



## Arizona Indian Education Association (AIEA) 2020-2021 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

### **7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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 “*Envisioning Resiliency for Your Generation.*” 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 Resiliency.

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- c. Write your essay. Explain the importance of Resiliency 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.

**Deadline:**

- Applications must be completed and **received by the deadline August 7, 2020** by either mail or email.
- All recipients will be invited to the **November 20, 2020** AIEA Student Recognition Meeting to be recognized.
- The Scholarship Review Committee will notify the awardees no later than **August 14, 2020**.

**Helpful Tip:**

- Visit the AIEA webpage on the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. website at [www.itcaonline.com/aiea](http://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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**\*e-mail applications are preferred\***

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## **AIEA Student Scholarship Form for Academic Year 2020-2021**

### **Application Checklist: (Incomplete applications will not be considered)**

- ☐ Application Form
- ☐ 2 Letters of Recommendation
- ☐ Essay (2 pages double-spaced, 12 point font only)
- ☐ Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- ☐ Copy of Proof of Tribal Enrollment from a federally-recognized tribal nation
- ☐ Copy of Recent School Transcripts (unofficial)
- ☐ **College/University Students:** Copy of Enrollment Verification from college/university office

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

- ☐ Outstanding American Indian College/University Student – Academics \$600
- ☐ Outstanding American Indian College/University Student – AIEA Exemplary \$600
- ☐ Outstanding American Indian College/University Student – Make a Difference \$600
  
- ☐ Outstanding American Indian High School Student – Academics \$400
- ☐ Outstanding American Indian High School Student – AIEA Exemplary \$400
- ☐ Outstanding American Indian High School Student – Make a Difference \$400
  
- ☐ Outstanding American Indian Junior High/Middle School Student – Academics \$150
- ☐ Outstanding American Indian Junior High/Middle School Student – AIEA Exemplary \$150
- ☐ Outstanding American Indian Junior High/Middle School Student – Make a Difference \$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: \_\_\_\_\_ Male ☐ Female ☐

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level (circle one):      6<sup>th</sup>      7<sup>th</sup>      8<sup>th</sup>      9<sup>th</sup>      10<sup>th</sup>      11<sup>th</sup>      12<sup>th</sup>

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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