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ARIZONA – NEW MEXICO – WEST TEXAS

SOUTHWEST TRIBAL HOUSING ALLIANCE (SWTHA) ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (Region VIII) is comprised of members tribes from the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and West Texas. Each year SWTHA receives donations to support the Annual Scholarship Program, whereby students enrolled in SWTHA member tribes are eligible to apply for monetary scholarships to be used for tuition and other school-related expenses.

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The goals of the scholarship program are to assist in the education of an enrolled tribal member from one of the SWTHA members. The grant may be used for post-secondary or graduate level courses at an accredited educational institution for a course of study (preferably housing related) that will result in an accredited degree or vocational certification.

PROCESS

The SWTHA Board shall review the scholarship applications annually and select scholarship recipients on the following criteria:

1. The applicant is an enrolled Region VIII (AZ, NM, and W TX) tribal member, **as evidenced by a Tribal ID Card or CIB/Enrollment Letter.**
2. A completed application is received by the deadline date.
3. The applicant is a high school graduate or certified equivalent.
4. The applicant has applied to or has been accepted by an accredited, post-secondary institution or other acceptable established accredited program, **verified by current College Letter of Acceptance or Upcoming Class Schedule.**
5. The applicant meets the required overall 3.0 GPA (4-point system) and is based on a full-time course load **as evidenced by submitted official course/grade transcripts.**
 - a. Electronic transcripts are deemed "official" when received from a secure site formally connected to the sending institution or testing service.
 - b. Official hard-copy transcripts and other academic records must arrive in sealed, stamped, official envelopes with all seals and security features intact to be considered "official."
6. The applicant must submit an essay (two-page max, double spaced), to include wet signature and date with the application on one or more of the following subjects:

- a. The needs, challenges, and concerns regarding housing issues and how to bring awareness to your community.
 - b. How your education will contribute or bring awareness to the housing situations in your community.
 - c. Briefly describe how your cultural values (if applicable) would be incorporated into your work or relate to tribal housing.
 - d. Other specific issues and interests and why you are pursuing education toward those interests.
7. Two letters of reference (including wet signature and current date, within the application period) that can describe the applicant's achievements and accomplishments.

AWARD DESIGN

The check will be mailed directly to the college the student is attending. The determination of the applicant's eligibility and the determination to award an eligible applicant is solely at the discretion of the SWTHA Board and the determination is final. The distribution of funding will be determined by the following:

The Board will determine how much funds are available to award each year. That amount will be awarded in equal amounts, rounded down to the nearest \$50 or \$100, for a maximum of \$1,000 per applicant. Example: 1) \$5,000 available – five applicants, each gets \$1,000. 2) \$5,000 available – seven applicants, each gets \$700: with \$100 remaining in the fund for future awards.

The applications will be scored, and extra points will be provided for Housing Related Majors:

- Construction Management
- Project Management
- Architecture & Engineering
- Behavioral Health
- Financial Management
- Vocational Trades
- Legal Studies (including law enforcement)
- Information Technology
- Business Administration
- Real Estate

INELIGIBILITY/DISQUALIFICATION:

In the event that the awarded applicant changes qualifying information (i.e. institution, major) they are subject to disqualification and loss of scholarship.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:

All completed applications need to be submitted by the deadline of **June 1, 2025**, close of business, hard copies must be postmarked by June 1st. All completed applications to be submitted through Google Forms (preferred method) or mail official documents to:

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If you have any questions, please email question to: swtha.region8@gmail.com.

NOTIFICATION

The students will be notified by email after the awards are decided. Presentation of the regional scholarship award(s) will be announced at a Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance Tri-Annual Meeting and announced through our website at www.swtha.org, and SWTHA newsletter.