

Mid-Year Opportunities

Native Forward Direct Scholarship Winter/Spring 2024

Status: Opens October 2, 2023

Deadline: Closes November 17, 2023

Native Forward Scholars Fund recognizes the limited access American Indian and Alaska Native students have when pursuing higher education. Native Forward offers the Direct Scholarship to allow students an opportunity to apply for mid-year funding to help alleviate educational costs to continue with their pursuit of higher education.

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for Native Forward Direct Scholarship the applicant must meet the following **requirements:**

- Be enrolled full or part-time in a U.S. accredited institution.
- Be pursuing an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree in any field of study.
- Demonstrate an unmet need through the completion of a financial need form.
- Applicants must not have been previously awarded a Native Forward scholarship for 2023-2024.
- Be an enrolled member or descendant of a federally or state-recognized Tribe.
- Provide proof of Tribal enrollment via a copy of their Certificate Degree of Indian Blood, Tribal membership card, OR a letter of enrollment/descendancy from the Tribal enrollment office.

For any further questions, please contact scholarships@nativeforward.org.

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/92177-Native-Forward-Scholars-Fund>

Native Forward Student Relief Funding 2023-2024

Status: Opens October 2, 2023

Deadline: Closes December 8, 2023

Native Forward Scholars Fund established the Student Relief Funding to assist Native students who are facing financial hardships and challenges by providing them with a one-time relief award. The fund will be utilized to help support students in emergency situations that includes, but is not limited to, food insecurity, emergency travel costs, emergency housing costs, educational technology or technology-related resources, or other educational expenses.

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for Native Forward Student Relief Funding the applicant must meet the following **requirements:**

- Be pursuing an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree in any field of study.
- Be enrolled full-time in a U.S. accredited institution and provide proof of full-time enrollment.
- Be an enrolled member or descendant of a federally or state-recognized Tribe.
- Provide proof of enrollment via a copy of their Certificate Degree of Indian Blood, Tribal membership card, OR a letter of enrollment/descendency from their Tribal enrollment office.

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<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/92217-Native-Forward-Scholars-Fund>

KuuKuupa In Memoriam Endowed Fund 2023-2024

Status: Opens October 2, 2023

Deadline: Closes December 8, 2023

"In honor of William Daniel Ray and all our loved ones who we have lost."

Willie had a huge heart and unconditionally loved his family – those he was given and those he chose. No matter how little he had, he was always willing to lend a hand to family and even a stranger in need. To honor him and the care and compassion he had for those around him, his family started the KuuKuupa Fund. To celebrate and honor Willie's spirit and the person he was, his family hopes the KuuKuupa Fund can be a way for others to honor loved ones who have journeyed home by supporting Native students in their educational pursuits to achieve their dreams.

The KuuKuupa In Memoriam Endowed Fund was established to assist Native students who are facing financial hardships and challenges by providing them with a one-time relief award. The fund provides emergency support scholarships directly to students in need of assistance for emergency situations that includes, but is not limited to, food insecurity, emergency housing and utility costs, educational technology or technology-related resources, or other difficult choices that will benefit the student and their families in the hopes that some of those needs can be met.

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for KuuKuupa In Memoriam Endowed Fund the applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Be currently funded by a Native Forward scholarship opportunity.
- Be pursuing an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree in any field of study.
- Be enrolled full-time in a U.S. accredited institution and provide proof of full-time enrollment.
- Be an enrolled member or descendant of a federally or state-recognized Tribe.

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<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/92219-Native-Forward-Scholars-Fund>

PNM Pueblo Student Relief Funding 2023-2024

Status: Opens October 2, 2023

Deadline: Closes December 8, 2023

Native Forward Scholars Fund, in partnership with PNM, established the Pueblo Student Relief Scholarship to assist Pueblo students who are facing financial hardships and challenges by providing them with a one-time relief scholarship. The fund will be utilized to help support students in emergency situations that include, but is not limited to - food insecurity, emergency travel costs, emergency housing costs, emergency healthcare costs, educational technology or technology-related resources, childcare costs, or other educational expenses.

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for Pueblo Student Relief Funding the applicant must meet the following **requirements:**

- Be pursuing either an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree in any field of study.
- Be enrolled in a U.S. accredited post-secondary institution provide proof of enrollment.
- Be an enrolled member or descendant one of the nineteen Pueblo Nations in New Mexico.
- Provide proof of enrollment via a copy of their Certificate Degree of Indian Blood, Tribal membership card, OR a letter of enrollment/descendancy from your Tribal enrollment office.

