees, etc.), leadership positions & participation dates.	Dates of Participation
<b>RESEARCH and/or SCHOLARSHIPS:</b> List your research, scholarships, awards, honors and dates.	
<b>PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:</b> List pertinent organizations that you are a member of that is related to your major and list the date that you joined.	
<b>TRIBAL and/or COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:</b> List the most recent tribal and community activities and participation dates.	

## **INFORMATIVE SUMMARY**

Please write an informative summary (two page minimum) that may be used for publication. (12 pt. font – double spaced) Guidelines are suggested below:

- ❖ Introduce you, your family, tribal affiliation and community.
- ❖ Focus on **why** you should receive the scholarship (i.e., address how you meet the scholarship criteria). Focus on a few of your **most significant** accomplishments and contributions.
- ❖ What will be the importance and impact of your selected studies/thesis/dissertation research?
- ❖ Briefly mention your financial need. List other sources of funding or fellowships. List if you are currently working as a graduate assistant for pay.
- ❖ Other pertinent information you would like to share.

## **PHOTO**

Submit a 4 x 6 color photo of yourself with your signature on the back---Original print photos are preferred, DO NOT submit a paper copy Please note that any photographs submitted with the application will remain with the AIEF staff and *will not* be provided to the scholarship committee as part of the application packet.

## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- ❖ All information will be confidential except for the informative summary that may be used for publication if applicant receives the scholarship.
- ❖ DO NOT include any Letters of Reference.
- ❖ A letter of admission to your graduate school will be required if you are awarded the scholarship.

**TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION:** Please securely fasten.

- Informative summary
- Most recent transcripts – include GRE/LSAT/SAT scores as applicable. Include MA/MS grades for PhD applicants. (Do not have to be official – Web Advisor acceptable)
- Copy of tribal enrollment
  - If submitting your parent’s documentation, please specify.
- Photo
- Applications must be clipped together (no staples), and mailed as one packet in a large envelope. (DO NOT FOLD) Faxes will not be accepted.
- Awarded students only will be notified mid-July.

**Read and sign below**

*I certify that the information contained within this application is true to the best of my knowledge and is my own work. I understand that misrepresentation or fraudulent information may be grounds for loss of scholarship funds and repayment. By accepting a scholarship from Partnership With Native Americans (American Indian Education Fund), I authorize them to use my photograph and any information that I have provided in advertising, fundraising, or publicity in any and all media. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, the Address Information Form that I receive with my award letter **MUST** be received by Partnership With Native Americans (AIEF) no later than **August 1<sup>st</sup>** or my scholarship will be forfeited. Additionally, if I am awarded a scholarship from AIEF, I understand that I **MUST** provide a copy of my semester grades to AIEF at the end of each semester.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**APPLICATIONS MUST:**

**BE SIGNED**

**BE MAILED AS ONE PACKET IN A LARGE ENVELOPE (DO NOT FOLD APPLICATION)**

**NOT BE FAXED**

**HAVE THE CORRECT POSTAGE IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE**

**NOT INCLUDE LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

**MAIL APPLICATION PACKET TO:**

**NOTE NEW MAILING ADDRESS: 2401 Eglin Street Rapid City, SD 57703**