



Native Health Initiative
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2016-2017 Native Health Initiative “Education is Ceremony” College Scholarships

Purpose for the scholarship: Assist Indigenous women and men of all ages to pursue their dreams through ceremony of higher education

Education as a way of ceremony: In the same way that one can go through a traditional ceremony for purification, enlightenment and healing, we see higher education as a modern-day ceremony offering the same rewards. Traditional ceremonies require, and help grow, one’s discipline, patience, gratitude; these same attributes are required and increased through the ceremony of education

About the Native Health Initiative (NHI): We are a national people-powered, love-funded partnership to address health inequities. We are funded by “loving service”, not monetary funds, returning to an Indigenous value system where showing integrity, service and love to others is paramount. You can learn more about our work at www.loving-service.us

Scholarship amount: Ten scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded for the 2016-2017 academic year. The scholarship will be paid directly to you or your educational institution, to cover tuition expenses.

Application deadline: June 1st 2016. Submit applications to NHI via paper mail: 509 Gomez Ave NE, Albuquerque NM 87102 or by email to shannon@loving-service.us

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Any questions, please call (505)340-5656

Required criteria for applying for this scholarship

- Education is Ceremony Application submission
- Pursuing a degree in higher education in the 2016-2017 school year
- Taking 6 or more credits per semester (part-time or full-time student)
- Proof of Enrollment/Acceptance from a university or college
- Indigenous identity and/or affiliation
- More than \$1,000 in unmet need for tuition for the 2016-17 school year
- Financial Need Analysis (FNA) from your current academic institutions Financial Aid Office
- Transcript – high school (if freshman) or university/college enrolled with
- At least one Letter of Recommendation

Additional criteria (not required) that we are looking for

- Commitment to service
- Active involvement in Indigenous culture, language, health and advocacy
- Being a non-traditional student (e.g. 50 year-old mother returning to school)
- Being from an Indigenous group restricted from many scholarship opportunities (e.g. students from state-recognized and unrecognized Tribes, students in the U.S.A. from Indigenous groups beyond the United States such as Mayan and Aztec)
- Interest in pursuing a career in health
- Interest in serving Indigenous populations with the career/degree you are working toward

Checklist for completed applications:

- ___ Application form (sections 1-6 below)
- ___ Financial Need Analysis (FNA) Form, can be downloaded from the NHI Website in the Scholarship Tab
- ___ Letter of Recommendations (information found in section 2)
- ___ Transcript and proof of enrollment/acceptance to university/college

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NHI “Education is Ceremony” Scholarship Application

Please type or print legibly as you answer the following questions.

Section 1: Personal Information

Name: _____ Gender identity: _____

Date of birth _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Indigenous identity/affiliation: _____

Current Email _____ Phone _____

What degree are you pursuing (Please be specific)?

What year (freshman, Jr., Graduate, etc.) and College/University (location/name) you will be attending in the 2016-2017 school year?

Section 2: Indigenous Identity

Please respond to each question individually. There is no limit to the length of your answers

- 1) What is your heritage?
- 2) Describe your family

Section 2: Indigenous Identity - CONTINUE

- 3) Describe your involvement in your Indigenous community, and please make specific mention of your activities, leadership and service to this community in the last 2 years
- 4) Letter of Recommendation

Please ask one leader in your Indigenous Tribe/community to write a letter of recommendation that addresses your involvement in your Indigenous community. This letter must include phone and/or email contact information for the author to allow NHI to contact them for additional information

****This letter is due to NHI by email or mail by the June 1st, 2016 deadline of this scholarship.*

Section 3: Service Work

Please respond to each question individually. There is no limit to the length of your answers

- 1) How would you describe "loving service"? (we encourage you to use words and concepts from your own community/culture/language)
- 2) In what ways do you show loving service to the people and community in which you currently live?
- 3) What is your vision for how you will use your education to improve the health and well-being of your community?

Section 4: Financial Status

Please respond to each question individually. There is no limit to the length of your answers

- 1) Statement of financial need: Please explain your current situation with regard to paying for your college education.
- 2) Please estimate for us the total cost of your education in the 2016-17 school year
Tuition (total for the academic year):

Section 4: Financial Status – CONTINUE

Books and supplies:

Room and board:

- 3) What are the current scholarships, grants, loans, etc that you have to help pay for your college education?
- 4) What scholarships, grants, loans, etc will you be applying for to help pay for your college education?
- 5) Please complete the additional Financial Need Analysis Form, which involves sending it to your academic institution. This form is due to NHI's office by June 1st, 2016

Section 5: Academic history

Please respond to each question individually. There is no limit to the length of your answers

- 1) High school attended: _____ High school GPA: _____
College attended: _____ College GPA: _____

- 2) Please list any coursework you have done beyond high school
(if you completed an entire program, such as a certificate program or A.A., no need to list individual courses; in that case, just list the program and your overall GPA)

<u>Course/Program</u>	<u>School Attended</u>	<u>Grade/GPA</u>
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1)

2)

3)

- 3) We ask that you send us your most recent transcripts (high school – university academic year; 2014-2015, 2015-2016) school years. Please submit with your application.
- 4) Please tell us your thoughts on the phrase “Education is Ceremony”. What does this phrase mean to you?

Section 6: Show us your creative side!

Please respond to each question individually. There is no limit to the length of your answers

- 1) Tell us a good joke (keep it clean!)
- 2) If you were to have one superpower, what would it be and why?
- 3) What is your favorite eating utensil and why?
- 4) If you were to become the first Indigenous President of the United States, what would be the first law you would create?