For any further questions, please contact scholarships@nativeforward.org.

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/92220-Native-Forward-Scholars-Fund>

Native Forward Student Access Funding 2023-2024

Status: Opens October 2, 2023

Deadline: Closes March 1, 2023

Native Forward Scholars Fund recognizes the limited access American Indian and Alaska Native students have regarding graduate entrance and professional examinations, as well as the cost of affording such exams and related preparatory expenses. Native Forward offers the Student Access Funding to help cover the cost of a student's graduate or professional examination as well as related preparatory expenses. Recipients are only eligible for one Student Access Funding award per academic year.

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for Student Access Funding the applicant must meet the following **requirements:**

- Complete and submit the application.
- Provide a copy of their most-recent, cumulative transcript.
- Be an enrolled member or descendant of a federally or state-recognized Tribe.
- Provide proof of Tribal enrollment via a copy of their Certificate Degree of Indian Blood, Tribal membership card, OR a letter of enrollment/descendency from their Tribal enrollment office.
- Submit a receipt of payment and copy of test score to Native Forward.

For any further questions, please contact scholarships@nativeforward.org.

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/92227-Native-Forward-Scholars-Fund>

Native Forward Community Impact Research Funding 2023-2024

Status: Opens October 2, 2023

Deadline: Closes March 1, 2023

Native Forward Scholars Fund established the Community Impact Research Funding Program to assist doctoral students pursuing research which focuses on issues impacting Indian Country. This one-time award provides financial assistance to offset costs directly associated with data collection and data analysis.

Native Forward will provide assistance for research travel, research supplies, data analysis tools or subscriptions. This award will also cover fees incurred for transcription services, analysis services, analysis review and editing fees (documentation for itemized costs must be submitted).

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for Community Impact Research Funding doctoral candidates must meet the following **requirements:**

- Be an enrolled member or a descendant of a federally or state-recognized Tribe.
- Provide proof of Tribal enrollment via a copy of their Certificate Degree of Indian Blood, Tribal membership card, OR a letter of enrollment/descendency from their Tribal enrollment office.
- Be enrolled in a U.S. accredited non-profit institution.
- Applicants must be a current doctoral candidate.
- Submit proof of candidacy from Dissertation Committee Chair, or from Dean of Graduate Studies.
- Provide a budget detailing the proposed use of the funds.
- Submit receipts for expenses incurred.

For any further questions, please contact scholarships@nativeforward.org.

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/92226-Native-Forward-Scholars-Fund>

Miller Indigenous Economic Development Fellowship 2023-2024

Status: Opens October 2, 2023

Deadline: Closes March 1, 2023

Through the generous support of Native Forward Alumnus Robert J. Miller, Native Forward Scholars Fund established the Miller Indigenous Economic Development Fellowship after recognizing the current economic climate and the underrepresentation of Native researchers in the field of economics and economic development.

The Miller Indigenous Economic Development Fellowship provides financial assistance to eligible American Indian and Alaska Native doctoral candidates to cover the costs related to data collection and data analysis. Doctoral candidates pursuing research in economic and economic development focusing on or influencing Native Communities are encouraged to apply. This one-time award will provide assistance for research travel, research supplies, data analysis tools or subscriptions. This award will also cover fees incurred for transcription services, analysis services, analysis review and editing fees (documentation for itemized costs must be submitted).

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for the Miller Indigenous Economic Development Fellowship doctoral candidates must meet the following **requirements**:

- Be an enrolled member or a descendant of a federally or state-recognized Tribe.
- Provide proof of Tribal enrollment via a copy of their Certificate Degree of Indian Blood, Tribal membership card, OR a letter of enrollment/descendency from their Tribal enrollment office.
- Be enrolled in a U.S. accredited non-profit institution.
- Applicants must be a current doctoral candidate.
- Submit proof of candidacy from Dissertation Committee Chair, or from Dean of Graduate Studies.
- Provide a budget detailing the proposed use of the funds.
- Submit receipts for expenses incurred.

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<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/92222-Native-Forward-Scholars-Fund>

Native Forward CPA Examination Funding 2023-2024

Status: Opens October 2, 2023

Deadline: Closes March 1, 2023

Native Forward Scholars Fund, in partnership with the Johnson Scholarship Foundation, provides financial assistance to American Indians and Alaska Natives to assist with the costs associated with taking the CPA examination sections. Students and professionals seeking CPA licensure are encouraged to apply.

