



NICWA Wisdom Circle Scholarship Application

One merit-based scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis, up to \$500 to an individual who works in or with the Indian child welfare (ICW) field, and who demonstrates significant motivation in advancing their education or professional skills.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a current NICWA member to apply*
- Must be doing Indian child welfare related work in one the following fields:
 - Social Work
 - Law
 - Policy
 - Research
 - Education
 - Tribal Sovereignty/ Human Rights
 - Behavioral/Mental Health and Wellness

**Must be a current NICWA individual member OR currently employed with a current NICWA tribal/organizational member. (Applicants must show proof of employment with NICWA tribal/organizational members in submitted application materials). Membership status will be verified. Only one (1) scholarship will be awarded per person, per lifetime.*

DEADLINE

Applications are due by close of business March 1st each year. Scholarships are announced at our Annual Conference; during the Membership Reception held in April of each year.

SUBMIT MATERIALS TO:

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REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Completed NICWA Wisdom Circle scholarship application
- Current resume
- Proof of registration/copy of flyer from the organization offering the ICW-relevant training.

PART 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

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| First Name: | Last Name: | |
| Street Address: | | |
| City: | State: | Postal Code: |
| Phone Number: () | Email: | |
| Tribal Affiliation (if applicable): | | |
| NICWA Membership Number: | | |
| Tribal/Organizational Member Name (if applicable): | | |
| Field of Work or Study: | Job Title: | |
| Are you a former Wisdom Circle Scholarship Recipient? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

PART 2: GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Name of school currently attending or last school attended: | | |
| Highest level of education completed: | High School <input type="checkbox"/> | Community College <input type="checkbox"/> University <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are you the first generation to attend college? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have a college degree? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If so, please list the degree(s): | | |
| Please list any awards, honors, or liscensures: | | |

PART 3: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please write a one-page personal statement, explaining your work and experience in Indian child welfare (ICW) work to date, and how the training or education that this scholarship will assist you with will contribute to your educational or professional development goals in the ICW field. (Please use additional paper if needed).

PART 4: CERTIFICATION and RELEASE

By signing below, I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified in this application. I understand that application materials become the property of the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) and will not be returned. I agree to allow NICWA to include my name, likeness, and information I have provided in NICWA's promotional materials, including but not limited to publications, brochures, and websites such as the NICWA members-only blog. The information that I have provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I understand that falsification of information will make me ineligible for this scholarship.

Signature

Date

For office use only

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| Date Received: | Application Status: |
| Staff Signature: | |