



American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin Scholarship Program Application Guidelines and Information

AICCW prides itself on taking a spherical approach to wealth building in our community. We believe that this circle would be incomplete if we neglected to invest in our generations to come. Ensuring that our young people are able to attain an education means we will perpetuate a continuous flow of people who are equipped and committed to being of service to their Nations. This is why we have made a commitment to offering academic scholarships to American Indian students seeking higher education. Over the last 26 years we have disbursed over \$360,000 and helped 179 students realize their academic dreams.

AICCW scholarships are distributed to American Indian students who reside in Wisconsin, both on and off reservation. These students must demonstrate a high aptitude for academic achievement and a financial need. Students that are awarded the AICCW scholarship receive \$1,000 to \$2500 each academic year (1/2 payment per semester) to offset student expenses including tuition, books, and living expenses. Each year, over 30 students apply for the AICCW Scholarship.

Funding for the AICCW Scholarship Program comes from AICCW Chamber Members, local foundations and businesses, and AICCW events such as the Annual Golf Outing, which is the major source of funds.

AICCW also works with the UW-Oshkosh School of Business to award the Dersken & Sons/UW-Oshkosh Scholarship in the amount of \$2000 to a deserving UW-Oshkosh student majoring in business.

Deadline

2019-2020 applications must be postmarked by June 29, 2019.

Eligibility

- ✓ American Indian Student with proof of tribal enrollment or proof of enrollment of a parent.
- ✓ Have graduated from an accredited high school or have passed a recognized equivalency examination
- ✓ Wisconsin resident with proof of residency
- ✓ Must be enrolled full-time at the undergraduate level with 12 credits or more or at the graduate level with 9 credits or more.
- ✓ Must be accepted/or in good standing (3.0 GPA or above) with a four-year college, or accepted/or in good standing with graduate or PhD program

Notification

Scholarship applications will be reviewed in late July and recipients will be notified by phone or email and through a congratulatory letter sent by AICCW via US Mail.

Application Procedure

- ✓ Only complete applications will be considered.
- ✓ Late submissions are not considered.
- ✓ Scholarship applications are accepted by US Mail only.
- ✓ Applications become the property of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin and will not be returned.

Responsibility of Scholarship Recipient

- ✓ Must meet application deadline with complete application.
- ✓ Student must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- ✓ Students must carry sufficient credits to maintain full-time status.
- ✓ Students must forward a copy of their grades to AICCW at the end of the semester prior to the next scholarship disbursement.
- ✓ Students must also forward a copy of their class enrollment for the semester in which they are receiving funds.
- ✓ AICCW scholarships must be used for educational purposes.
- ✓ Scholarships will not be renewed. Recipients must complete a new application each academic year to be considered for funding.

Application checklist

- ✓ Completed AICCW Scholarship Application.
- ✓ Complete Personal Statement (limited to 2 pages, 12 font, double spaced) including the following:
 - Describe your personal background.
 - Describe your academic background.
 - Describe any hardships or obstacles you have overcome.
 - Describe your educational and career goals.
 - How will this scholarship help you to achieve your goals?
 - Add anything else that you'd like the scholarship committee to know.
- ✓ Proof of enrollment: Certificate of Indian blood/Tribal identification card OR a certified letter of enrollment from Tribe of BIA that shows proof of tribal enrollment of at least one parent, making the applicant a descendent of a federally recognized tribe.
- ✓ Two sealed letters of recommendation from a teacher, employer or other professional who is familiar with your academic potential. Letters from relatives or from previous years will not be accepted.
- ✓ Most recent transcript:
 - Students currently in college submit most recent college transcript.
 - Entering freshman submit a final high school transcript.
 - Non-traditional students submit most recent transcripts.
- ✓ Proof of enrollment at an institution of higher education:
 - Letter of acceptance for entering students.
 - Current enrollment at institution of higher education.
- ✓ Proof of Wisconsin residency (please submit one):
 - Employee photo identification card issued by your current employer, containing your employer's name and address. Your employer's telephone number may be required for verification.
 - Pay check or stub with your name and Wisconsin address, and your employer's name and address. Your employer's telephone number may be required for verification.
 - A utility bill for water, gas, electricity or land-line telephone service at least 30 days old.
 - An account statement at least 30 days old from a Wisconsin financial institution. The account statement must show activity.
 - Certified school record or transcript.
- ✓ Headshot of applicant.

Questions?

Please contact Beverly Anderson at AICCW for questions regarding the Scholarship Program at 414-604-2044 or beverly@aiccw-facc.org.

Send completed application to:

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of WI
Attn: Scholarship Program
10710 W Scharles Ave
Hales Corners, WI 53130