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Financial Aid for Native Americans 2014-2016

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A Listing of Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, Awards, and Other Sources of Free Money Available Primarily or Exclusively to Native Americans Plus a Set of Six Indexes (Program Title, Sponsoring Organization, Residency, Tenability, Subject, and Deadline Date)

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Introduction

WHY THIS DIRECTORY IS NEEDED

Despite our country's ongoing economic problems and increased college costs, the financial aid picture for minorities has never looked brighter. Currently, billions of dollars are set aside each year specifically for Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Hispanic Americans. This funding is open to minorities at any level (high school through postdoctoral and professional) for a variety of activities, including study, research, travel, training, career development, and creative projects.

While numerous print or online listings have been prepared to identify and describe general financial aid opportunities (those open to all segments of society), those resources have never covered more than a small portion of the programs designed primarily or exclusively for minorities. As a result, many advisors, librarians, scholars, researchers, and students often have been unaware of the extensive funding available to Native Americans and other minorities. But, with the ongoing publication of *Financial Aid for Native Americans*, that has all changed. Here, in just one place, Native American students, professionals, and postdoctorates now have current and detailed information about the special resources set aside specifically for them.

Financial Aid for Native Americans is prepared biennially as part of Reference Service Press' four-volume *Minority Funding Set* (the other volumes in the set cover funding for Asian Americans, African Americans, and Hispanic Americans). Each of the volumes in this set is sold separately, or the complete set can be purchased at a discounted price; for more information, contact Reference Service Press's marketing department or visit www.rspfunding.com/prod_prodalphabet.html.

No other source, in print or online, offers the extensive coverage provided by these titles. That's why the Grantsmanship Center labeled the set "a must for every organization serving minorities," *Reference Sources for Small and Medium-Sized Libraries* called the titles "the absolute best guides for finding funding," and *Reference Books Bulletin* selected each of the volumes in the *Minority Funding Set* as their "Editor's Choice." *Financial Aid for Native Americans*, itself, has also received rave reviews. According to *Choice*, "This is a unique and valuable resource" which is "highly recommended." *Reference Books Bulletin* calls it a "landmark resource" and *EMIE Bulletin* concluded that the directory is "definitely designed to ease what can be a very stressful process." Perhaps *American Reference Books Annual* sums up best the critical reaction to *Financial Aid for Native Americans*: "extraordinarily useful...absolutely essential."

WHAT'S UPDATED?

The preparation of each new edition of *Financial Aid for Native Americans* involves extensive updating and revision. To make sure that the information included here is both reliable and current, the editors at Reference Service Press 1) reviewed and updated all relevant programs covered in the previous edition of the directory, 2) collected information on all programs open to Native Americans that were added to Reference Service Press' funding database since the last edition of the directory, and then 3) searched extensively for new program leads in a variety of sources, including printed directories, news reports, journals, newsletters, house organs, annual reports, and sites on the Internet. We only include program descriptions that are written directly from information supplied by the sponsoring organization in print or online (no information is ever taken from secondary sources). When that information could not be found, we sent up to four data collection letters (followed by up to three telephone or email inquiries, if neces-

sary) to those sponsors. Despite our best efforts, however, some sponsoring organizations still failed to respond and, as a result, their programs are not included in this edition of the directory.

The 2014-2016 edition of *Financial Aid for Native Americans* completely revises and updates the previous (seventh) edition. Programs that have ceased operations have been dropped from the listing. Similarly, programs that have broadened their scope and no longer focus on Native Americans have also been removed from the listing. Profiles of continuing programs have been rewritten to reflect current requirements; nearly 75 percent of the continuing programs reported substantive changes in their locations, requirements (particularly application deadline), benefits, or eligibility requirements since the 2012-2014 edition. In addition, hundreds of new entries have been added to the program section of the directory. The resulting listing describes the 1,425 biggest and best sources of free money available to Native Americans, including scholarships, fellowships, grants, awards, and other funding opportunities.

WHAT MAKES THIS DIRECTORY UNIQUE?

