



Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance

C/O Hualapai Housing Department

P.O. Box 130

Peach Springs, Arizona 86434

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AMERIND RISK MANAGEMENT CORPORATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FUND GUIDELINES FOR REGION VIII

Each of AMERIND Risk's nine designated regions is allotted an equal amount of available scholarship funding in January of each year. Region VIII is comprised of subscribing members from the states of Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas. Each AMERIND region is given the option to oversee its own scholarship award process and determine the scholarship recipient. The number of scholarship awards will be dependent upon the amount of funding allotted to Region VIII each year.

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The goals of the scholarship grant are to assist in the education of American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The grant may be used for post-secondary or graduate level courses at an accredited educational institution for a course of study that will result in an accredited degree or vocational certification.

PROCESS

A scholarship committee comprised of at least three (3) separate Region VIII tribes shall review the scholarship applications annually and select scholarship recipients on the following criteria:

1. A completed application received by the deadline date
2. The applicant is a high school graduate or certified equivalent
3. The applicant has been accepted by an accredited, post-secondary institution or other acceptable established accredited program
4. The applicant is an enrolled Region VIII tribal member
5. The applicant meets the required overall 2.5 GPA (4 point system) and based on a part/full time course load as **evidenced by submitted official course/grade transcripts**
6. The applicant must submit an essay with the application on one or more of the following subjects:
 - a. The needs, issues and concerns of his/her tribe
 - b. Experience of American Indian tribal culture
 - c. How he/she will contribute his or her knowledge, education, training experience to his/her community
 - d. Specific interests in housing issues and how to increase awareness in their community
 - e. Other specific issues and interests and why he/she is pursuing education toward those interests



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7. Letters of reference from at least two individuals who are teachers, counselors and/or local tribal leaders, and who have personal acquaintance with, and can describe the applicant's achievements.
8. Applicant has not been awarded a scholarship from the Amerind Region VIII committee within the last three (3) years.

AWARD DESIGN

The determination of the applicant's eligibility and the determination to award an eligible applicant is solely at the discretion of the three-member scholarship committee and the determination by the committee is final. The distribution of funding will be determined by the following:

Freshman	\$750	Sophomore	\$750
Junior	\$1000	Senior	\$1000
Graduate	\$1250		

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:

All applications need to be submitted to the Housing Authority/TDHE/Tribe who is representing the applicant or to Mr. Floyd Tortalita, Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority, P.O. Box 620, Acoma Pueblo, New Mexico 87034. The Housing Authority/TDHE/Tribe will send all applications to Mr. Tortalita.

NOTIFICATION

Presentation of the regional scholarship award(s) will be made at a Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance Tri-Annual Meeting.