American Indian Graduate Center

The Center for Native Scholarships

Scholarship Opportunities

AIGC Scholar, Emma Allen
Cherokee Nation
The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) and AIGC Scholars are the largest scholarship providers to Native students in the United States. We award $15 million in scholarships annually and more than $200 million since our inception. AIGC provides funding to students for any field of study at any accredited institution of choice, at more than 1700 schools, and have over 20 scholarship programs available. AIGC actively partners with Tribes, corporations, foundations, government agencies, nonprofits, and academic institutions to provide resources for students. Throughout our 50-year history we have empowered over 16,000 students from over 500 tribes in all 50 states by providing scholarship dollars and support services for undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees. We have a responsibility to every Native student seeking funding for education and we are committed to fulfilling our mission and vision of fulfilling the unmet need of every Native American Student.

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.

OUR VISION
Building on a 50-year legacy, AIGC will continue to be the premier national resource in funding and empowering the next generation of Native leaders across all sectors, by meeting the unmet need of every Native American student.

CORE VALUES
• Excellence
• Empowerment
• Respect
• Impact
• It’s Personal

TRIBAL ELIGIBILITY STATEMENTS:
AIGC has several opportunities that fund students who are enrolled members of a federally or state recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group in the U.S. AIGC also provides funds to students who can provide documentation that they are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood, or more, of a state or federally recognized tribes.

AMERICAN INDIAN GRADUATE CENTER OPPORTUNITIES
For over 50 years AIGC has been creating and fostering partnerships with government agencies, corporate, tribal, and private donors. Through the support of our partners AIGC proudly offers over twenty funding opportunities to American Indian and Alaskan Native students. We offer opportunities to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students ranging from $250.00 up to $30,000.00 per year. All of our opportunities can be found at AIGCS.org

Need Based Opportunities
Scholarships that are awarded based off your financial need. AIGC/AIGCS determines this from your Financial Need Form (FNF) that your college or university fills out and sends back on your behalf.

Merit Based Opportunities
Scholarships that are awarded based on your talents, leadership, community service, honors, awards, and not directly tied to you financial need. AIGC/AIGCS still requires an FNF form to be submitted.

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?
VISIT OUR STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER
WWW.AIGCS.ORG/STUDENTS
HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

All Native American High School Academic Team
The AIGC All Native American High School Academic Team (ANAHSAT) honors ten American Indian and Alaska Native high school students. The key element will be a student’s outstanding original academic, artistic or leadership endeavor. The judges will be influenced by the student’s ability to describe that outstanding endeavor in his or her own words. Teachers or community members nominate applicants.

Amount: $250.00
Need or Merit: Merit-Based
GPA: No GPA Requirement
Degree Requirements: Full-time high school student
Tribal Enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally or state recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood.

UNDERGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

Accenture American Indian Scholarship
The Accenture American Indian Scholarship is funded through our partnership with Accenture LLC to find the brightest American Indian and Alaska Native incoming freshmen who will become the future leaders in Indian Country.

Amount: Varies-Renewable 4 Year Award
Need or Merit: Merit-Based
GPA: 3.25 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
Degree Requirements: Engineering, computer science, operation management, management, finance, marketing, or other business-related fields
Tribal Enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federal recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood.
Other Requirements: Eligible for incoming first year students only.

Wells Fargo Scholarship for Undergraduates
The Wells Fargo Scholarship for Undergraduates is a funded grant provided through the Education Programs Area of the Wells Fargo Foundation. AIGC and Wells Fargo have a well-established partnership that provides not only educational assistance to any level of undergraduate Native students, but also provides several financial literacy and college readiness programs.

Amount: Up to $5,000.00 per year
Need or Merit: Need-Based
GPA: 2.7 of higher (on a 4.0 scale)
Degree Requirements: Any field
Tribal Enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally or state recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood.
Other Requirements: Strong applicants should be able to show Leadership Skills, Cultural Involvement, and/or Community Service.

UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

CNIGA Scholarship
Through the partnership with the California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA), AIGC provides scholarships that are directed at supporting and enhancing the efforts of tribal gaming and business.

Amount: $1,700.00 per year
Need or Merit: Need-Based
GPA: No GPA Requirement
Degree Requirements: Gaming, Hospitality Management, Management, Public Policy, or Public Administration.
Tribal Enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federal recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood.
Other Requirements: Applicant must be from the state of California

Golda Cook Memorial Scholarship
In partnership with the United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY), we are honored to administer the Golda Cook Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is in memory of the Golda Cook, the mother of UNITY, Inc. Founder, JR Cook, and the work and assistance she gave in the early years of UNITY. This scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate strong leadership and community impact.

Amount: $1,000.00 per year
Need or Merit: Merit-Based
GPA: No GPA Requirement
Degree Requirements: All Degrees
Tribal Enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federal recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood
Other Requirements: Students must be a member of UNITY.
Holly Scholarship

The Holly Scholarship was created through a partnership with an individual donor. This scholarship is offered to help those students from a reservation tribe that shows financial need.

Amount: $12,750.00 per year
Need or Merit: Need-Based
GPA: No GPA Requirement
Degree Requirements: Preference to Education, Health, and Science Degrees
Tribal Enrollment: Applicants should be a member of Reservation Tribe
Other Requirements: Strong consideration given to undergraduate applicants

REDW Scholarship

The REDW Scholarship is for both undergraduate and graduate students that are pursuing a career in accounting and finance. The purpose of the program is to help business-oriented Native students with their education journey.