The 2014-2016 edition of *Financial Aid for Native Americans* will help American Indians, Native Alaskans (including Eskimos and Aleuts), and Native Hawaiians tap into the billions of dollars available to them, as minorities, for study, research, creative activities, past accomplishments, future projects, professional development, work experience, and many other activities. The listings cover every major subject area, are sponsored by more than 900 different private and public agencies and organizations, and are open to Native Americans at any level, from college-bound high school students through professionals and postdoctorates.

Not only does *Financial Aid for Native Americans* provide the most comprehensive coverage of available funding (1,425 entries), but it also displays the most informative program descriptions (on the average, more than twice the detail found in any other listing). In addition to this extensive and focused coverage, *Financial Aid for Native Americans* also offers several other unique features. First of all, hundreds of funding opportunities listed here have never been covered in any other source. So, even if you have checked elsewhere, you will want to look at *Financial Aid for Native Americans* for additional leads. And, here's another plus: all of the funding programs in this edition of the directory offer "free" money; not one of the programs will ever require you to pay anything back (provided, of course, that you meet the program requirements).

Further, unlike other funding directories, which generally follow a straight alphabetical arrangement, *Financial Aid for Native Americans* groups entries by intended recipients (undergraduates, graduate students, or professionals/postdoctorates), to make it easy for you to search for appropriate programs. This same convenience is offered in the indexes, where program title, sponsoring organization, geographic, subject, and deadline date entries are each subdivided by recipient group.

Finally, we have tried to anticipate all the ways you might wish to search for funding. The volume is organized so you can identify programs not only by intended recipient, but also by subject focus, sponsoring organization, program title, residency requirements, where the money can be spent, and even deadline date. Plus, we've included all the information you'll need to decide if a program is right for you: purpose, eligibility requirements, financial data, duration, special features, limitations, number awarded, and application date. You even get fax numbers, toll-free numbers, e-mail addresses, and web sites (when available), along with complete contact information.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

While this book is intended to be the most comprehensive source of information on funding available to Native Americans, there are some programs we've specifically excluded from the directory:

- *Programs that do not accept applications from U.S. citizens or residents.* If a program is open only to foreign nationals or excludes Americans from applying, it is not covered.
- *Programs that are open equally to all segments of the population.* Only funding opportunities set aside primarily or exclusively for American Indians, Native Alaskans, and/or Native Hawaiians are included here.

SAMPLE ENTRY

- (1) **[17]**
- (2) **AISES GOOGLE SCHOLARSHIP**
- (3) American Indian Science and Engineering Society
Attn: Member Services and Compliance Officer
2305 Renard, S.E., Suite 200
P.O. Box 9828
Albuquerque, NM 87119-9828
(505) 765-1052, ext. 107 Fax: (505) 765-5608
E-mail: liz@aises.org
Web: www.aises.org/what/programs/scholarships
- (4) **Summary** To provide financial assistance to members of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) who are working on an undergraduate or graduate degree in a computer-related field.
- (5) **Eligibility** This program is open to AISES members who are full-time undergraduate or graduate students at a 4-year college or university or a full-time student at a 2-year college enrolled in a program leading to a 4-year degree. Applicants must be majoring in computer science or computer engineering. They must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and be able to document ancestry as an American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian, or people of First Nations in Canada. Along with their application, they must submit a 1,000-word essay on what encouraged them to study computer science or engineering, what they will do with their degree upon graduation, how they currently give back to their community, and how they will continue to do so upon completion of their degree. Financial need is not considered in the selection process.
- (6) **Financial data** The total award is \$10,000 (or \$C5,000 for Canadian students), disbursed equally over the recipient's course of study.
- (7) **Duration** Until completion of a degree.
- (8) **Additional information** This program, established in 2008, is funded by Google Inc.
- (9) **Number awarded** 20 each year.
- (10) **Deadline** March of each year.

DEFINITION

- (1) **Entry number:** The consecutive number that is given to each entry and used to identify the entry in the index.
- (2) **Program title:** Title of scholarship, fellowship, grant, award, or other source of free money described in the directory.
- (3) **Sponsoring organization:** Name, address, and telephone number, toll-free number, fax number, e-mail address, and/or web site (when information was available) for organization sponsoring the program.
- (4) **Summary:** Identifies the major program requirements; read the rest of the entry for additional detail.
- (5) **Eligibility:** Qualifications required of applicants, plus information on application procedure and selection process.
- (6) **Financial data:** Financial details of the program, including fixed sum, average amount, or range of funds offered, expenses for which funds may and may not be applied, and cash-related benefits supplied (e.g., room and board).
- (7) **Duration:** Period for which support is provided; renewal prospects.
- (8) **Additional information:** Any unusual (generally nonmonetary) benefits, features, restrictions, or limitations associated with the program.
- (9) **Number awarded:** Total number of recipients each year or other specified period.
- (10) **Deadline:** The month by which applications must be submitted.

