

AMERICAN INDIAN ASSISTANCE FUND To Support Student Internships

2009 Instructions & Application Form

Description:

This fund provides monies to pay a stipend/salary to support student internships. Students are responsible to identify an appropriate internship placement site where they can learn or further develop expertise useful to Native American communities and peoples. For assistance with this process, consult with your faculty, staff at Native American Student Affairs (NASA), staff at American Indian Studies, or the AIS website at http://aisp.web.arizona.edu/internship_placement.htm

Eligibility:

American Indian undergraduate and graduate students.

First priority for funding will go to recognized members of the Lakota Oglala; followed by American Indian students who are members of the Lakota/Great Sioux Nation; followed by other American Indian students.

Student must have the following minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) to qualify:

- 3.0 GPA for new entering freshmen
- 2.5 GPA for undergraduates
- For graduate and professional students, the minimum cumulative GPA required by their College or School (e.g. 3.0 GPA for degree programs under the Graduate College, 2.0 for the Law College).

Applicants Must Submit:

- Completed 2009 American Indian Assistance Fund Application Form;
- Personal statement identifying the internship placement site; and discussing (a) the potential value of the internship service to Native peoples and/or communities, and (b) the educational value of the internship experience to the student;
- Letter of support from the prospective supervisor at the internship site verifying the lack of funds to pay the intern, and describing the internship assignment and willingness to work with the student intern;
- Verification of tribal membership (e.g. copy of Certificate of Indian Blood, tribal enrollment card, or letter of verification from a tribal official) or statement of relationship to/descent from a Native community.

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Deadline Dates for Application:

In AIS office by 5:00 pm, Friday, February 13, 2009 for Spring 2009 Internship
In AIS office by 5:00 pm, Friday, May 1, 2009 for Summer 2009 Internship

Please check semester for which you are applying for support:

- Spring 2009
- Summer 2009

Date _____

Name _____ Tribal Affiliation(s) _____

Local Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Major(s) _____

Classification for 2008-2009 academic year:

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate
- Professional

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____ Student ID _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Mail, hand-deliver, or FAX application & documents to:

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