

# 2017 CHIEF STANDING BEAR SCHOLARSHIP

*"My hand is not the color of yours, but if I pierce it, I shall feel pain. If you pierce your hand, you also feel pain. The blood that will flow from mine will be of the same color as yours. I am a man. The same God made us both."*

- Chief Standing Bear -



Chief Standing Bear's contributions towards Civil Rights have left a lasting impression on Nebraskans and have had an impact on all Americans as well.

In Commemoration of his efforts, the Chief Standing Bear Scholarship Committee is offering two \$2,500 scholarships to American Indian students who are enrolled in a tribe and who will be attending a higher-education institution (e.g. four-year college/university, community college, tribal college, technical school, etc.) in the upcoming fall term.

The scholarship will be distributed directly to the student in two equal payments of \$1,250 (August and January). The August payment will be provided upon receipt of enrollment in the higher-education institution. The January payment will be provided upon receipt of the student's first semester grades and registration of classes for the next semester/quarter. Grade Point Average must be above a 2.5 during the first semester.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- 1.) The applicant must be an enrolled tribal member and able to provide proof of tribal affiliation.
- 2.) The applicant must be a Nebraska resident.
- 3.) The applicant must submit the scholarship application, scholarship essay, and letter of reference by 5:00 p.m. March 31, 2017.

## **Scholarship Recipient Requirements**

- 1.) The recipient must be accepted into an accredited program of higher education. Proof of enrollment must be provided before receiving the first payment.
- 2.) The recipient will be contacted and asked to provide their first semester grades and proof of class registration for the next semester/quarter.
- 3.) Applicant must show a Grade Point Average of at least a 2.5 for the first semester in your institution of higher learning in order to receive the second payment.

**Please Note:** All Applicants will receive a response from the Scholarship Committee by May 1, 2017. Scholarship winners should plan on attending an awards ceremony in mid-May 2016. Specific date is yet to be determined.

### **SUBMISSION:**

Completed applications (including the essay) are to be submitted by e-mail or regular mail no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2017.

-Electronic (e-mail) applications must be e-mailed to [scott.w.shafer@nebraska.gov](mailto:scott.w.shafer@nebraska.gov)

Please type "CSB 2017 Scholarship" in the subject box.

-Regular Mail: Mail applications to...

**CSB 2017 Scholarship  
Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs  
PO Box 94981  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4981**

**For Questions:** Contact the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs at 402-471-3475 or by e-mail at [scott.w.shafer@nebraska.gov](mailto:scott.w.shafer@nebraska.gov)

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## APPLICATION FORM

Please **type or print** legibly. If necessary, please attach an additional sheet of paper to complete the application. **PLEASE INCLUDE AN ACADEMIC LETTER OF REFERENCE FROM SOMEONE (A NON-RELATIVE TEACHER OR COUNSELOR) WHO CAN TELL US ABOUT YOUR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.**

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

- A.) Briefly describe your major area of academic interest and career or vocational plans and indicate how you will use this scholarship to continue your education. Be as specific as possible, and share your vision and plan with us.
- B.) Please write a 500 to 600 word essay responding to the following question. Feel free to use additional pages if necessary:  
**"The story of Ponca Chief Standing Bear's struggle is one of perseverance and triumph over adversity. Describe some of Chief Standing Bear's exemplary traits which you have adopted and modeled in your own life. Tell us how you have overcome adversity and how you plan to continue to utilize those same traits to achieve your own educational and personal goals."**