- *Money for study or research outside the United States.* Since there are comprehensive and up-to-date directories that describe the available funding for study, research, or other activities abroad (see the list of Reference Service Press publications opposite this directory's title page), only programs that fund activities in the United States are covered here.
- *Very restrictive programs.* In general, programs are excluded if they are open only to a limited geographic area (less than a state) or offer limited financial support (less than \$1,000). Note, however, that the vast majority of programs included here go way beyond that, paying up to full tuition or stipends that exceed \$25,000 a year!
- *Programs administered by individual academic institutions solely for their own students.* The directory identifies "portable" programs—ones that can be used at any number of schools. Financial aid administered by individual schools specifically for their own students is not covered. Write directly to the schools you are considering to get information on their offerings.
- *Money that must be repaid.* Only "free money" is identified here. If a program requires repayment or charges interest, it's not listed. Now you can find out about billions of dollars in aid and know (if you meet the program requirements) that not one dollar of that will ever need to be repaid.

HOW THE DIRECTORY IS ORGANIZED

Financial Aid for Native Americans is divided into two sections: 1) a detailed list of funding opportunities open to Native Americans and 2) a set of six indexes to help you pinpoint appropriate funding programs.

Financial Aid Programs Open to Native Americans. The first section of the directory describes 1,425 sources of free money available to American Indians, Native Alaskans, and/or Native Hawaiians. The focus is on financial aid aimed at American citizens or residents to support study, research, or other activities in the United States. The programs listed here are sponsored by more than 900 different government agencies, professional organizations, corporations, sororities and fraternities, foundations, religious groups, educational associations, and military/veterans organizations. All areas of the sciences, social sciences, and humanities are covered.

To help you focus your search, the entries in this section are grouped into the following three chapters:

- **Undergraduates:** Included here are nearly 700 scholarships, grants, awards, and other sources of free money that support undergraduate study, training, research, or creative activities. These programs are open to high school seniors, high school graduates, currently-enrolled college students, and students returning to college after an absence. Money is available to support these students in any type of public or private postsecondary institution, ranging from technical schools and community colleges to major universities in the United States.
- **Graduate Students:** Described here are nearly 525 fellowships, grants, awards, and other sources of free money that support post-baccalaureate study, training, research, and creative activities. These programs are open to students applying to, currently enrolled in, or returning to a master's, doctoral, professional, or specialist program in public or private graduate schools in the United States.
- **Professionals/Postdoctorates:** Included here are more than 200 funding programs for U.S. citizens or residents who 1) are in professional positions (e.g., artists, writers), whether or not they have an advanced degree; 2) are master's or professional degree recipients; 3) have earned a doctoral degree or its equivalent (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., M.D.); or 4) have recognized stature as established scientists, scholars, academicians, or researchers.

Within each of these three chapters, entries appear alphabetically by program title. Since some of the programs supply assistance to more than one specific group, those are listed in all relevant chapters. For example, the A.T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship Program supports students working on either an undergraduate or graduate degree, so the program is described in both the Undergraduates *and* Graduate Students chapters.

Each program entry has been designed to give you a concise profile that, as the sample on page 7 illustrates, includes information (when available) on organization address and telephone numbers (including toll-free and fax numbers), e-mail addresses and web site, purpose, eligibility, money awarded, duration, special features, limitations, number of awards, and application deadline.

The information reported for each of the programs in this section was gathered from research conducted through the beginning of 2014. While the listing is intended to cover as comprehensively as possible the biggest and best sources of free money available to Native Americans, some sponsoring organizations did not post information online or respond to our research inquiries and, consequently, are not included in this edition of the directory.

