
External Scholarships for American Indian Law Students
for the 2019-2020 Academic Year

1. American Indian Graduate Center

The [American Indian Graduate Center \(AIGC\)](http://www.aigcs.org) provides funding from multiple sources for Native American graduate students. (www.aigcs.org)

The *AIGC Fellowship* application opens January 1, 2019 and closes June 1, 2019. The *Fellowship* typically awards \$1,500 - \$3,000 per academic year to students. Because

2019-2020 Cobell Scholarship Summer opportunity opens December 15, 2018 and closes March 31, 2019. Up to \$5,000.

2019 Cobell Graduate Summer Research Fellowship Program currently open and closes January 10, 2019. Up to \$5,000.

Basic eligibility for Cobell Scholarships

Students must:

- (1) Be an enrolled member of a US Federally-Recognized Tribe;
- (2) Be enrolled in full-time study and degree seeking at an accredited institution; and
- (3) Pursue a vocational certificate or diploma, associate's, bachelors, masters, doctoral or professional degree.

3. American Indian Education Fund

The [American Indian Education Fund \(AIEF\)](http://www.nativepartnership.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief_home) offers competitive scholarships to eligible American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian students pursuing a masters or doctoral degree. AIEF provides \$1,000 to \$2,000 per scholarship for graduate students who are attending or have been accepted to an accredited graduate school. The scholarship is paid directly to each recipient's college or university.

(http://www.nativepartnership.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief_home)

Applications for the 2018-2019 academic year closed on April 4, 2018. Please check AIEF's website to see the deadline for the 2019-2020 academic year. For more information, call 1-866-866-8642 or email rschad@nativepartnership.org.

Basic Eligibility for AIEF scholarships

Students must:

- (1) Be enrolled between 6-18 credit hours;
- (2) Have a GPA of 2.5 or above, as shown on transcripts; and
- (3) Provide documentation that the student or a parent is an enrolled member of a tribe.

4. Association on American Indian Affairs

The [Association on American Indian Affairs \(AAIA\)](https://www.indian-affairs.org/) offers several annual, merit-based and need-based scholarships for graduate students. More information about each scholarship below. Awards are mailed directly to the school. (<https://www.indian-affairs.org/>).

[Sequoyah Graduate Scholarship](#) – one-year scholarship for graduate students in all fields of study.

[Elizabeth & Sherman Asche Scholarship](#) – one-year scholarship for undergraduate and graduate students in health and science fields.

[Florence Young Memorial Scholarship](#) – one-year scholarship for graduate students in art, law, and public health fields.

[Allogan Slage Memorial Scholarship](#) – one-year scholarship for undergraduate and graduate students from a non-federally recognized tribe (students from state-recognized tribes may apply) in all fields of study.

Applications for the 2019-2020 year are not open as of November 19, 2018. Please check AAIA's website periodically to see upcoming opening and closing dates. AAIA requires all components of the scholarship application to be received by AAIA by the application deadline. If the application is only postmarked by the deadline, it will not be considered.

Basic eligibility for AAIA scholarships

Students must:

- (1) Be enrolled members of a US Tribe or Alaska Tribe, either a federally recognized or non-federally recognized Tribe;
- (2) Submit a copy of Tribal enrollment;
- (3) Be enrolled as full-time students for both fall and spring semesters at an accredited institution;
- (4) Have a minimum of 2.5 out of 4.0 GPA; and
- (5) Submit a current class schedule and transcript.

5. American Indian College Fund

The [American Indian College Fund \(College Fund\)](#) provides scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native college students attending Tribal colleges and universities *and* any non-profit and accredited college or university. (<https://collegefund.org/>)

The [Full Circle scholarship program](#) provides scholarship support for an academic year (two semesters) from September to May 31 of each year.

Basic eligibility for Full Circle scholarship

Students must:

- (1) Be a U.S. citizen or Canadian eligible to attend college in the U.S. under provisions of the Jay Treaty;
- (2) Be enrolled full-time in a certificate, associate, bachelor's, or graduate program at an accredited tribal, public, or private (non-profit) college or university;
- (3) Be an enrolled member of a federal or state recognized tribe, or a descendant of at least one grandparent or parent who is an enrolled tribal member. Alaska Natives may use Native Corporation membership; and
- (4) Have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA. A scholarship may require a higher GPA to maintain eligibility.

6. National Native American Bar Association Foundation

The NNABA Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization established by the National Native American Bar Association. The NNABA Foundation awards scholarships on a nationwide basis to law students who demonstrate a commitment to serve or contribute to the Native American community as future leaders. In the past, the NNABA Foundation has awarded general scholarships to cover tuition and bar review scholarships to

cover bar review expenses. As of November 19, 2018, it appears that only Bar Review scholarships are available. (<https://www.nativeamericanbar.org>).

Applications for the 2018 Bar Review Scholarships closed on March 2, 2018. Please check NNABA's website for opening and closing dates for 2019 scholarships. Applications must be submitted electronically.

Basic eligibility for NNABA Foundation Bar Review Scholarship

Student must:

- (1) Be an active member of the National Native American Bar Association, a regional American Indian Bar Association or the National Native American Law Student Association;
- (2) Be a current third-year law student attending an accredited law school in the United States; and
- (3) Be registered to take the a State Bar Examination in July or February;

7. Colorado's American Indian Scholars Scholarship Fund

The State of Colorado raises funds for a scholar

