

2013 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 four \$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, 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.

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. April 5, 2013.

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 must provide proof of the first semester grades to a confidential designated member of the selection committee and registration of classes for the next semester/quarter.

Please Note: All Applicants will receive a response from the Scholarship Committee by April 30, 2013. Scholarship winners should plan on attending the *Annual Chief Standing Bear Breakfast* on Friday, May 10, 2013 at Embassy Suites, in La Vista, Nebraska, where the awards will be announced. Cost of the breakfast will be waived for each scholarship winner and one guest per each recipient.

SUBMISSION:

Completed applications (including the essay) are to be submitted by e-mail or regular mail no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2013.

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

Please type "CSB 2013 Scholarship" in the subject box.

-Regular Mail: Mail applications to...

**CSB 2013 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

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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 A LETTER OF REFERENCE FROM SOMEONE (A NON-RELATIVE) WHO CAN DESCRIBE YOUR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____ Enrollment #: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone #: _____

- 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.
- 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 the exemplary traits of Chief Standing Bear empowering him to overcome adversity, how you overcame adversity and how you plan to utilize those same traits to achieve your own educational goals."