



American Indian Graduate Center
Scholarships

ABOUT US

Our Mission: We provide financial support for American Indians and Alaska Natives seeking higher education and support them in attaining undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees. We partner with Tribes, the federal government, foundations, corporations, and individuals to ensure the growth and sustainability of scholarships.

The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) was founded in 1969. In 2001, AIGC Scholars was incorporated to administer the American Indian and Alaska Native component of the Gates Millennium Scholars program (GMS). AIGC and AIGC Scholars are the largest scholarship providers to American Indian and Alaskan Native students in the U.S. We award \$15 million annually to deserving undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students, and have awarded over \$200 million since inception. We are proud to empower tribal students from 274 tribes in 43 states, with over 20 educational funding opportunities and support services.

AIGC administers graduate fellowships funded by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Higher Education and Loan for Service programs. Over the years, generous donors have established additional scholarships, which are administered by AIGC. Additionally, AIGC has developed a variety of support programs, which include leadership and career development. Eighty-six percent of every dollar is awarded directly to students through our scholarship and fellowship programs; an additional 10% goes to student services and support. AIGC is proud of its history of strong and consistent performance of maintaining low administrative costs and A+ grades from charity ratings bureaus.



SCHOLARSHIPS

UNDERGRADUATE

Includes associate and bachelor degrees, as well as some certificate and licensure programs. High school diploma or GED is generally required.

Accenture American Indian Scholarship Fund:

Created by the Accenture Corporation, this fund provides scholarships to freshmen undergraduate students in Engineering, Computer Science, Operations Management, Finance, Marketing, and Business.

All Native American High School Academic Team:

High school seniors.

Wells Fargo American Indian Scholarship:

College junior or senior seeking a degree in banking, resort management, gaming operations, management, and administration (including accounting, finance, information technology, and human resources).

Wells Fargo Scholarship: Full-time and degree-seeking college freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors in any field of study.

Wilson-Hooper Veterinary Medicine Assistance

Program: Seeking applicants in veterinary technology (Associate of Applied Science degree).

GRADUATE

Includes master, doctoral, and professional degrees. A bachelor's degree is required.

AIGC Fellowships: Fellowships are available, for any field of study, at any nationally accredited institution of higher education. The financial aid amount is, typically, between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per academic year, and varies from year to year, depending on the availability of funds.

BIE Loan for Service Program: Provides financial assistance, in the form of loans, to eligible American Indian and Alaska Natives, seeking graduate and professional degrees, who plan to pursue careers in the federal government or with tribes. Loans are repaid at the rate of one year of service for one year of funding.

Dr. Beryl Blue Spruce Memorial Scholarship:

Established to honor the late Dr. Beryl Blue Spruce, awarded in support of pueblo students enrolled in an accredited medical school.

Dr. George Blue Spruce Fellowship: Dr. Blue Spruce created this fellowship to increase the number of American Indian dentists in the United States.

Elizabeth Furber Fellowship: The Elizabeth Furber fund provides graduate fellowships for women studying the creative fine arts, visual arts, crafts, music, performing, dance, literary arts, creative writing, and poetry.

Gerald Peet Fellowship: Fellowships in medical or health-related fields. Two-year work/service pledge required.

Grace Wall Barreda Memorial Fellowship: The Barreda family established this fund, in honor of Grace Wall Barreda, to offer graduate fellowships to students seeking advanced degrees in environmental studies or public health.

Jeanette Elmer Graduate Scholarship: Ms. Jeanette Elmer established this fund to provide graduate fellowships to students residing in Wisconsin, New Mexico, and Arizona, with preference given to Library Science.

John Rainer Fellowship: Created to honor AIGC founder, John Rainer, by recognizing leaders in the American Indian community.

Katrin Lamon Fund: For graduate students in literature, journalism, communications, or related fields.

Lynne Ruth Lafin Elmore Sucher Scholarship: Must be from a New Mexico tribe seeking a degree in math, medicine, or life sciences.

Ruth Muskrat Bronson Fellowship: Fellowships in nursing or health-related fields.

Science Post Graduate Scholarship Fund: Minimum 3.0 GPA and pursuing a master's, doctorate, or professional degree in STEM and medical fields.

Wells Fargo American Indian Scholarship Fund: Wells Fargo Bank created an endowment to provide graduate and undergraduate scholarships to students in the banking and financial services industry, tribal enterprise, and hospitality fields.

Wilson-Hooper Veterinary Medicine Assistance Program: Pursuing a doctorate degree in Veterinary Medicine (DVM).

WAYS TO GIVE

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