Eligible applicants may receive assistance no more than one time for each section of the CPA examination, and recipients will only be awarded for one section of the exam at a time. Native Forward will provide assistance for application fees, registration fees, and exam fees. This award covers fees incurred to register for the exam and other exam-related expenses. Costs of preparatory courses may be considered depending on funding availability.

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for CPA Examination funding the applicant must meet the following **requirements:**

- Be a member of a federally recognized Tribe.
- Meet all CPA examination requirements.
- Submit test results for each funded section to Native Forward as soon as the results are received.
- Exam assistance is limited to no more than one time for each section.

For any further questions, please contact scholarships@nativeforward.org.

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/92221-Native-Forward-Scholars-Fund>

Native Forward Professional Development Funding for STEM Educators and Students 2023-2024

Status: Opens October 2, 2023

Deadline: Closes March 1, 2023

Native Forward Scholars Fund, in partnership with the Bureau of Indian Education, provides funding specifically for training opportunities in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. Typical awards for professional development will be between \$1,200 to \$10,000.

This is a great opportunity for TCU faculty, staff and students who are focused in STEM fields to take advantage of this funding. Individuals who are seeking professional development such as continuing education, conferences, training, and certifications can apply for funding to assist with registration, travel and other related costs. Educators (K-12) at a BIE funded school, a BIE controlled school, a school on a reservation or a school with a 20% or more Native American population are encouraged to apply.

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for Professional Development Funding the applicant must meet the following **requirements**:

- Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group OR provide documentation of ancestry to possession of 1/2 degree Indian blood of a federally recognized Tribe
- Provide proof of Tribal eligibility through submission of a Tribal Eligibility Certificate OR provide proof of Tribal enrollment via a copy of your Certificate Degree of Indian Blood, Tribal membership card, OR a letter of enrollment/descendency from your Tribal enrollment office
- Be employed at a Bureau funded school, a Bureau controlled school, a school on a reservation, a school with at least 20% Native population or attending a TCU or accredited-post secondary institution
- Exclusive consideration will be given to applicants using training in STEM in an education field

For any further questions, please contact scholarships@nativeforward.org.

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/92225-Native-Forward-Scholars-Fund>

Native Forward Internship Funding for STEM Students 2023-2024

Status: Opens October 2, 2023

Deadline: Closes March 1, 2023

Native Forward Scholars Fund provides financial assistance to BIE scholarship recipients to participate in summer internships. This financial assistance is established to offset costs directly associated with participation in approved internships with the Department of Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Bureau of Trust Funds Administration, National Park Service, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, etc.) or other approved internships directly related to STEM. This award covers travel costs, including the cost to travel to accept the internship, eligible living expenses, and daily commuting costs to travel to and from the internship location. Roundtrip travel, housing, and commuting costs will be considered (documentation for itemized costs must be submitted).

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for Native Forward Internship Funding the applicant must meet the following **requirements**:

- Applicants must be currently funded by:
 - Scholarship for Service
 - Special Higher Education Program (SHEP)
 - Science Post Graduate Scholarship Fund (SPGSF)
- Exclusive consideration will be given to students participating in internship opportunities offered by Department of Interior (DOI) agencies.
 - STEM related internships with other organizations will also be considered.
- Internships must be directly related to STEM.
- Applicants must find their own internship or training position at an eligible DOI or STEM organization.
- Submit a letter confirming acceptance from an internship site.
- Submit receipts for expenses incurred.

For any further questions, please contact scholarships@nativeforward.org.
<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/92224-Native-Forward-Scholars-Fund>

Native Forward Professional Examination Funding 2023-2024

Status: Opens October 2, 2023

Deadline: Closes March 1, 2023

Native Forward provides financial assistance to Fellows to cover the cost of professional examinations, including Bar Examination funding. Exam assistance is limited to a single examination which must be taken within one calendar year after graduation date. This award covers fees incurred to register for the exam, costs of preparatory courses and other exam-related expenses.

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for Native Forward Professional Examination Funding the applicant must meet the following **requirements**:

- Applicants must be currently funded by:
 - Scholarship for Service
 - Special Higher Education Program (SHEP)
 - Science Post Graduate Scholarship Fund (SPGSF)
- Applicants must have graduated within one year of applying for exam funding assistance.
- Exam assistance is limited to one professional examination.
- Recipients of this funding must submit test results to Native Forward as soon as the results are received.

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