



Arizona Indian Education Association (AIEA) Student Scholarship

The scholarship will recognize American Indian youth who demonstrate exemplary achievement in academics, community service, and leadership, and who consistently participate in cultural activities. The goal of the AIEA Student Scholarship is to promote, encourage, and support students as they develop into scholars and prepare to engage in important careers as adults.

Scholarship Criteria:

- Open to American Indian/Alaska Native students residing in **and** attending a school within Arizona in grades 7–12
- Open to American Indian/Alaska Native students residing in **and** attending a community college or University within Arizona and is an undergraduate or graduate student
- Enrolled member of a federally-recognized Indian Nation
- Demonstrates excellence, creativity, initiative and leadership in school, community and cultural activities
- Exemplifies the characteristics of a positive role model in his/her school and community

7th – 12th Grade Students:

- Must have a 2.0 GPA or above

Community College/University Student:

- Must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student with a minimum of 12 credit hours for current semester
- Must be enrolled as a full-time graduate student with minimum credit hours, as defined by graduate program, for current semester. *(Please provide letter from your graduate college confirming your full-time status.)*
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above

Application Procedure:

1. Complete the application form
2. Submit copy of tribal enrollment card/CIB from a federally-recognized Indian Nation
3. Include two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher/professor, counselor/advisor, mentor, church leader or community leader.
4. Submit a copy of your current school transcripts. Unofficial copies are acceptable.
Please note: Incoming high school freshmen are to provide Middle School/Junior High transcripts. Incoming freshman to college and/or university are to provide High School transcripts.
5. Submit a type-written double-spaced essay between 200 to 500 words on your perspective of “*Strengthening Our Nations: Hear Our Voice*”, include:
 - a. Awards Received
 - b. Student government or Leadership positions
 - c. Extracurricular Activities (i.e. clubs, sports, community organizations, etc.)
 - d. Education/Career goals

- If awarded, students must attend the Arizona Indian Education Association Educator’s Banquet.
- The Scholarship Review Committee will notify the awardees no later than **November 30, 2018**.

Applications must be received by November 9, 2018

Mail to: AIEA Student Scholarship
2214 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Email: aiea.est2003@gmail.com

AIEA Student Scholarship Form for Academic Year 2018-19

To apply for the AIEA Student Scholarship, please submit the following items. Incomplete applications will not be considered:

- Application Form
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Type-written double-spaced essay
- Copy of proof of tribal enrollment from a federally-recognized Indian Tribe.
- Copy of school transcripts

Check (1) one award for which you are applying for:

- Outstanding American Indian College/University Student – Academics \$600
- Outstanding American Indian College/University Student – AIEA Exemplary \$600
- Outstanding American Indian College/University Student – Make a Difference \$600

- Outstanding American Indian High School Student – Academics \$400
- Outstanding American Indian High School Student – AIEA Exemplary \$400
- Outstanding American Indian High School Student – Make a Difference \$400

- Outstanding American Indian Junior High/Middle School Student – Academics \$150
- Outstanding American Indian Junior High/Middle School Student – AIEA Exemplary \$150
- Outstanding American Indian Junior High/Middle School Student – Make a Difference \$150

If there are questions regarding which category to apply, it is recommended applicants choose the category that fits best. For example:

- If applicant grades are well above the 2.0, consider applying for the ***AIEA Academics***.
- If applicant excels in a variety of areas, consider applying for the ***AIEA Exemplary***.
- If applicant is involved in their community through action service or other areas of enrolled tribe, consider applying for the ***AIEA Make a Difference***.

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____
Tribe/Band/Nation: _____ Tribal Enrollment Number: _____
Mailing Address: _____ E-Mail: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone Number: (_____) _____ Cell Phone Number: (_____) _____

II. EDUCATIONAL STATUS AND HISTORY

Current School Name: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Current Grade Level (circle one): 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th
If College/University student indicate academic level: _____ Major: _____
Cumulative GPA (4.0 scale): _____

III. AUTHORIZATION & SIGNATURES

I hereby certify that the information provided in this Student Application Form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could jeopardize consideration of my application. In addition, I authorize the high school(s) and postsecondary institution(s) I have attended or will attend to release to AIEA, if requested by AIEA, my transcripts and other academic or financial information requested by AIEA for the purposes described above, and I authorize the U.S. Department of Education and its agents to release to AIEA, if accessed or requested by AIEA, information from my student financial aid application. I also authorize AIEA to release my name and photo with any public announcement of Scholarships. By submitting the Student Application Form, I am giving AIEA permission to verify information on this form.

Print Name: _____

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature, if student is under 18 years of age: _____ Date: _____

All submitted materials become the property of the Arizona Indian Education Association Scholarship Review Committee and they will not be returned.

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email applications are preferred

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