



Arizona Indian Education Association (AIEA) 2022-2023 Student Scholarship Application Form

The scholarship will recognize American Indian students 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.

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 school and community

7th – 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 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 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. Include two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher/professor, counselor/advisor, mentor, church leader or community leader. Recommendation is encouraged to include cultural aspects and highlights of students.
4. Submit a copy of your current school transcripts. Unofficial copies are acceptable.
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 typed double-spaced essay (2 pages, 12 point font) on the theme of "**Breaking Barriers to Emerge.**" 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 **Emergence**.

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- c. Write your essay. Explain the importance of **Emergence** 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 copy of enrollment verification from college/university office.
8. **OPTIONAL ARTISTIC EXPRESSION PIECE:**
 - a. Create a piece of artistic expression, creative expression, or performative art. (extra 5 points)
 - b. All mediums are welcomed including paper, canvas, clay, and digital art including pictures and videos up to 3 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 would like 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 the deadline August 5, 2022** by either mail or email.
- All recipients will be invited to the **November 18, 2022** AIEA Student Recognition Meeting to be recognized.
- The Scholarship Review Committee will notify the awardees no later than **August 12, 2022**.

Helpful Tip:

- Visit the AIEA webpage on the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. website at www.itcaonline.com/aiea.
- Click on the AIEA Scholarship to find helpful tips in completing this scholarship application and find answers to common questions.

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Application Checklist: (Incomplete applications will not be considered)

- Application Form
- 2 Letters of Recommendation = 5 points
- Essay (2 pages double-spaced, 12 point font only) = 5 points
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- 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 5 points

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

- Outstanding American Indian College/University Student – Academics \$700 (20 points possible)
- Outstanding American Indian College/University Student – AIEA Exemplary \$700 (25 points possible)
- Outstanding American Indian College/University Student – Make a Difference \$700 (25 points possible)

- Outstanding American Indian High School Student – Academics \$400 (20 points possible)
- Outstanding American Indian High School Student – AIEA Exemplary \$400 (25 points possible)
- Outstanding American Indian High School Student – Make a Difference \$400 (25 points possible)

- 7th Generation American Indian Junior High/Middle School Student – Academics \$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: _____ 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): 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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