

2016 Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice Scholarship

This scholarship honors Ponca Chief Standing Bear and his contributions to America's Native people by helping American Indian students pursue post-secondary education. This scholarship is granted by the Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice Scholarship Fund, an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation.

Two scholarships of \$1,500 and one of \$1,000 will be awarded to students who demonstrate qualities of leadership, character and academic accomplishment, and who need financial assistance to meet their educational goals.

To qualify, an applicant must:

- Reside in Nebraska and be a member of a recognized North American tribe.
- Have, or be on track to receive, a high school diploma or GED certificate.
- Be enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited post-secondary educational program at a university, state or community college, technical or vocational school in the United States. (Enrollment will be required for funds to be disbursed.)
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Demonstrate leadership in his or her community.
- May be a recent high school graduate, current college student, or a "non-traditional student" – someone seeking to pursue post-secondary education after other life experiences (job, military, volunteer work, travel).



The application process is straightforward (see application form for details):

- Complete the personal information portion of the application form.
- Provide information regarding your financial need.
- Write a 500-word essay.
- Obtain a letter of reference.

Submitting your application:

All parts of your application must be submitted together (in a single envelope) and mailed to:

Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice Scholarship
3145 South 29th Street
Lincoln, NE 68502

Applications must be received by 5:00 PM, April 1, 2016. (See application form for details.)

Awards

- All applicants will be notified of the decisions of the scholarship selection committee by the end of April.
- Scholarship winners will be announced in statewide media and invited to attend a dinner in their honor.
- Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the post-secondary institutions attended by the awardees.

If you have questions, please contact Benjamin Holmes, Scholarship Administrator, at bholmesguy@neb.rr.com.

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APPLICATION FORM

1. Personal Information

Applicant's Last Name:

Applicant's First Name:

Tribal Affiliation:

Home Street Address:

Town:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

Name of School:

School Street Address:

Town:

State:

Zip Code:

School Contact (your counselor or advisor):

Contact's phone number (at school):

Cumulative GPA:

Non-traditional students – Provide the above school information for the high school from which you graduated or received a GED. Attach a description of your current or most recent job, occupation, volunteer or military service.

Students already in a post-secondary program – List your college or post-secondary institution (not your high school).

2. Financial Need

On an attached, typewritten sheet, please provide the following information:

A. Briefly explain how the Chief Standing Bear Scholarship would fill a gap in your educational financing

B. List financial aid you have been awarded

C. List other financial aid you have applied for

3. Essay

Attach an essay of no more than 500 words explaining what it means to you, personally, to be Native American. The essay should be double-spaced in 12-point type.

This is the most important part of your application! Do your best work!

4. Letter of Reference

Include one letter of reference. Written by your school counselor or advisor, a teacher or in-school mentor on school letterhead, the letter should attest to your character, leadership, accomplishments and potential. Non-traditional applicants should provide a letter of reference from a work supervisor, military superior, or community elder. The letter must also include the letter-writer's name, address, email address and relationship to applicant.

NOTE: References may not be family members

5. Submission

I certify that all information in this application is true and complete.

Signature:

Date:

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Your application must arrive no later than April 1, 2016; mail it as early as possible!

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