

SCHOLARSHIPS

Northwest Indian Housing Association Scholarship Fund

Purpose: The intent of the Northwest Indian Housing Association (NWIHA) Scholarship Fund is to provide financial awards to youth for educational and training programs at schools, colleges, job training organizations, sports camps or other worthwhile activities.

Eligibility: Youth (defined as individuals aged 24 or younger) who are enrolled members of a Washington, Oregon or Idaho Tribe may apply. A letter of sponsorship signed by the NWIHA member must accompany the application.

Procedure: Applications must be received by midnight on March 31st of each year. Awards are then determined by the NWIHA Scholarship Committee and announced at the NWIHA quarterly meeting in May. Winners are invited to attend the award ceremony which takes place at the NWIHA annual meeting in September. Funds are disbursed directly, upon presentation of receipts and other documentation approved by the Chairman of the NWIHA Scholarship Committee or acting Chairman.

Applications must be submitted in writing and must consist of up to a 500 word essay that describes the need for funds, how the funds will be used and how they are to be disbursed. The essay will be judged on the basis of need as well as how well it achieves the goal of improving the life of the applicant youth. In addition to the essay, the applicant must list two references (who are not related to the applicant) as well as phone numbers for these references, and provide a list of community service activities in which the applicant has been involved, if any.

A valid application must be received by midnight on March 31, 2001 and consist of:

1. A letter of sponsorship from a NWIHA member. (Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority).
2. A 500 word essay that describes the need for funds, how the funds will be used and how they are to be disbursed.
3. Two (non-related) references with phone numbers.
4. A list of community service activities, if any.

Amounts of the scholarships and number of scholarships will be determined and announced each year. Successful and unsuccessful applicants may re-apply at any time. The decision of the NWIHA Scholarship Committee is final and cannot be appealed.

Administration: Accumulated and unexpended scholarship funds may be administered by NWIHA in accounts that are segregated on the books and records of NWIHA, or by the Association on American Indian Affairs (or other qualified organization).

Termination: Should the NWIHA Scholarship Fund be terminated by the NWIHA Executive Committee, the funds remaining, plus any interest accumulated thereon, shall be donated to a third-party non-profit organization that serves Tribal youth.

For more information, call April Campbell, Education Specialist at the Tribe, at 503-879-2276 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2276.

Association on American Indian Affairs Scholarship Programs

Since 1922, the Association on American Indian Affairs (AAIA) has been dedicated to helping Native American people and their communities in meeting the challenges they face. One of those challenges is getting a higher education, which is why the AAIA gives hundreds of college students the opportunity to pursue their degrees each year through scholarships. The four scholarships listed below require the applicant be at least 1/4 degree Indian blood from a federally recognized Tribe.

Emergency Aid & Health Professions Scholarships

Amounts range from \$100-\$400. For American Indian and Alaskan Native full-time undergraduate students only. Based on financial need. Available from **September 1st through June 1st**. There are no summer programs.

Requirements: Complete application with bottom portion filled out and signed by financial aid officer; 1/4 degree Indian blood, please include a certificate of enrollment and blood quantum from Tribe; an essay (1-2 pages) describing the specific nature of the financial need; most current financial aid award letter including tuition and books; most recent transcripts; and schedule of classes.

Sequoyah Graduate Fellowship

For American Indian and Alaskan Native full-time students who are working toward a graduate degree. Applications are due **October 1st**.

Requirements: Complete application with bottom portion filled out and signed by financial aid officer; 1/4 degree Indian blood, please include a certificate of enrollment and blood quantum from Tribe; an essay (1-2 pages) describing education goals; most current financial aid award letter including tuition and books; most recent transcripts; two letters of recommendation; and schedule of classes.

AAIA/Adoph Van Pelt Special Fund

Amount range from \$500-\$800. Based on financial need and merit. Applications are due **August 15th** of each year.

Requirements: Complete application with bottom portion filled out and signed by financial aid officer; 1/4 degree Indian blood, please include a certificate of enrollment and blood quantum from Tribe; an essay (1-2 pages) describing education goals; most current financial aid award letter including tuition and books; most recent transcripts; two letters of recommendation; and schedule of classes.

Displaced Homemaker Scholarship

For displaced homemakers, both men and women, who are unable to fulfill their educational goals. Applications are due no later than **September 10th**.

Requirements: Complete application with bottom portion filled out and signed by financial aid officer; 1/4 degree Indian blood, please include a certificate of enrollment and blood quantum from Tribe; an essay (1-2 pages) outlining the life experiences of the applicant; most current financial aid award letter including tuition and books; personal monthly budget, including childcare costs, food, transportation and other expenses; most recent transcripts; two letters of recommendation; and schedule of classes.

For more information on these scholarships, you may write to the Association on American Indian Affairs.

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Engineering & Computer Science

Portland State University's (PSU) College of Engineering and Computer Science and Portland Community College (PCC) have been awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to provide 40 low-income engineering and computer science students with two-year scholarships.

"This is exactly the kind of program needed to help double the number of engineering grads in the State of Oregon," said PSU President Daniel O. Bernstine. "In addition, it is this type of scholarship opportunity that helps PSU keep its commitment to providing access to a higher education."

The Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Scholarships Program will assist those students at PSU and PCC studying engineering or computer science. The program will provide up to \$3,125 per year for up to two years to full-time, low-income students in their first or second year of study.

"This program should really help students who want to earn an engineering or computer degree, but who simply haven't been able to afford it," said PSU's College of Engineering & Computer Science Enrollment Services Director Marcia Fischer. "Our hope is that these awards will help prepare more students to participate in the fastest growing and highest paying sector of the region's economy."

Contact Marcia Fischer at 503-725-4289 or fischerm@eas.pdx.edu.

NATURAL RESOURCES Truman D. Picard Scholarship

Deadline: **March 1, 2001**

The InterTribal Timber Council is pleased to invite all interested Native American and Alaskan students to apply for the above scholarship.

Fifteen scholarships are available in the following categories:

- 2001 graduating senior high students seeking an education in Natural Resources (five scholarships at \$1,200 each).
- Students currently attending an institution of higher education and studying natural resources (ten scholarships at \$1,800 each).

For more information or an application please contact:

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