Indexes. To help you find the aid you need, we have constructed six indexes; these will let you access the listings by program title, sponsoring organization, residency, tenability, subject focus, and deadline date. These indexes use a word-by-word alphabetical arrangement. Note: numbers in the index refer to entry numbers, not to page numbers in the book.

Program Title Index. If you know the name of a particular funding program and want to find out where it is covered in the directory, use the Program Title Index. To assist you in your search, every program is listed by all its known names, former names, and abbreviations. Since one program can be included in more than one place (e.g., a program providing assistance to both undergraduate and graduate students is described in both the first and second chapter), each entry number in the index has been coded to indicate the intended recipient group ("U" = Undergraduates; "G" = Graduate Students; "P" = Professionals/Postdoctorates). By using this coding system, you can avoid duplicate entries and turn directly to the programs that match your eligibility characteristics.

Sponsoring Organization Index. This index makes it easy to identify agencies that offer funding primarily or exclusively to Native Americans. More than 900 organizations are indexed here. As in the Program Title Index, we've used a code to help you determine which organizations sponsor programs that match your educational level.

Residency Index. Some programs listed in this book are restricted to Native Americans in a particular state or region. Others are open to Native Americans wherever they live. This index helps you identify programs available only to residents in your area as well as programs that have no residency requirements. Further, to assist you in your search, we've also indicated the recipient level for the funding offered to residents in each of the areas listed in the index.

Tenability Index. This index identifies the geographic locations where the funding described in *Financial Aid for Native Americans* may be used. Index entries (city, county, state, region) are arranged alphabetically (word by word) and subdivided by recipient group. Use this index when you are looking for money to support your activities in a particular geographic area.

Subject Index. This index allows you to identify the subject focus of each of the financial aid opportunities described in *Financial Aid for Native Americans*. More than 250 different subject terms are listed. Extensive "see" and "see also" references, as well as recipient group subdivisions, will help you locate appropriate funding opportunities.

Calendar Index. Since most financial aid programs have specific deadline dates, some may have closed by the time you begin to look for funding. You can use the Calendar Index to determine which programs are still open. This index is arranged by recipient group (Undergraduates, Graduate Students, and Professionals/Postdoctorates) and subdivided by month during which the deadline falls. Filing dates can and quite often do vary from year to year; consequently, this index should be used only as a guide for deadlines beyond 2016.

HOW TO USE THE DIRECTORY

Here are some tips to help you get the most out of the funding opportunities listed in *Financial Aid for Native Americans*.

To Locate Funding by Recipient Group. To bring together programs with a similar educational focus, this directory is divided into three chapters: Undergraduates, Graduate Students, and Professionals/Postdoctorates. If you want to get an overall picture of the sources of free money available to Native Americans in any of these categories, turn to the appropriate chapter and then review the entries there. Since each of these chapters functions as a self-contained entity, you can browse through any of them without having to first consult an index.

To Find Information on a Particular Financial Aid Program. If you know the name of a particular financial aid program, and the group eligible for that award, then go directly to the appropriate chapter in the directory (e.g., Undergraduates, Graduate Students), where you will find the program profiles arranged alphabetically by title. To save time, though, you should always check the Program Title Index first if you know the name of a specific award but are not sure in which chapter it has been listed. Plus, since we index each program by all its known names and abbreviations, you'll also be able to track down a program there when you only know the popular rather than official name.

To Locate Programs Sponsored by a Particular Organization. The Sponsoring Organization Index makes it easy to identify agencies that provide financial assistance to Native Americans or to identify specific financial aid programs offered by a particular organization. Each entry number in the index is coded to identify recipient group (Undergraduates, Graduate Students, Professionals/Postdoctorates), so that you can easily target appropriate entries.

To Browse Quickly Through the Listings. Look at the listings in the chapter that relates to you (Undergraduates, Graduate Students, or Professionals/Postdoctorates) and read the "Summary" paragraph in each entry. In seconds, you'll know if this is an opportunity that you might want to pursue. If it is, be sure to read the rest of the information in the entry, to make sure you meet all of the program requirements before writing or going online for an application form. Please save your time and energy. Don't apply if you don't qualify!

