



Arizona Indian Education Association
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Arizona Indian Education Association (AIEA) 2024-2025 Student Scholarship Application Form

The scholarship recognizes American Indian students who demonstrate exemplary academic achievement, community service, and leadership and consistently participate in cultural activities. The AIEA Student Scholarship aims to promote, encourage, and support students as they develop into scholars and prepare to engage in important careers as adults.

This year's scholarship theme is **strengthening self-determination**. AIEA defines self-determination as creating your path that supports and strengthens yourself, your family, your community, or your tribe.

Applicant Criteria:

- American Indian/Alaska Native students residing in **and** attending a school or community college/university in Arizona.
- Enrolled member of a federally-recognized tribal nation
- Demonstrates excellence, creativity, initiative, and leadership in school, community and cultural activities
- Exemplifies the characteristics of a positive role model in his/her/their school and community

9th - 12th Grade Students:

- Must have a 2.0 GPA or above

Community College/University Students:

- Must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student with a minimum of 12 credit hours for the current semester
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above

Graduate Students:

- Must be enrolled as a full-time graduate student with minimum credit hours, as defined by the graduate program, for the current semester. **(Provide documentation from graduate college/department)**
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above

Application Procedure:

1. Complete the application form.
2. Submit a copy of tribal enrollment card/CIB from a federally-recognized Indian Nation.
3. Please include two (2) current letters of recommendation (letters should be dated in 2024/2025) from a teacher/professor, counselor/advisor, mentor, church leader, or community leader. The recommendation should include cultural aspects and highlights of the students.
4. Submit a copy of your current school transcripts. Unofficial copies are acceptable.

5. Submit a typed double-spaced essay (at least two pages, 12-point font) on the theme of **“What responsibility do you hold in strengthening self-determination?”** Please do the following:
 - a. Create a questionnaire with four questions that you will use to interview a Native elder that your community considers to be an elder.
 - b. Interview the Native Elder using your questionnaire. This can be someone you know or someone you meet just for this assignment. Ask the elder if they can teach you a word or concept in their native language for **Self-Determination**.
 - c. Write your essay. Explain the importance of **Self-Determination** in learning, knowing, and appreciating the role of culture in your educational journey.
6. Submit a curriculum vitae or resume with the following information:
 - a. Education and Career Objective (one sentence)
 - b. Awards received
 - c. Student government or leadership positions
 - d. Extracurricular activities (i.e., clubs, sports, community organizations, etc.)
 - e. Job Experience
 - f. Volunteer Experience
7. **College/University students:** Submit a copy of enrollment verification from the college/university office.
8. **OPTIONAL ARTISTIC EXPRESSION PIECE:**
 - a. Create a piece of artistic expression, creative expression, or performative art. (extra 10 points)
 - b. All mediums are welcome, including paper, canvas, clay, and digital art, including pictures and videos up to three minutes long.
 - c. Submit a digital copy of your art piece via email with your application.
 - d. If an art piece is in question, please email aiea.est2003@gmail.com.
 - e. If you want to submit your art piece for the AIEA Educators Celebration’s silent auction, please email aiea.est2003@gmail.com.

Deadline:

- Applications must be completed and received by **February 1, 2025**, by mail or email.
- Awardees must attend at least one AIEA general meeting in the 2025-26 school year.
- All awardees will be invited to the **June 2025** AIEA Student Recognition Meeting to be recognized.
- The Scholarship Review Committee will notify the awardees by **February 24, 2025**.

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Helpful Tip:

- Visit the AIEA webpage: www.azindianed.org
- Click on the AIEA Scholarship to find helpful tips for completing this scholarship application and answers to common questions. Please contact Travis L. Lane for additional questions: (480) 628-3300.

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E-mail to:
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e-mail applications are preferred

For more information, contact:
Travis L. Lane
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Application Checklist: (Incomplete applications will not be considered)

- Complete Application Form = 5 points
- 2 Letters of Recommendation = 5 points (missing a letter of recommendation disqualifies you as an applicant)
- Essay (2 pages double-spaced, 12-point font only) = 20 points
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume = 5 points
- Copy of Proof of Tribal Enrollment from a federally-recognized tribal nation
- Copy of Recent School Transcripts (unofficial) = 5 points
- College/University Students:** Copy of Enrollment Verification from college/university office
- Optional Artistic Expression Piece** = extra 10 points

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

- Outstanding American Indian Graduate Student - \$1,000
- Outstanding American Indian College/University Student – \$600
- Outstanding American Indian High School Student – \$400

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Pronouns: _____
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): 9th 10th 11th 12th Undergraduate Graduate
Major/Study: _____ 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 the 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. I authorize the U.S. Department of Education and its agents to release information from my student application of financial assistance to AIEA if accessed or requested by AIEA. I also authorize AIEA to release my name and photo with any public announcement of Scholarships. By submitting the Student Application Form, I am permitting AIEA to verify information on this form.

Print Name Student's Signature Date

Parent/Guardian signature if the 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.