

Spring Semester 2017 American Indian Program First Time Scholarship Eligibility Acknowledgement Form – Required in Addition to the Application

Please initial:

_____ I acknowledge that applying for the American Indian Program (AIP) First Time Scholarship **does not guarantee** that I will receive the scholarship.

_____ I acknowledge that to apply for the AIP First Time Scholarship **I must also apply through Scholar Dollar\$** in addition to completing the paper application (<http://scholarships.nmsu.edu>).

_____ I understand that the AIP First Time Scholarship is based on **unmet financial need** as determined by my financial aid Award Overview and that I am responsible for demonstrating my unmet financial need.

_____ I understand that NMSU uses the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine student need. It is **my responsibility** to file for the FAFSA as it is a **requirement** for this scholarship. **I understand that students working on a second undergraduate, second master's, or second doctorate degree are not eligible.**

_____ I understand that if I am not able to demonstrate my need, my application **will not** be considered.

_____ I understand that planned participation in AIP offerings and programming is a factor in the awarding of the scholarship. In order to verify participation, only students on campus are eligible to apply. **Distance education students are not eligible.**

_____ I understand as an undergraduate student that I need to be currently taking at least 12 credit hours at NMSU – Main Campus in Las Cruces. Classes at Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Dona Ana, and Grants campuses cannot be applied (**undergraduate students only**).

_____ I understand as a graduate student that I need to be currently taking at least 9 credit hours of graduate level classes at NMSU – Main Campus in Las Cruces (**graduate students only**).

_____ I understand as an undergraduate student that if my previous semester GPA **OR** my cumulative GPA are under a 2.0, I will not be eligible for the AIP First Time Scholarship. I understand as a graduate student that if my previous semester GPA **OR** my cumulative GPA are under a 3.0, I will not be eligible for the AIP First Time Scholarship.

_____ I understand that it is **my responsibility** to turn in a complete AIP First Time Scholarship application by the established deadline of **Friday, March 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.** in order to be considered for the scholarship. If it is turned in sooner, the scholarship will be considered for awarding before the deadline.

_____ I understand that if I turn in an incomplete, late, or ineligible application, my application **will not** be considered.

_____ I understand that if I was awarded an AIP First Time Scholarship for my previous semester of study **I am ineligible to apply** regardless of when I was awarded as this is a one-time only scholarship. Continued participation and GPA will be taking into consideration into the awarding of the AIP General Scholarship.

I, _____, understand that by initialing next to each of the eligibility requirements I am acknowledging that my application will be held to these guidelines.

Signature: _____ AGGIE ID #: _____ Date: _____

Spring Semester 2017 American Indian Program First Time Scholarship Requirements

Priority will be given to those with DEMONSTRATED FINANCIAL NEED.

~ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ENROLLED AT THE NMSU – LAS CRUCES CAMPUS~

Eligibility Criteria:

- All applicants must also apply through Scholar Dollar\$ in addition to completing the paper application.
- Undergraduate students must be currently enrolled in 12 or more credit hours at NMSU – Las Cruces with a previous semester GPA of a 2.0 or higher **and** cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Classes at Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Dona Ana, and Grants campuses cannot be applied (undergraduate students only). Distance education students are not eligible.
- Graduate students must be currently enrolled in 9 or more credit hours of graduate level classes at NMSU – Las Cruces with a previous semester GPA of a 3.0 or higher **and** cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Distance education students are not eligible.
- All students must demonstrate financial need and have a completed FAFSA on file at the Financial Aid Office. *
- Priority will be given to students who have demonstrated need and are returning participants of the Peer Mentor Program, and those who participate in the American Indian Program (AIP) and/or its student organizations/activities.
- Must be enrolled in a federally recognized American Indian Nation/Pueblo/Tribe.
- Students who were awarded an AIP First Time Scholarship for their previous semester of study are **ineligible to apply** regardless of when awarded.
- Students working on a second undergraduate, second master's, or second doctorate degree are **ineligible to apply**.

Application Process:

Pick up an application at the American Indian Program located in the American Indian Student Center, Room 100A.

Deadline to apply: Friday, March 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Please turn in completed packages all at once. Incomplete packages will not be considered or accepted for funding. Completed application packages must include the following contents:

- 1) Submit a copy of your Class Schedule and Statement of Account. This document was E-mailed to you.
- 2) Submit your financial aid budget to demonstrate your financial need, which can be found on and printed from your MyNMSU Financial Aid tab.
- 3) Submit a typed statement of your participation (or planned participation) in the American Indian Program and/or its student organizations/activities, Peer Mentor Program, etc. **Your statement must be between 250 and 500 words.**
- 4) Submit a copy of your previous semester grades (*First-time freshmen are exempt from this*).
- 5) Submit a copy of your Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or proof of tribal enrollment

If you have questions or need more information regarding this scholarship, feel free to call the American Indian Program at: 575-646-4207 or contact us via E-mail at: amerind@nmsu.edu.

