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## **Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce Colorado Indian Education Foundation**

### **American Indian Scholars Scholarship Program**

#### **History:**

The Colorado Indian Education Foundation (CIEF) is a nonprofit organization providing educational opportunities and scholarships in the State of Colorado. Based in Denver, and affiliated with the Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce (RMICC), the Foundation is proud to offer this scholarship program, which was made possible by the efforts of legislators, the American Indian community, and other committed individuals who envision a greater awareness of Colorado's American Indian heritage and culture and acknowledge the need for resources for American Indian students in the State of Colorado. For more information on the history of this program, please visit the website at [www.rmicc.org](http://www.rmicc.org)

#### **Purpose of Award:**

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist American Indian students with educational expenses. Eight scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded for the 2008/2009 school year.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

An applicant must:

1. Be an American Indian verified by one of the following:
  - a. the applicant is on a federal or state recognized tribal roll and is identified by a tribal enrollment card, or
  - b. the applicant has an official letter from a federal or state recognized tribe or agency stating tribal membership or Indian blood, or
  - c. the applicant can verify through a family tree and officially sealed birth certificates (one from member, one from parent) that verifies that at least one parent is Indian, or
  - d. the applicant is an enrolled/official member of a terminated tribe (supporting documentation is required).
2. Be a resident of Colorado, verified by a Driver's License or other official document.
3. Have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

***Applications must be postmarked by October 3, 2008***

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**Required documents for submission:**

1. Completed application form.
2. Documentation of American Indian heritage as described in the eligibility requirements.
3. Evidence of admission to an accredited college, university or vocational/trade school in the State of Colorado.
4. A copy of your transcripts (recent high school graduates must submit a high school transcript).
5. A copy of your most recent tax return.
6. Two letters of recommendation, with one letter from one of the following individuals: teacher, advisor/counselor, tribal government representative and/or civic leader.
7. An essay describing your chosen field of study, your educational goals, career goals, involvement in the Indian community and how this scholarship will help you in furthering your education (maximum 500 words).

**Application Procedure:**

The application form must be completed in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. **One copy must be submitted to the following address and the application must be postmarked by October 3, 2008**

Mailing address:      American Indian Scholars Program  
Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 40749  
Denver, CO 80204

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Colorado Indian Education Foundation  
American Indian Scholars Program**

**Application Form**

1. **Applicant's Full Legal Name (Last/First/Middle Initial):**

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2. **Current Mailing Address:**

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address (if different from above):**

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Phone Numbers:**

Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Sex:** [ ] Male [ ] Female

7. **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Check the appropriate box to list information used to verify your eligibility:**

[ ] Copy of official document showing tribal enrollment number

[ ] Other official document (describe)

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9. **Tribal Affiliation:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Form

**10. School that you plan to attend for the upcoming academic year:**

Name of Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Admission Office \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Classification of program:**

Diploma  Certificate  Associate of Arts  Undergraduate  Graduate

**12. Field of study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Degree sought:** \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Expected graduation date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Full time student:**  Yes  No

**16. Have you attached evidence that you are enrolled or have been accepted into the program listed above:**  Yes  No

**17. Which system does the school use:**  Semester  Trimester  Quarter

**18. Indicate the official start date of the upcoming term:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 3, 2008.** Include this form and all other materials required for this scholarship postmarked by October 3, 2008 and mail to:

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**Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered for review.** If you have any questions about this program, you can visit the website for additional information, send an email to [info@rmicc.org](mailto:info@rmicc.org) or call 303-629-0102.