

2024 ITCA Climate Resilience Essay Contest

The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) Tribal Climate Resilience Program is pleased to announce an essay contest for students attending a university or college located in Arizona and are enrolled members of a federally recognized Tribe. The Tribal Climate Resilience program, funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), serves to build upon existing environmental work addressing extreme events and harmful environmental impacts in the areas of drought, water availability, soil health, air quality, wildfires, and outbreak of pests. The impacts of climate change affect the ecosystem, public health, the economy, livelihoods, biodiversity, cultural and sacred practices, and more. Preparedness and adaptation to these extreme and continuous environmental impacts are critical for the health and well-being of current and future generations.

Essay Prompt:

- Write an essay answering the following questions (600-800 words total):
 - Discuss how climate change has impacted your local community and/or tribe. Please discuss impacts relating to at least two (2) of the following areas: drought, water availability, soil health, air quality, wildfires and/or outbreak of pests.
 - What inspires you to participate in climate change preparedness/adaptation, and/or earth-friendly activities? What are some ways you can engage in being a steward of the environment?
 - How will you encourage your community to participate in addressing or limiting harmful environmental impacts? Are there ways you have witnessed your community already engaging in such initiatives?

Applicant Criteria:

- Enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe in the United States.
- Must be enrolled part-time or full-time in a college or university located in Arizona.
- Demonstrates excellence, creativity, and initiative in their essay submission.
- Exemplifies interest in environmental initiatives. Please note: Your major or focus of study does NOT need to be in an environmental-related area.

Award:

\$2,500 award per selected applicant, anticipation of multiple awardees

Application & Submission Procedure:

1. Complete the application form.
2. Submit a brief bio (no more than 5 sentences) in the third person.
3. Submit a copy of your Tribal enrollment card/CIB
4. Submit proof of university or college enrollment (Copy of student ID card).
5. Submit a typed double-spaced essay in Microsoft Word or PDF format answering the questions in the Essay Prompt section above (essay must be between 600-800 words).

Deadline:

- Applications must be completed and sent via email to kelly.jendrisak@itcaonline.com by the deadline of **Friday, August 2, 2024 at 5:00 MST**.
- Awardees will be notified no later than Friday, August 9, 2024.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

First name: _____ **Last name:** _____

Preferred pronouns: _____ **Tribal affiliation:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip code:** _____

Phone number: _____ **Email:** _____

AUTHORIZATION & SIGNATURES

I hereby certify that the information provided in this 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 ITCA to (a) use my Essay at ITCA's sole discretion; and (b) release my name and bio with any public announcement or social media account. I understand that I am not being financially compensated for my essay and that this is a voluntary contest. By submitting the Application Form, I am giving ITCA permission to verify information on this form as permitted by law.

Print Name

Signature

Date

All submitted materials become the property of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., Essay Contest Committee and materials will not be returned.

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

1. Completed application form
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