



Intertribal Agriculture Council

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IAC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) in its continuing efforts to insure Indian use of Indian resources, recognize the critical importance of advancing education among our people. The Scholarship Program has been developed to encourage the pursuit of continuing education and provide financial support to students with demonstrated scholastic ability to seek Higher Education Programs. To this end, the IAC will award one \$1,000.00 Scholarship per semester to one successful applicant from each of the 12 areas of Indian Country represented by an IAC Board Member

The Scholarship Program is open to all enrolled members of federally recognized tribes or Alaska Native Corporations. All applicants are expected to provide documentation that they meet eligibility criteria. In order to be considered for the first priority for funding, undergraduate applicants must be pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in one of the following: Agriculture, Agriculture Business, Agriculture Education, Agriculture Engineering, Animal Science, Environmental Management, Horticulture, Natural Resource Management, Range Management, Soil Science, Veterinary Medicine, or related fields of study.

The IAC Education Committee will screen, select, determine application merit, and rank applications for final approval. All applications for the Scholarship Program will be ranked by the following criteria: leadership ability, educational and personal goals, written essay, and programs of study. Applicants not meeting a priority field of study will be reviewed on a secondary basis for funding consideration. Applicants seeking funding consideration to pursue PART-TIME programs will be considered after all FULL-TIME applicants have been reviewed and considered. Recipients of IAC Scholarships will be called IAC Scholars.

IAC Scholars must currently be accepted or enrolled in a nationally or regionally accredited institution of higher education and attend school on a full-time basis as defined by the educational institution in which the applicant is enrolled. IAC Scholars will continue to receive financial assistance as long as they maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA in pursuit of a degree in an approved program of study.

Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the IAC Scholar. The Scholarship funds are not designed to cover 100% of total expenses. IAC Scholars are strongly encouraged to apply for all financial aid and other resources. All scholarships will be awarded on a semester basis. As an example, an IAC Scholar enrolled at an institution utilizing the semester system and the Scholar will be attending 2 semesters per year, the scholar will receive two \$1,000.00 installments.

All IAC Scholars must sign a Scholarship Agreement prior to IAC payment of scholarship funds.



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IAC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Date: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Tribe _____ Enrollment #: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

COLLEGE INSTITUTION INFORMATION

(Must attach a letter of acceptance showing major field of study)

Scholarship Category: _____

Name of Institution: _____

Address: _____

Academic Year: _____ Term of Enrollment: Fall Spring Summer

Year in School: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
 Graduate 1st year 2nd Year Other _____

Current grade point average (GPA): _____

Major: _____

Minor: _____

Expected Degree: Associate Bachelor Masters Doctorate Other

Date classes will start: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Academic Advisor _____ Phone _____

APPLICANT ACHIEVEMENTS (Attach supplemental sheets as necessary)

Career goals:

In School activities and involvement:

Community/Tribal activities and involvement:

Academic Honors and Awards:

Other Recognition & Awards:(Tribal, Community, Organizations etc.)

Employment; After school and summer (list employer, address, and type of work):

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type of work</u>

Attach a type written essay (minimum of 500 words and not to exceed 1000 words) describing how the use of this scholarship will enhance future management of tribal natural resources. *(Please do not write an autobiography, we want to know how your education is going to be used to benefit Indian people in the future.)*

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided is true and correct.

Signature

Date

THIS SECTION FOR IAC USE ONLY

Review Date: _____ Application Complete: Yes _____ No _____

Priority Field: Yes _____ No _____ Continuing _____ New _____

Approved _____ Amount Awarded \$ _____ Per Term \$ _____

Disapproved Rationale: _____

Signature, Education Chair

Date

IAC SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

I, _____, do hereby agree to carry a **full-time student credit load**, (as defined by the attended academic institution) and do hereby agree to maintain a **minimum of a 2.00 grade point average** for Undergraduates. I fully understand I will be granted only one term of PROBATIONARY status, should the minimum scholarship GPA or minimum credit hours not be met per respective program after one PROBATIONARY term, I will be TERMINATED from the Scholarship Program.

I agree to notify Intertribal Agriculture Council of any emergency which dictates my withdrawal from school. Failure to do so will prevent reinstatement in the Scholarship Program.

Signature

Date