



The American Indian Association of Florida, Inc. Artie McRae Scholarship Fund Application

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of the American Indian Association of Florida, Inc. Scholarship Program is to assist students of American Indian descent in beginning or continuing their college education.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must have proof of Native American heritage. Acceptable forms of proof are:
 - a. Tribal enrollment number, or
 - b. Proof of genealogy going back no more than six generations with government documentation verifying the ancestor's Native American heritage. Acceptable documents include listing on one of the government tribal rolls, census record, birth certificate, etc., or
 - c. DNA report showing Native American heritage.
2. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
3. Applicant may be a first time or returning college student.
4. Applicant must be seeking a Technical Certificate, A.S., A.A., B.S., or B.A. degree from a **regionally accredited** college or university in the state of Florida.
5. Applicant must be a Florida resident for at least one year prior to applying for the scholarship. **Military personnel** and college-bound dependents or spouses of military personnel who are currently living in Florida on relocation due to military service, but may not have met the one-year requirement, are eligible.
6. Applicant must have served in the Native American community and/or the local community. (See "Required Documents" for more information).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

1. Completed scholarship application.
2. Documented proof of Native American heritage and/or tribal membership (See the above stated acceptable forms of proof).
3. Proof of Florida residency (Photo copy of Florida Driver's license or Florida ID).
4. Official transcript:
 - a. First time college students must provide high school transcript.
 - b. Returning college students must provide current academic transcript from most recently attended college or university.
5. Three recommendation letters (See page 3).

6. Goals Essay (See page 3). Applicant must provide 5 copies for the Scholarship Award Review Committee.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Completed application packets for the Fall 2012 semester are due by **August 1, 2012**. Late applications will not be considered.

AWARDS:

Scholarship awards are one-time, non-renewable. If the applicant wishes to receive further funding for other semesters, a new application must be submitted for each new semester in order to be considered.

Scholarship award amounts for the Fall 2012 semester will be \$500.00.

Once the scholarship has been awarded, the scholarship funds will be transferred to the Financial Aid/Bursar's office of the college or university specified on the scholarship award winner's application.

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

The American Indian Association of Florida, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Award Review Committee
P.O. Box 260
Winter Park, FL 32790

NOTE ABOUT RECEIVED APPLICATIONS:

Application packets for applicants will be kept on file for at least 2 years. All applicants will receive a letter from the Scholarship Award Review Committee informing the applicant if he or she has or has not been awarded the scholarship for the semester applied.

QUESTIONS?

Email: scholarships@aiaofflorida.org

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:

In order to be considered for the American Indian Association of Florida, Inc. Scholarship, applicants must write an essay discussing education and career goals. Essays that are detailed

and vividly demonstrate how the applicant intends to achieve his or her goals are highly encouraged. Five copies must be provided for the Scholarship Award Review Committee.

The essay must fulfill each of the following guidelines:

1. In the upper left-hand corner, provide your full name, mailing address, email address, and phone number.
 - a. Example:

Amy Jones
1234 Jackson Street
Orlando, FL 32811
ajones@yahoo.com
407-555-5555
2. Provide a unique and attention-grabbing title for your essay.
3. Essay must be typed and be at least 500 words in length.
4. Essay must address each of the following questions:
 - a. What are your education and career goals?
 - b. What steps have you taken so far to reach your educational goals?
 - c. In your service to the local community, what role did you play and what organization(s) did you work with?
 - d. What steps are you currently taking to ensure your educational success?
 - e. How do you plan to reach your ultimate career goal?

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Three letters of recommendation must be included with the application and all other required documents.

Two Letters of Recommendation must be from people the applicant has had a professional relationship with (i.e. employers, church officials, teachers, professors, academic advisors, leaders of social and/or non-profit organizations, such as the American Red Cross, Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts of America, etc.), and state why the writer of the letter is recommending the applicant for the above named scholarship.

One Letter of Recommendation must be from a leader or elder in the Native American community. The letter must provide a character reference and a description of the applicant's service in the Native American community. Examples of service in the Native American community include, but are not limited to: volunteer work for a tribe or Native American non-profit group, head staff or youth ambassador duties at powwows or other Native American events.

Letters of Recommendation may not be from family members or friends.



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Please type or print in blue or black ink.

Application Date: ____/____/____ (mm/dd/yyyy) Semester Applying for: Fall 2012

CONTACT AND RESIDENCE INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Mailing Address: _____
Street City County State Zip

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Have you lived in Florida for at least one year? Yes ___ No ___

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes ___ No ___

If you answered "No," do you have a legal right to work and live in the United States?

Yes ___ No ___ (Please provide a copy of legal documentation verifying your legal status as a resident alien).

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Birth date: ____/____/____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Do you have Native American heritage? Yes ___ No ___

Mark at least one documentation type proving your Native American heritage (provide the document(s) with the application):

___ Tribal Enrollment Card—Enrollment # _____. Tribe: _____

___ Genealogical Records

___ DNA Report. Company/Lab used: _____

Are you the first person in your household/immediate family to attend college? Yes ___ No ___

Has a parent or grandparent attended college? Yes ___ No ___

What was their highest education level(s)? Mark all that apply.

___ Some college/ Did not graduate.

___ Graduated with a Technical Certificate

___ Graduated with an A.S. or A.A.

___ Graduated with a B.S. or B.A.

___ Graduated with a Masters or Doctorate

Does anyone in your household currently attend a college or university? Yes__ No __
How many people in your household currently attend a college or university (not including yourself)? _____

Are you dependant on a parent or guardian? Yes __ No __
Do you have any dependants? How many? _____ Yes __ No __
Are you a single parent? Yes __ No __

ACADEMIC/EXTRACURRICULAR

Name of college/university enrolled at: _____

Student Identification Number: _____ (Used for disbursement of funds)

Are you: First-time college student ____ Returning college student ____

If a returning college student, how many college level credits have you earned so far? _____

Do you have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA? Yes __ No __

Declared Major: _____

Degree Level seeking:

- Associate of Science (A.S.)
- Associate of Arts (A.A.)
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
- Technical Certificate

List any extracurricular activities or community service projects you have been involved in:

| Activity/Service Project | Location/Organization | Brief Description of your involvement |
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APPLICANT AGREEMENT

I, (your name) _____, understand that the above described American Indian Association of Florida, Inc. Scholarship is a one-time, non-renewable, award to be disbursed to the college or university listed on the scholarship application I have completed. I understand that incomplete applications and/or insufficient documentation of any of the above outlined required documents will disqualify my application from being considered for the scholarship award. I also understand that completing the application and providing all of the required documentation does not guarantee me a scholarship for the applied semester.

I understand that in order to qualify for consideration of scholarships in other semesters, a new application must be completed for each new semester.

I understand that the scholarship amount will not be less or more than the stated amount on page 2 of the application.

I affirm that the information provided in the application and attached documents is true and accurate. I understand that any information to be found false will result in automatic disqualification from the scholarship. I authorize The American Indian Association of Florida, Inc. to verify that the information provided is true.

Signature of Applicant

Date