Amount: $2,500.00
Need or Merit: Merit-Based
GPA: 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
Degree Requirements: Undergrad: Accounting, Finance, or related fields
Graduates: MBA, Masters in Tax, or a Masters in Accountancy
Tribal Enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally or state recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood
Other Requirements: Preference to those attending school in Arizona or New Mexico.

Science Post-Graduate Scholarship Fund

AIGC administers a Bureau of Indian Education contract to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships to eligible American Indian and Alaska Natives seeking undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Amount: Undergrad - Up to $20,000.00 per year
Graduate - Up to $30,000.00 per year
Need or Merit: Amounts are determined based on available funds.
GPA: Merit-Based
Degree Requirements: Degrees that focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Tribal Enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood

Wells Fargo American Indian Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by Wells Fargo and administered by American Indian Graduate Center.

Amount: Undergraduate - Up to $2,500.00 per year
Graduate - Up to $5,000.00 per year
Need or Merit: Amounts are determined based on available funds.
GPA: 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 GPA scale)
Degree Requirements: Degree relating to banking, resort management, gaming operations, management and administration, accounting, finance, information technology and human resources
Tribal Enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood

Wilson-Hooper VMAP Program

The Wilson-Hooper Veterinary Medicine Assistance Program provides scholarships to students pursuing veterinary medicine and veterinary technician degrees. If you love animals and possess the desire and ability to pursue a degree at an accredited college or university, you may be qualified for funding from the Wilson-Hooper Program.

Amount: AAS - Up to $3,000.00 per year
DVM - Up to $6,000.00 per year
Need or Merit: Amounts are determined based on available funds.
GPA: Need-Based
Degree Requirements: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Tribal Enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federal recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood

AIGC Scholar, Victoria White
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
AIGC NAMED GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Grace Wall Barreda Memorial Fellowship
This opportunity was provided to honor the life and legacy of Grace Wall Barreda.

- Amount: Up to $5,000.00
- Need or Merit: Need-Based
- GPA: No GPA Requirement
- Degree Requirements: Public Health and Environmental Science
- Tribal Enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally or tribally recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood

Dr. Beryl Blue Spruce Fellowship
This opportunity was provided to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Beryl Blue Spruce.

- Amount: Up to $5,000.00
- Need or Merit: Need-Based
- GPA: No GPA Requirement
- Degree Requirements: Any Medical Field: Priority Given to those in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Tribal enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally or tribally recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood
- Other Requirements: Priority is given to any applicant who is an enrolled member of a Pueblo.

Ruth Muskrat Bronson Scholarship
This opportunity was provided to honor the legacy of Right Muskrat Bronson.

- Amount: Up to $5,000.00
- Need or Merit: Need-Based
- GPA: No GPA Requirement
- Degree Requirements: Health Related Fields
- Tribal enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood
- Other Requirements: Only for members of federally recognized tribes located in Oklahoma

Jeanette Elmer Scholarship
This opportunity was provided to honor the life and legacy of Jeanette Elmer.

- Amount: Up to $9,000.00
- Need or Merit: Need-Based
- GPA: No GPA Requirement
- Degree Requirements: Priority: Library Sciences
- Tribal enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally or tribally recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood
- Other Requirements: Priority is given to any applicant who is from the states of Wisconsin, Arizona, and New Mexico.
Elizabeth Furber Fellowship
This opportunity was provided to honor the life and legacy of Elizabeth Furber.

Amount: Up to $5,000.00
Amounts are determined based on available funds
Need or Merit: Need-Based
GPA: No GPA Requirement
Degree Requirements: Fine Arts: Visual Works, Crafts, Music, Performing Arts, and Dance
Literary Arts: Creative Writing and Poetry.
Tribal enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally or tribally recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood
Other Requirements: Only eligible for women.

Katrin Lamon Fellowship
This opportunity was provided to honor the life and legacy of Katrin Lamon.

Amount: Up to $5,000.00
Amounts are determined based on available funds
Need or Merit: Need-Based
GPA: No GPA Requirement
Degree Requirements: Literature, Communication, Journalism, or other related fields
Tribal enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally or tribally recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood

Gerald D. Peet Scholarship
This opportunity was provided to honor the life and legacy of Gerald D. Peet.

Amount: Up to $5,000.00
Amounts are determined based on available funds
Need or Merit: Need-Based
GPA: No GPA Requirement
Degree Requirements: Medicine
Tribal enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally or tribally recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood

Katharine Scallan Scholarship
This opportunity was provided to honor the life and legacy of Katharine Scallan.

Amount: Up to $10,000.00
Amounts are determined based on available funds
Need or Merit: Need-Based
GPA: No GPA Requirement
Degree Requirements: Any Field
Tribal enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally or tribally recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood

Lynn Ruth Lafin Elmore Sucher Scholarship
This opportunity was provided to honor the life and legacy of Lynn Ruth Lafin Elmore Sucher.

Amount: Up to $5,000.00
Amounts are determined based on available funds
Need or Merit: Need-Based
GPA: No GPA Requirement
Degree Requirements: Mathematics, Medicine, or Life Sciences
Tribal enrollment: Applicants should be enrolled members of a federally or tribally recognized tribe or are a combination of one-fourth degree Indian blood
Other Requirements: Must be from the state of New Mexico