



AIANTA

American Indian Alaska Native
Tourism Association

2019-2020 AIANTA Scholarship Application Form

The purpose of AIANTA is to provide our constituents with the voice and tools needed to advance tourism while helping tribes, tribal organizations and tribal members create infrastructure and capacity through technical assistance, training and educational resources. AIANTA serves as the liaison between Indian Country, governmental and private entities for the development, growth, and sustenance of Indian Country tourism. By developing and implementing programs and providing economic development opportunities, AIANTA helps tribes build for their future while sustaining and strengthening their cultural legacies.

APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND POSTMARKED BY **July 27, 2019** TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE **FALL 2019 SEMESTER**.
APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND POSTMARKED BY **DECEMBER 7, 2019** TO BE CONSIDERED FOR **SPRING 2020 SEMESTER**

Applicant Criteria

- Must be of American Indian, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian heritage (student must show documentation)
- Attending or enrolled in an accredited 2 or 4-year college/university or technical/vocational institution
- Must be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student within an expressed interest in pursuing a career in tourism
- GPA must be 2.5 or above (ALL current or future undergraduate/graduate college students are encouraged to apply)
- Scholarships are available for certificate and associate programs, undergraduate and graduate programs - online colleges are applicable. PhD degrees are not eligible.
- Scholarships are only to be used for books and/or tuition

Application Checklist

- Please read and follow instructions carefully
- Complete ALL sections of the application
- Include these documents (copies are acceptable), securely clip together (NO STAPLES), and submit in a large envelope in the following order:
 - AIANTA Application Form
 - Tribal Enrollment Document/Card – **COPY ONLY** – Do not send original!
 - Essay (500 words or less)
 - Recent Transcripts (Do **NOT** have to be official – unofficial acceptable)
 - High School Diploma or GED Documentation (if applicable)
 - Proof of admission to college/university/technical school (e.g. letter of admission, past tuition receipt, etc.)

General Information (Please print CLEARLY – illegible applications will not be considered)

Name (First, M.I., Last): _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Tribal Affiliation _____ Enrollment # _____

Current email _____ Marital Status Single Married Separated Divorced

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

How did you hear about the AIANTA Scholarship? _____

GED or High School Information

- I received my GED (attach documentation to completed application)



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High School _____ Graduation Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

College Information

Name of institution planning to attend: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I will be a: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

Degree: Trade/Professional Certificate Non-transferable Associate (2 year) Transferable Associate (2 year)
 Bachelor (4-5 year) Graduate Certificate Program

Term for which you are applying: Fall Semester Spring Semester

Semester/Year _____ College Major _____

Community Involvement

Please list all tribal activities that you show leadership and participation in: _____

Attach additional page if necessary

Essay Guidelines: (500 words or less), double spaced, 1" margins, 12 pt. Times New Roman font only)

Please attach an essay that outlines the information listed below. This essay is the **primary component** of your application and will influence the award committee for your scholarship request. Take this as an opportunity to tell your story and demonstrate not only your writing skills but how this scholarship opportunity will advance you in your hospitality career. Include the following:

- **Introduction** – Introduce yourself using your full name and tribal affiliation. Include information about your home, family and where you are from.
- **Unique Circumstances** - Tell us any special circumstances or obstacles you have had to overcome to pursue an education. Let us know what is unique and different about you that will help the committee to understand you more fully. What do you think it is about you that will help you succeed in your educational pursuit?
- **Academics** –Describe yourself as a student - how you have achieved academic success, and your work ethic. Tell us who/what inspired you to pursue tourism as a career path. Tell us why you have selected the hospitality/tourism field.



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Describe any leadership positions you have held and how they shaped you. Tell us about any support systems you have had or will have while pursuing your degree or certificate. Tell us about community activities you are involved in.

- **Career Plans** – Describe your ultimate career goal. Tell us the steps you are taking to reach your goals. Explain what qualities you see in yourself that will help you in your journey and career. Discuss your strengths and weaknesses.
- **Service to the Tribal Community** – Share your native heritage and what it means to you. Describe your career plan and describe the positive changes you want to make in Indian communities. Explain how your education will allow you to do so. When you do return to work in your community, describe what you want to do?
- **Leadership/Community Service** – Describe your community involvement activities and tell us how your involvement affects your future. If you do not have a traditional community involvement, describe how you helped your tribe, family or community.
- **Describe your financial needs** and how you plan to fund your educational goals.

READ AND SIGN BELOW

I certify that the information contained within this application is true to the best of my knowledge and is my own work. I understand that misrepresentation or fraudulent information may be grounds for loss of scholarship funds and repayment of funds may be requested. By accepting a scholarship from the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA), I authorize AIANTA to use my photograph and any information that I have provided in advertising, fundraising and in any media. Furthermore, if awarded a scholarship, I will donate 12 volunteer hours to a tribe, national park, or public land institution within the award year in order to be eligible for the following award year. Applicant must submit a letter from the volunteer organization placement site to AIANTA by August 17, 2020. If information on a site placement is needed, please call the AIANTA office at 505-209-2479 for further assistance.

*I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, the Address Information Form that I receive with my award letter **MUST** be received by AIANTA no later than August 2, 2019 for the Fall semester and no later than December 13, 2019 for the Spring 2020 semester, or my scholarship will be forfeited. Additionally, if I am awarded a scholarship from AIANTA, I understand that I **MUST** provide a copy of my semester grades to AIANTA at the end of each Fall, Spring, and Summer semester.*

Signature _____ Date: _____

APPLICATIONS MUST:

BE SIGNED, NOT FAXED & RECEIVED BEFORE DEADLINE

DO NOT INCLUDE LETTERS OF REFERENCE

BE MAILED AS ONE PACKET IN A LARGE ENVELOPE (DO NOT FOLD APPLICATION)

HAVE SUFFICIENT POSTAGE AND POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE DEADLINE DATE

MAILED TO:

AIANTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ATTN: SHERRIE L. BOWMAN

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS:

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