

Fact Sheet: **Challenge Grant**

Description of the program:

The AIEF Challenge Grant Program was developed to increase the funds available to our partnering institutions for Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian scholarships. The AIEF Challenge Grant Program acts as a catalyst for the creation of new scholarship funds for students. The partnering institution commits to raising new funds which will be matched by AIEF in accordance with our matching chart. The funds are to be used during the current academic year. The number of grants awarded is contingent on funding availability.

FUNDS RAISED → FUNDS MATCHED → FUNDS DISBURSED

Reasons for the program:

- **Undergraduate and graduate students need financial assistance** – Many schools, even those with relatively large Native American populations, may not have sufficient resources to help these students. The need for financial assistance, coupled with being away from home, discourages many minority students from pursuing higher education. These grants give students another opportunity to apply for financial assistance in the form of a scholarship through their own school.
- **New resources are developed** – Participating schools build resources to support Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students and new funding is designated to the student scholarships yearly. The money goes to work immediately at each institution, allowing students to focus on their studies instead of financial concerns.

Grant Guidelines:

- Please note any funds raised below \$10,000.00 will be matched dollar for dollar, rounding up. Funds raised above \$10,000.00 will be subject to the Challenge Grant Matching Chart. Funds used in the match must be from donors *who have not given funds to your school in support of Native students before.*
- Students receiving the scholarships must be Native American, Alaska Native, and/or Native Hawaiian.
- Students must be enrolled full-time and in good standing to receive a scholarship.

Challenge Grant Matching Chart

From	To	AIEF match
10,000	13,000	10,000
13,001	17,000	11,000
17,001	21,000	12,000
21,001	25,000	13,000
25,001	29,000	14,000
29,001	33,000	15,000
33,001	37,000	16,000
37,001	41,000	17,000
41,001	45,000	18,000
45,001	49,000	19,000
49,001	And up	20,000

Deadline to apply: May 15th

If awarded this grant, you agree to participate in the Challenge Grant Program as proposed by the American Indian Education Fund (a program of Partnership With Native Americans). This includes matching the dollar amount given by AIEF with newly raised funds according to the AIEF matching chart, keeping AIEF informed of all accounting pertaining to the grant and complying with all reporting and program guidelines outlined in the program description. You also agree to allow AIEF to use the name of your university and information from your reports to aid AIEF in our publications, communications, and fundraising efforts.



Challenge Grant Application

Due May 15th

School Name			
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
Contact/Program Partner Name	Title	Phone Number	
Fax Number	Email address	President's Name	
EIN #	Type of School:		
<input type="checkbox"/> BIE Operated <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal <input type="checkbox"/> BIE Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> State Funded			

Institution Information:

Total number of students: _____ **% Native American/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian:** _____

Annual number of scholarships for NA/AN students from your institution: _____

Please attach to this application:

- **PROPOSAL NARRATIVE: (minimum of 3 pages, double-spaced, 12 pt. font)**
 1. Please describe your current activities in raising money for scholarships for Native American/Alaskan Native/ Native Hawaiian students.
 2. Which department will conduct the fundraising for the matching grant? Please include a brief overview of your plan to contact new donors to raise these funds.
 3. What department will be responsible for accepting applications from students and disbursing the funds? Please describe the process they will go through and include a copy of any forms.
 4. What retention programs do you currently have in place to support Native American students at your institution?
 5. In future years, how will this challenge grant support your efforts to increase resources for Native American students? Please include your plan to sustain this service beyond the funding cycle.

Further explanation may be requested during the grant review process

If you are granted, are you able to fulfill the following requirements?

Please Initial Each

1. Provide PWNA (1) human interest story that demonstrates the impact of the program, along with a photo and signed photo release. _____
2. Submit a completed Funds Raised report form detailing money raised and a completed Funds Disbursed report form detailing the disbursement of grant monies. _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Submit Application To:
 American Indian Education Fund * 2401 Eglin Street * Rapid City, SD 57703
 phone: 866-866-8642 fax:605-399-9908 email: rschad@nativepartnership.org website: www.aiefprogram.org