To Locate Funding Available to Native Americans from or Tenable in a Particular City, County, or State. The Residency Index identifies financial aid programs open to Native Americans in a specific state, region, etc. The Tenability Index shows where the money can be spent. In both indexes, "see" and "see also" references are used liberally, and index entries for a particular geographic area are subdivided by recipient group (Undergraduates, Graduate Students, and Professionals/Postdoctorates) to help you identify the funding that's right for you. When using these indexes, always check the listings under the term "United States," since the programs indexed there have no geographic restrictions and can be used in any area.

To Locate Financial Aid Programs Open to Native Americans in a Particular Subject Area. Turn to the Subject Index first if you are interested in identifying funding programs for Native Americans that are focused on a particular subject area (more than 250 different subject fields are listed there). To make your search easier, the intended recipient groups (Undergraduates, Graduate Students, Professionals/Postdoctorates) are clearly labeled in each of the subject listings. Extensive cross-references are also provided. Since a large number of programs are not restricted by subject, be sure to check the references listed under the "General programs" heading in the index, in addition to the specific terms that directly relate to your interest areas. The listings under "General programs" can be used to fund activities in any subject area (although the programs may be restricted in other ways).

To Locate Financial Aid Programs for Native Americans by Deadline Date. If you are working with specific time constraints and want to weed out the financial aid programs whose filing dates you won't be able to meet, turn first to the Calendar Index and check the program references listed under the appropriate recipient group and month. Note: not all sponsoring organizations supplied deadline information; those programs are listed under the "Deadline not specified" entries in the index. To identify every relevant financial aid program, regardless of filing date, go to the appropriate chapter and read through all the entries there that match your educational level.

To Locate Financial Aid Programs Open to All Segments of the Population. Only programs available to Native Americans are listed in this publication. However, there are thousands of other programs that are open equally to all segments of the population. To identify these programs, talk to your local librarian, check with your financial aid office on campus, look at the list of RSP print resources on the page opposite the title page in this directory, or see if your library subscribes to Reference Service Press' interactive online funding database *RSP FundingFinder*. For more information on that award-winning resource, go online to: www.rspfunding.com/esubscriptions.html.

PLANS TO UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

This volume, covering 2014-2016, is the eighth edition of *Financial Aid for Native Americans*. The next biennial edition will cover the years 2016-2018 and will be issued by the beginning of 2016.

OTHER RELATED PUBLICATIONS

In addition to *Financial Aid for Native Americans*, Reference Service Press publishes several other titles dealing with fundseeking, including the award-winning *Directory of Financial Aids for Women*; *Financial Aid for the Persons with Disabilities and Their Families*; and *Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Families*. Since each of these titles focuses on a separate population group, there is very little duplication in the listings. For more information on Reference Service Press' award-winning publications, write to the company at 5000 Windplay Drive, Suite 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762, give us a call at (916) 939-9620, fax us at (916) 939-9626, send us an e-mail at info@rspfunding.com, or visit our expanded web site: www.rspfunding.com.

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Dr. Gail Ann Schlachter has worked for more than three decades as a library manager, a library educator, and an administrator of library-related publishing companies. Among the reference books to her credit are the biennially-issued *Directory of Financial Aids for Women* and two award-winning bibliographic guides: *Minorities and Women: A Guide to Reference Literature in the Social Sciences* (which was chosen as an "outstanding reference book of the year" by *Choice*) and *Reference Sources in Library and Information Services* (which won the first Knowledge Industry Publications "Award for Library Literature"). She was the reference book review editor for *RQ* (now *Reference and User Services Quarterly*) for 10 years, is a past president of the American Library Association's Reference and User Services Association, is the former editor-in-chief of the *Reference and User Services Association Quarterly*, and is currently serving her sixth term on the American Library Association's governing council. In recognition of her outstanding contributions to reference service, Dr. Schlachter has been named the University of Wisconsin School of Library and Information Studies "Alumna of the Year" and has been awarded both the Isadore Gilbert Mudge Citation and the Louis Shores/Oryx Press Award.

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Financial Aid Programs Open to Native Americans

- Undergraduates* ●
- Graduate Students* ●
- Professionals/Postdoctorates* ●

Undergraduates

Listed alphabetically by program title and described in detail here are 692 scholarships, grants, awards, and other sources of "free money" set aside for college-bound high school seniors and continuing or returning undergraduate students of American Indian, Native Alaskan (including Eskimos and Aleuts), and Native Hawaiian descent. This funding is available to support study, training, research, and/or creative activities in the United States.

