



## American Indians Committee Scholarship Fact Sheet

The American Indians Committee (AI) Scholarship is one of three scholarships offered by the American Indian Committee. The scholarship is a one-time award of \$4,000 to help Native American students of any age, any tribe, and in any state, get an education at the undergraduate or graduate levels. However, undergraduate students are given preference. All awards are judged based on financial need and academic achievement.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States and plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States. Proof of Native American heritage is established by tribal membership card or a letter from a tribal official. DNA evidence is not an acceptable form of proof. There is no percentage or quotient level minimum. Applicant students must establish a financial need and have a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

Beginning with the VanBuren administration in 2019, all scholarship applications are accepted exclusively via an online portal found on the dar.org website. The window for application this year begins November 1, 2022 and will conclude on January 31, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (EST). The DAR Scholarship Committee direct URL link to the on-line scholarship application submission portal is <http://dar.academicworks.com/scholarships>. Please note this link is not active until the application window is open.

Applicants need to thoroughly review the instructions as there are requirements for transcripts, short essay responses, and letters of recommendation. Failure to submit a complete application or comply with scholarship rules may result in many quality candidates being rejected from consideration.

A panel of reviewers determines the top candidates per a scoring rubric. Ten applicants will be selected to receive the \$4,000 scholarship award. The scholarship applicants will be notified whether successful or not in mid-May. This is an annual scholarship and students are encouraged to reapply the next year if they were not previously selected. The monetary award is dispersed directly to the educational institution where the student will be attending. In 2022, 244 applications were submitted. We anticipate even more this year. If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to email me at [americanindianschol@nsdar.org](mailto:americanindianschol@nsdar.org)

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## Tips for Organizing and Preparing an Online Scholarship Application

Applicants should review the following information and use the application checklist (below) to organize and prepare their on-line scholarship application:

- Please do not submit personal photographs. Inclusion of an applicant's photograph in any section of the application will result in disqualification.
- Please do not submit handwritten documents. Inclusion of handwriting in any section of the application will result in disqualification.
- Individuals providing recommendations will be able to submit their information confidentially through the on-line application portal once applicants have set up their scholarship profile using the scholarship application submission process
- Applicants should obtain and submit a copy of their school transcript. Applicants selected as scholarship recipients will be contacted to provide an official transcript which will be sent directly to the NSDAR headquarters.
- Please direct any specific scholarship-related questions to the National Vice-Chairman [americanindianschol@nsdar.org](mailto:americanindianschol@nsdar.org)
- Most recent copy of your high school transcript (must indicate class rank, size and test scores, if available) or college grades (as applicable). Major must be indicated on your most recent transcript where specific major is required. Home schooled students must include transcripts for grade eight through current year.
- All scholarships with a minimum grade point average (GPA) are based on a 4.0 scaled or the equivalent GPA on the scale used by the applicable educational institution.
- Recommendations (at least two but not to exceed four from high school or college now attending) should convey your ability, work habits, integrity, character, potential and volunteer activities.
- List of your extra-curricular activities, honors received, and scholastic achievements (one side of an 8 ½-inch x 11-inch piece of paper).
- Photocopy of your United States citizenship: birth certificate, naturalization papers, or information page of United States Passport. Cover your photograph. If listed, please blackout social security numbers.