*Determining Eligibility for Need-Based Aid

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Services established a budget based on projections of what it will cost you to attend New Mexico State University for a year. Your resources will be subtracted from your budget. The amount of money that is not covered by your own resources is your need, sometimes referred to as your eligibility. In other words,

$$\text{BUDGET} - \text{RESOURCES} = \text{ELIGIBILITY (NEED)}$$

Many factors go into figuring a student's resources when determining eligibility. Some elements in the calculation are the student's savings, wage earnings and other sources of support (such as scholarships and veteran's benefits), the income and assets of the student's family, the number of family members and the number who are currently in college.

Many students receive a combination of different types of aid rather than just one kind. You may be given work-study, grant and loan money for the same year. If you qualify for multiple types of aid, your financial aid advisor at NMSU will assemble an aid package.

University Financial Aid and Scholarship Services - Advisor contact information for school year 2016-2017

School Code (Title IV Code): 002657

Main Office Phone #: 575-646-4105

Toll Free Phone #: 1-877-278-8586

E-mail: financialaid@nmsu.edu

Scholarship Office Phone #: 575-646-4597

Contacts for students whose last two digits of their Aggie ID fall within the number range

00 – 19	Travis Juskiewicz	575-646-4237	trajuszk@nmsu.edu
20 – 39	Josh Taylor	575-646-4105	joshjt@nmsu.edu
50 – 74	Cyrena Alfaro	575 646-4591	calfaro@nmsu.edu
75 – 99	Joseph Molina	575-646-4105	josephmo@nmsu.edu
	Rosalie Ramirez	575-646-5775	redrose4@nmsu.edu
	<i>(Tribal Scholarship Liaison)</i>		

**Spring Semester 2017 American Indian Program First Time Scholarship –
Supplement Application Information Sheet**

What does “demonstrated need” mean?

Demonstrated need is defined by one’s Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) financial need analysis. As the American Indian Program (AIP) First Time Scholarship is a “Need Based” scholarship, The AIP uses the same definition of need.

Estimated Family Contribution (EFC):

Your EFC is an estimate of the amount of money that the government expects your family to contribute to your education expenses. Your EFC is taken into consideration to determine your “need.”

Forms of financial aid that are awarded as resources to cover your cost to attend NMSU:

Pell Grant, SEOG Grant, Lottery Scholarship, Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans are all forms of financial aid.

As the AIP First Time Scholarship is a supplemental need based scholarship, students who apply for the scholarship and have no “demonstrated need” and are seeking extra money will not be awarded a scholarship.

Students that have not submitted a FAFSA and are unable to demonstrate their financial need will be ineligible for the AIP First Time Scholarship.

Students who have a negative need will not be awarded a scholarship as you will be in an “over award” status and you will likely have to repay funds to the Financial Aid Office.

Students who have exhausted their Federal Financial Aid due to falling below the course completion rate are ineligible to receive the AIP First Time Scholarship.

List all scholarships and sources of funding to which you have applied for the 2016-2017 academic year

SOURCES

ADDRESS

By signing below I, _____, acknowledge that I have read the supplemental application information listed above.

Signature: _____ AGGIE ID #: _____ Date: _____

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Please type or print

AGGIE ID #: _____ Today's Date: _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Campus/Local Address: _____
(Street/PO Box/Residence Hall) (City) (State) (Zip)

Local Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

NMSU E-mail Address (Required): _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____ CIB#: _____

Number of hours enrolled: _____ Major(s): _____ Minor: _____

Class standing: Freshman () Sophomore () Junior () Senior () Graduate ()

If this application is approved, I shall accept and abide by the conditions of the AIP eligibility requirements and will be bound by the responsibility and consequences thereof and give permission to AIP and the NMSU Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarship Services to review my academic transcript and financial aid package. In addition, the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the NMSU Financial Aid office may or may not reduce other amounts of financial aid that I am receiving as a result of this scholarship award. I agree that AIP may use my name and/or picture in publicizing scholarship awards.

Signature: _____ AGGIE ID #: _____

FOR AIP OFFICE USE ONLY (Do not write below this line.)

Cumulative GPA: _____ **Semester GPA:** _____

Approved: _____ **Denied:** _____ **Date:** _____

Comments: _____