[1]**AAAE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS**

American Association of Airport Executives Foundation
 Attn: AAAE Foundation Scholarship Program
 601 Madison Street, Suite 400
 Alexandria, VA 22314
 (703) 824-0500, ext. 148 Fax: (703) 820-1395
 E-mail: cindy.dewitt@aaae.org
 Web: www.aaae.org

Summary To provide financial assistance to Native American upper-division college students who are majoring in aviation.

Eligibility This program is open to full-time Native American college juniors or seniors who are enrolled in an aviation program and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Each college or university may nominate only 1 student for this scholarship. Selection is based on academic record, financial need, participation in school and community activities, work experience, and a personal statement.

Financial data The stipend is \$1,000.

Duration 1 year.

Number awarded 1 or more each year.

Deadline March of each year.

[2]**AABE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

American Association of Blacks in Energy
 Attn: Scholarship Committee
 1625 K Street, N.W., Suite 405
 Washington, DC 20006
 (202) 371-9530 Fax: (202) 371-9218
 E-mail: info@aabe.org
 Web: www.aabe.org/index.php?component=pages&id=4

Summary To provide financial assistance to Native American and other underrepresented minority high school seniors who are interested in preparing for a career in a field related to energy in college.

Eligibility This program is open to members of minority groups underrepresented in energy-related fields (African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans) who are graduating high school seniors. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher overall and in mathematics and science courses. They must be planning to attend an accredited college or university to major in business, engineering, mathematics, technology, or the physical sciences. Along with their application, they must submit a 350-word essay that includes why they should receive this scholarship and how their professional career objectives relate to the energy field. Financial need is considered in the selection process. All applications must be submitted to the local office of the sponsoring organization in the student's state. For a list of local offices, contact the scholarship committee at the national office. The highest-ranked applicant receives the Premier Award.

Financial data The stipends are \$3,000. The Premier Award is \$5,000. All funds are paid directly to the students upon proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university.

Duration 1 year; nonrenewable.

Additional information A number of AABE's chapters (including Birmingham, Denver Area, Connecticut, Florida,

Gulf Coast, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.) also offer scholarships to residents in their geographic areas.

Number awarded 6 national scholarships are awarded each year (1 in each of the organization's regions); of those 6 winners, 1 is chosen to receive the Premier Award.

Deadline February of each year.

[3]**AAIA/ALLOGAN SLAGLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc.
 Attn: Director of Scholarship Programs
 966 Hungerford Drive, Suite 12-B
 Rockville, MD 20850
 (240) 314-7155 Fax: (240) 314-7159
 E-mail: general.aaia@indian-affairs.org
 Web: www.indian-affairs.org

Summary To provide financial assistance for college or graduate school to Native American students whose tribe is not federally recognized.

Eligibility This program is open to American Indian and Native Alaskan full-time undergraduate and graduate students. Applicants must be members of tribes that are either state-recognized or that are not federally-recognized but are seeking federal recognition. Along with their application, they must submit documentation of financial need, a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) showing at least one-quarter Indian blood (if available) or other verification of tribal involvement, an essay on their educational goals, 2 letters of recommendation, and their most recent transcript. Selection is based on need.

Financial data The stipend is \$1,500.

Duration 1 year; recipients may reapply.

Number awarded Varies each year; recently, 5 of these scholarships were awarded: 2 to undergraduates and 3 to graduate students.

Deadline June of each year.

[4]**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE HIGHER EDUCATION INCENTIVE AWARDS**

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
 Attn: Education Department
 2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive
 Shawnee, OK 74801
 (405) 275-4030, ext. 121 Toll Free: (800) 256-3341
 Fax: (405) 273-1192 E-mail: tresham@astribe.com
 Web: www.absenteeshawneetriben-sn.gov

Summary To provide financial assistance to members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe who are interested in attending college in any state.

Eligibility This program is open to members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe who are graduating high school seniors, GED recipients, or current undergraduate students at a college or university in any state. Applicants must submit a copy of their grade report at the end of each semester.

