The Ernest Whitelaw-Don Kinney
SCHOLARSHIP
Awarded by the American Indian Center of Arkansas

The American Indian Center of Arkansas Scholarship Award Program is intended to encourage Native American youth in Arkansas to consider a college education as a means of realizing their full potential and providing them with a broader range of choices when careers and employment are chosen. The program will also provide assistance with tuition, books or other college related expenses that might otherwise cause the student to not pursue additional education beyond high school.

In order to be eligible for this scholarship program, applicants must be of documentable Native American descent from a federally recognized tribe. The documentation required is a CDIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood) card or tribal enrollment documentation from a federal recognized tribe. A copy must be furnished with the application.

Questions pertaining to the scholarship program can be directed to the American Indian Center of Arkansas at 800-441-4513.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for the scholarship to be awarded in 2018 may be obtained from either the office of the American Indian Center of Arkansas or on the website: www.arindianctr.org.

The deadline for the submission of scholarship applications is: **APRIL 12, 2019**

Applications should be completed and mailed to:

American Indian Center of Arkansas
Scholarship Review Committee
1100 N. University Avenue, Suite 143
Little Rock, AR 72207-6344

SELECTION PROCESS

Finalists will be selected from those applications which are received within the deadline and are approved for review. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE ALL APPROPRIATE SIGNATURES AND DATES! Incomplete forms will be returned to the student for additional information; however, the corrected application must still be received by the original deadline in order to be considered.

Finalists may be featured in the news media with a representative of the American Indian Center and will receive a one-time Scholarship Award of $500.00 to be presented at the student's graduation ceremony. The award will be paid directly to the educational institution of the student's choice upon acceptance to that institution. The educational institution may be either a two or four year Arkansas college. Students planning to attend a vocational-technical school are not eligible.

All applicants will be notified by mail as to the Review Committee's decision regarding their application.

CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis and the Review Committee will base selections on the following criteria:

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:

Includes factors such as grade point average, honors or awards that indicate responsible, thoughtful commitment to studies.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Includes all service to or involvement with the local, state or national community that is not a part of school activities.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Includes evidence of involvement in a variety of interests and commitments to the school community. Includes elected or appointed positions held in school, community and work-related areas.

FINANCIAL NEED:

Includes the number of family members, family income, background and economic status of the family and the cost of attending the institution.

REFERENCES:

Two letters of reference are required to accompany the scholarship application. These letters may come from a teacher, clergyman, and friend of the family or anyone else who has personal knowledge of the student's achievements and/or need.

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Student Scholarship Application Form

Student's Name_____ School_____

Birthdate _____ Tribe_____ ☐Male ☐ Female

Home Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Arkansas University/College Choice_____

Social Security Number_____ GPA_____ ACT_____

INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE SUMMARIZE BRIEFLY BELOW. An incomplete application will not be considered by the committee. Use N/A (not applicable) when necessary. If more space is needed, please attach additional sheets. Documentation of these items may be requested during the review process. Only Native Americans of documentable descent from federally recognized tribe are eligible for this scholarship program. The documentation required is either a CDIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood) card or tribal enrollment documentation. A copy of the documentation must be attached.

1. Academic Achievements:

2. Community Service:

3. School Activities:

4. Leadership Ability & Achievements:

5. Financial Need:
(Please specify unusual circumstances that may affect your financial need. What other scholarships do you expect to receive?)

Parent's annual income_____ **Number in household**_____

1._____

2._____

3._____

4._____

5._____

6. Please enclose the following:

- *Student's most recent transcript*
- *Two letters of reference*
- *Native American documentation (CDIB card or tribal enrollment documentation)*

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Applicant Signature	**Date**	**Phone Number**
_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Signature	**Date**	**Phone Number**

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