



# AIANTA

American Indian Alaska Native  
Tourism Association

## 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 31, 2015** TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE **FALL SEMESTER**.  
APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND POSTMARKED BY **DECEMBER 4, 2015** TO BE CONSIDERED FOR **SPRING 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 a hospitality/tourism concentration
- GPA must be 2.0 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
- 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)
  - Letter of admission to college/university/technical school

### 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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## GED or High School Information

I received my GED (attach documentation to completed application)

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)       Masters

Term for which you are applying:       Fall Semester       Spring Semester

Semester/Year \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Involvement

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

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**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.



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- **Unique Circumstances** - Tell us any special circumstances or obstacles you have had to overcome to attend college. 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 college?
- **Academics** – Describe yourself as a student - how you made the grades you did, and how much time you spend studying. Tell us who/what inspired you to pursue a college education. **Tell us why you have selected the hospitality/tourism field.** Describe any school 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. Tell us about school 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 college education will allow you to do so. When you do return to work in your community, describe what you plan to do?
- **Leadership/Community Service** – Describe your community involvement activities and tell us how your involvement affects your future. If you don't 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 14, 2015. If information on a site placement is needed please call the AIANTA office at 505.724.3592 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 28, 2015 for the Fall semester and no later than December 18, 2015 for the Spring 2016 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 BE FAXED & BE 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 BOWMAN**

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