Financial data Stipends depend on the GPA achieved during the previous semester: for full-time students, the award per semester is \$1,500 for 3.5 to 4.0, \$1,250 for 3.0 to 3.49, \$1,000 for 2.5 to 2.99, or \$750 for 2.0 to 2.49 (and GED recip-

ients entering their first semester of college). Awards for part-time and summer school students are half the full-time amounts.

Duration The awards are presented each semester; students may receive awards for up to 10 full-time semesters or equivalent.

Number awarded Varies each year.

Deadline June of each year for fall term; November of each year for spring term.

[5] ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE JOB TRAINING ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Attn: Education Department
2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 275-4030, ext. 121 Toll Free: (800) 256-3341
Fax: (405) 273-1192 E-mail: tresham@astribe.com
Web: www.absenteeshawneetriben-sn.gov

Summary To provide financial assistance to members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe who are interested in attending vocational school in any state.

Eligibility This program is open to members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe who are interested in acquiring the training and job skills necessary to gain or enhance full-time employment. Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll full or part time at an accredited job training institution in any state. They must submit a copy of their tribal enrollment card and documentation of financial need.

Financial data The maximum stipend is \$1,000 for any single calendar year or any single program.

Duration 1 year; may be renewed, provided the recipient demonstrates satisfactory performance and completes courses as determined by the institution's academic requirements.

Number awarded Varies each year.

Deadline Applications may be submitted at any time.

[6] ACA/MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

American Correctional Association
Attn: Scholarship Award Committee
206 North Washington Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 224-0000 Toll Free: (800) ACA-JOIN
Fax: (703) 224-0179 E-mail: jenniferb@aca.org
Web: www.aca.org/pastpresentfuture/awards.asp

Summary To provide financial assistance for undergraduate or graduate study to Native Americans and other minorities interested in a career in the criminal justice field.

Eligibility Members of the American Correctional Association (ACA) may nominate a minority person for these awards. Nominees do not need to be ACA members, but they must have been accepted to or be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in criminal justice at a 4-year college or university. Along with the nomination package, they must submit a 250-word essay describing their reflections on the ideals and philosophies of Dr. Martin Luther King and how they have attempted to emulate those qualities in their lives. They

must provide documentation of financial need, academic achievement, and commitment to the principles of Dr. King.

Financial data A stipend is awarded (amount not specified). Funds are paid directly to the recipient's college or university.

Number awarded 1 each year.

Deadline May of each year.

[7] ACCENTURE UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

American Indian Graduate Center
Attn: Executive Director
3701 San Mateo Boulevard, N.E., Suite 200
Albuquerque, NM 87110-1249
(505) 881-4584 Toll Free: (800) 628-1920
Fax: (505) 884-0427 E-mail: fellowships@aigc.com
Web: www.aigcs.com

Summary To provide financial assistance for college to Native American high school seniors interested in majoring in fields of business and technology.

Eligibility This program is open to enrolled members of federally-recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native groups who can provide a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB). Applicants must be entering freshmen at an accredited U.S. college or university, planning to work full time on a bachelor's degree in engineering, computer science, operations management, finance, marketing, management, or other business-oriented fields. They must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher. Along with their application, they must submit an essay describing their character, personal merit, and commitment to community and American Indian or Alaska Native heritage. Selection is based on academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, and commitment to preserving American Indian culture and communities.

Financial data The stipend is \$5,000 per year.

Duration 4 years.

Additional information This program, established in 2005, is supported by Accenture.

Number awarded 3 each year.

Deadline April of each year.

[8] ACT SIX SCHOLARSHIPS

Act Six
c/o Degrees of Change
1109 A Street, Suite 101
P.O. Box 1573
Tacoma, WA 98401
(253) 642-6712 E-mail: tim.herron@actsix.org
Web: www.actsix.org

Summary To provide financial assistance to Native Americans and other residents of Washington and Oregon who come from diverse backgrounds and are interested in attending designated private faith-based universities in those states.

Eligibility This program is open to high school seniors or recent graduates and planning to enter college as freshmen who come from diverse, multicultural backgrounds. Applicants must be residents of the following regions and interested in attending designated colleges for that region: Port-

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