



2013 Colorado Indian Education Foundation-CIEF Scholars Application

American Indian Scholars Program History:

The Colorado Indian Education Foundation (CIEF) is a Denver based nonprofit organization that provides educational opportunities and scholarships to American Indians attending school in the State of Colorado. CIEF is made possible by committed individuals who envision a greater awareness of Colorado's American Indian heritage and culture, and acknowledge the need for resources for American Indian students in the State of Colorado. The Foundation is proud to offer Native students this scholarship program.

Purpose of Award:

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist Colorado American Indian college-level students with educational expenses. Several scholarships will be awarded for the 2013-2014 school year to full-time students; in past years scholarships have ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Eligibility Requirements:

An applicant must:

1. Be an American Indian verified by one of the following means:
 - a. the applicant is on a federal- or state-recognized tribal roll, AND is identified by a tribal enrollment card, or
 - b. the applicant has an official letter from:
 - a federal or state recognized tribe, or
 - an agency stating tribal membership or Indian blood, or
 - c. the applicant is an enrolled/official member of a terminated tribe (supporting documentation is required), or
2. Have a grade point average of 2.5, or higher,
3. Be enrolled as a full-time student in a fully accredited college in Colorado.
4. Submit CIEF Scholarship Application and supporting document in the following formats:
 - Microsoft Word-DOC or DOCX,
 - Compressed PDF,
 - JPG

Please compress your files when sending your scholarship applications to info@cocief.org

Applications must be received by Friday, September 13, 2013, 5 pm, MST

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Checklist for Complete Application (please complete)

The application, with all required documents scanned in, must be emailed to: info@cocief.org

- Tribal Documentation
- Proof of attendance at a school of higher education in Colorado
- Application Form
- Transcript
- Two letters of recommendation
- Essay

Required documents for submission:

1. Completed application form.
2. Documentation of American Indian heritage, as described in the eligibility requirements.
3. Evidence of admission to an **accredited** college, university, vocational, or trade school in the State of Colorado.
4. A copy of official transcripts showing full-time status.
Note: Recent high school graduates must submit an official high school transcript.
5. Two (2) professional letters of recommendation, with one (1) letter from one of the following individuals:
 - teacher,
 - advisor/counselor,
 - tribal government representative, and/or
 - civic leaderNote: Letters of recommendation from family and friends could be perceived as a conflict of interest.
6. An essay describing:
 - your chosen field of study,
 - your educational goals,
 - career goals,
 - involvement in the Indian community, AND
 - how this scholarship will further your educationEssay shall be no more than two (2) pages double-spaced, 12-point font, with one-inch (1") margins on all four (4) edges of each page.

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1. **Applicant's Full, Legal Name (Last / First / Middle Initial):**

2. **Current Mailing Address:**
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Secondary Address:
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
3. **Phone Numbers (Including Area Codes):**
Daytime () _____ Evening () _____ Cell () _____
4. **Email Address:** _____
5. **Gender:** Male Female
6. **Date of Birth:** _____
7. **Check the appropriate box to list information used to verify your eligibility:**
 Copy of official document showing tribal enrollment number
 Other official document (describe below)

8. **Tribal Affiliation:**
Name _____
9. **Accredited Institution that attending full-time for the 2013-2014 academic year:**
Name of Institution _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip Code _____
Phone Number of Admission Office _____
10. **Classification of higher education program:**
 Certificate Associate Undergraduate Graduate Other _____
11. **Major:** _____
12. **Degree sought:** _____
13. **Expected graduation date:** _____
14. **Full time student:** Yes No

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Application Procedure and Deadline:

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by: **Friday, September 13, 2013, 5 pm, Mountain Standard Time**

Questions:

If you have any questions about this program, you can:

Visit the website for additional information: www.cocief.org

Send an email to: info@cocief.org

Follow us on: Facebook  @ The Colorado Indian Education Foundation

Call: (303) 875-4631- please leave a voice message

Please note that incomplete or late applications will not be considered for review.

[] Please initial this box if you understand and agree with the following statement.

"I certify that the information on this application and the accompanying documents are complete and accurate, that I have read the accompanying instructions, and that I understand that the submission of this application is not a guarantee of scholarship assistance. I agree to comply with additional requests for information and with all scholarship guidelines."

Signature _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____