

## **Guidelines/Policy**

#### Requirements

- 1. An American Indian verified by the following: (1) Applicant must be from a federal or state recognized tribe identified by a tribal enrollment card, or (2) person who is a member or descendant of one of our nine consortium tribes, or has official letter from a federal or state recognized tribe or agency stating tribal membership or Indian blood.
- A resident of Riverside or San Bernardino County attending an accredited institution of higher learning within the United States, or RSBCIHI Consortium Tribal Member and their descendants living outside Riverside or San Bernardino County/attending an accredited institution of higher learning within the United States.
- 3. Enrolled in or accepted for enrollment in an accredited College or University; pursuing an associate's degree, undergraduate degree or graduate degree as a full-time student within a minimum of 12 credit hours per term/semester or full-time institution standards;

#### **Application Process:**

Completed application

Documentation of American Indian ethnicity as described above.

Evidence of admission to an accredited college

Copy of latest official transcripts

Two letters of recommendation from any of the following: Tribal government council member, or current school representative (for example a teacher, counselor, principal)

An educational commitment essay describing the chosen field of study, educational goals, career goals, investment in the Indian community and how this scholarship will help in furthering your education.

#### **Funding**

The Personnel Grievance Committee will decide the amount allocated for scholarship program per funding year

Amount allocated for scholarship program per funding year: \$20,000

#### <u>Awards</u>

Students may be awarded up to \$5,000.00, depending on degree type:

Amount	Degree
\$2,000.00	Trade/Vocational Program/AA Degree
\$3,000.00	Bachelors
\$5,000.00	Masters

Funding is used for tuition, books and/or Transportation expenses such as bus passes and parking permits.

Tuition/book payments will be sent directly to the school of attendance, a statement from the school will need to be provided including the following: students name, explanation of what is due and payment information.

If the student is requesting reimbursement, a statement/receipt from the school showing payment for the current semester/quarter only.

- Students may only be awarded <u>one time only</u>. If you do not receive an award you may reapply at any time.
- Students awarded a RSBCIHI scholarship must exhaust the award amount within two years from award date.

### **Timelines**

Applications are accepted all year round.

Personnel/Scholarship Committee Review Period: First week of each month.

Scholarship Award Letters mailed by 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each month.

#### **Submittals**

Applications must be sent to the attention of the Personnel/ Scholarship Committee 11980 Mount Vernon Ave, Grand Terrace, CA 92313.Incomplete applications or missing materials will be returned to the applicant. Applicant has 30 days to provide missing documents/application from date of application.



# Scholarship Application Form

1. Name of applicant: (F	Print Neatly)			
Last Name	First		Middle	
2. Applicant's address:				
		City:	State:	Zip Code:
3. Phone number:	Dayt	ime	Evening	
4. Sex: [ ] Male [ ] Fer	nale			
5. Date of Birth				
6. Check the box for the t	ype of information you e	nclosed to verify y	our eligibility:	
[ ] Copy of official docum	nent showing tribal enrolli			
7. Tribal affiliation:				
Name				
Number and Street				
City	State		Zip Code	

8. School that you plan to attend for the upcoming academic year:			
Name of School		Department	
Street Number and Add	dress		
City	State	Zip Code	
Phone Number of Scho	ol Representative/Fi	nancial Aid Contact	
9. Classification for the	upcoming term:		
Undergraduate - [ ] Fi	reshman [ ] Sophon	nore[] Junior[] Senior[] Graduate	
[] 1s	t Year [ ] 2nd Year	[ ] 3rd Year [ ] 4th Year	
10. Field of study:			
11. Degree sought:			
12. Expected graduation	on date:		
13. Full time student:	[ ] Yes [ ] No		
14. Have you attached	evidence that you ar	re enrolled or have been accepted into the degree program	
listed above: [ ] Yes [	] No		
15. Which system does the school use: [ ] Semester [ ] Trimester [ ] Quarter [ ] Other			
16. Indicate the officia	I start date of the upo	coming term:	
		rials required for this scholarship in a single s or missing materials will be grounds for automatic	
Applicant Signature:		Date:	