PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIVE AMERICANS®

American Indian Education Fund
2022-2023 Application for <u>GRADUATE</u> Students

APPLICATION MUST BE <u>COMPLETE AND POSTMARKED</u> BY APRIL 4th* TO BE CONSIDERED.
<u>*Completed</u> applications received by March 1st will earn you one additional point on your score!

APPLICANT CRITERIA

- Native American, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian (student or one parent must be enrolled and provide documentation.)
- Attending or have been accepted to an accredited graduate school (online colleges are not applicable, ABD not applicable)
- Must be enrolled between 6-18 credits (level of scholarship funding dependent on # of credits enrolled)
- GPA between 2.5 - 3.5 is desirable, however, all current graduate students are encouraged to apply.

<u>TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION</u>: Please securely fasten with a paperclip.

☐ Most recent transcripts – include GRE/LSAT/SAT scores as applicable. Include MA/MS grades for PhD applicants. (Does not need to be official – unofficial copies will suffice)
☐ Informative summary
☐ Copy of tribal enrollment (If submitting your parent's documentation, please specify.)
☐ Photo
☐ Grow With Google Indigenous Career Readiness Program
      o Follow the link above, watch the video, and follow along for 3 extra points!

APPLICATIONS MUST:

-BE COMPLETE AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 4TH
-BE SIGNED (Page 2)
-BE MAILED AS ONE PACKET IN A LARGE ENVELOPE (DO NOT FOLD APPLICATION)
-HAVE THE CORRECT POSTAGE IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE
-NOT BE FAXED
-NOT INCLUDE LETTERS OF REFERENCE, RESUME OR CV

MAIL APPLICATION PACKET TO:

2401 Eglin Street, Rapid City, SD 57703

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Phone: 1-866-866-8642 Website: www.aiefprogram.org

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INFORMATIVE SUMMARY

Please write an informative summary (two page minimum) that may be used for publication. (12 pt. font – double spaced) Guidelines are suggested below:

- ❖ Introduce you, your family, tribal affiliation and community.
- ❖ Focus on **why** you should receive the scholarship (i.e., address how you meet the scholarship criteria). Focus on a few of your **most significant** accomplishments and contributions.
- ❖ What will be the importance and impact of your selected studies/thesis/dissertation research?
- ❖ Briefly mention your financial need. List other sources of funding or fellowships. List if you are currently working as a graduate assistant for pay.
- ❖ Other pertinent information you would like to share.

PHOTO

Submit a 4 x 6 color photo of yourself with your signature on the back---Original print photos are preferred, DO NOT submit a paper copy. Please note that any photographs submitted with the application will remain with the AIEF staff and *will not* be provided to the scholarship committee as part of the application packet.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- ❖ DO NOT include any Letters of Reference.
- ❖ DO NOT include resume or CV.
- ❖ A letter of admission to your graduate school may be required if you are awarded the scholarship.
- ❖ **Awarded students only** will be notified mid-July.

Read and sign below

I certify that the information contained within this application is true to the best of my knowledge and is my own work. I understand that misrepresentation or fraudulent information may be grounds for loss of scholarship funds and repayment. By accepting a scholarship from Partnership With Native Americans (American Indian Education Fund), I authorize them to use my photograph and any information that I have provided in advertising, fundraising, or publicity in any and all media. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, the <u>Address Information Form</u> that I receive with my award letter MUST be received by Partnership With Native Americans (AIEF) no later than August 1st or my scholarship will be forfeited. Additionally, if I am awarded a scholarship from AIEF, I understand that I MUST provide a copy of my semester grades to AIEF at the end of each semester.

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Signature   **Date**

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<u>STUDENT INFORMATION</u>

Name: _____ Gender Identity: _____ DOB: _____ Date: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____
(Street Address)   (City)   (State)   (Zip Code)

Tel: _____ E-Mail: _____ Tribal Affiliation:_____

Address where you reside during school:_____
(Street Address)   (City)   (State)   (Zip Code)

Tel: _____Fax: _____E-Mail: _____

*****Please <u>CHECK</u> preferred mailing address we will mail pertinent documents to the address you mark***:**

Home Address_____   *or*   School Address_____

I am pursuing the following degree: CHECK ONE [_____] Masters   [_____] Doctoral

I am attending graduate school: CHECK ONE [_____] Part time   [_____] Full time

Graduate College Attending or Graduate College Accepted To: _____

Major: _____

Describe your graduate degree/major: _____

Number of Graduate Credits Completed: _____ Most Recent G.P.A.: _____

Did you complete a graduate admissions test (Please circle: GRE   GMAT   LSAT   MCAT)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What was your Composite Score: _____ (please attach transcripts/test scores per pg. 4 instructions)

Anticipated Graduation Date/Professional Degree Completion Date:_____

Currently Employed in your Major Field of Study: Yes ☐ No ☐

Employer: _____

Are currently working as a graduate/research/teaching assistant for pay: Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you a previous AIEF Scholarship recipient? Yes ☐ No ☐   If yes, what year(s): _____

Grow With Google Indigenous Career Readiness Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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List all colleges and high schools with dates attended, beginning with most recent:

School Attended	Date

PROFESSIONAL, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, TRIBAL ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICE
Please list all professional, community, school, tribal and/or research activities that demonstrate leadership and participation in community life. ***(This section must be filled out; separate attachments WILL NOT be accepted)***

PROFESSIONAL: List the most recent professional-related <u>student</u> activities. Include professional activities/experiences (i.e., conferences, workshops, committees, etc.), leadership positions & participation dates.	Dates of Participation
RESEARCH and/or SCHOLARSHIPS: List your research, scholarships, awards, honors and dates.	
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: List pertinent organizations that you are a member of that is related to your major and list the date that you joined.	
TRIBAL and/or COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: List the most recent tribal and community activities and participation dates.	

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