

**AIBL Scholarship Program**  
**POSTMARK DEADLINE: OCTOBER 30, 2009**  
Late and/or incomplete applications will not receive consideration!

The AIBL Scholarship fund has been established to enhance AIBL's commitment to education and the mission of promoting future business leaders who will utilize their education and experience to ultimately assist in improving tribal economic environments. This fund enables us to provide educational money to deserving AIBL members to assist in the cost of attending and institution of higher education. It is also an opportunity for the National AIBL Office to honor students for their dedication to academics and the commitment to the mission of AIBL.

**Scholarship Criteria:**

- Must be a full-time undergraduate student (at least 12 hours per semester) at an accredited two year or four year college/university or tribal college.
- Must be a member of a federally recognized tribe
- Must be an active AIBL student member for one semester.
- Must have a 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average (GPA)
- Must submit \$25.00 membership application fee (includes National AIBL membership fee).

**Scholarship Application Process:**

- Must submit a 500 word personal essay showcasing active participation in AIBL Chapter activities.
- Must submit three letters of reference, one of which must be by the AIBL Advisor.
- Must provide proof of tribal enrollment.
- Must provide official transcripts.

**Awards:** Two \$500 scholarships are available. Notifications of awards are made in November and award disbursement is made no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>. Recipients are encouraged to attend the Annual National AIBL Leadership Conference.

**Official Transcripts:** The applicant's most recent official transcript(s) are required. Faxed photocopies and computer printouts by applicant will not be accepted.

**Personal Essay:** On a separate sheet(s), the applicant must provide a personal statement with no more than 500 words. This statement is evaluated by stating educational and/or career goals, stating interest in and motivation to continue higher education, understanding the importance of college and a commitment to completion, expressing commitment to learning, and giving back to the community. **The personal essay must be included with this application, typed using a 12-point font, and double-spaced. The applicant's name and date must appear at the top of the sheet. Stapled and double-sided written essays will NOT be accepted.**

**Tribal Enrollment:** Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or proof of tribal enrollment document is required.

**Recommendations:** Please submit THREE letters of recommendations, one of which must be from your AIBL Advisor. We suggest a professor and/or a non-related friend at work or in your community who knows you well.

**Application Checklist:**

- \_\_\_ Application forms complete
- \_\_\_ Official transcripts (included with application package or being sent directly by school)
- \_\_\_ Personal essay included
- \_\_\_ Three letters of recommendation
- \_\_\_ Proof of tribal enrollment
- \_\_\_ Application has no staples
- \_\_\_ Application fee \$25.00 Make check/money order payable to AIBL Scholarship. NO CASH PLEASE!
- \_\_\_ Application postmarked by October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009



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**STUDENT PROFILE** All information must be completed

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Last Name*

*First Name*

*MI*

SS# \_\_\_\_\_ **TRIBE(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*NOTE: Please attach proof of tribal enrollment*

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PLACE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GENDER:** Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ **AIBL MEMBER:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT AND APPLICATION SENT ON THIS DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING INFORMATION:**

Please indicate where you would like your hardcopy mail sent:

\_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_ School Address

**\*\*NOTE:** You are responsible for keeping AIBL informed of your current address

**PERMANENT ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Number*

*Street*

*Apt#*

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS (PREFERRED) :** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC PROFILE:** High School and college information, and cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale must be provided. List all high schools and colleges/universities attending or **plan to attend** starting with the most current. Official transcript(s) must be submitted. All information you provide will be verified.

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*Name of Institution*      *Location (City/ST)*    *Phone#*      *Attendance*    *GradDate(Mo/Yr)*    *Cum GPA*

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Indicate what college level you will be in the 2009-2010 academic year:

\_\_\_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Student: Year   1     2     3     4  

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree you wish to pursue:** \_\_\_\_\_ AA \_\_\_\_\_ AS \_\_\_\_\_ BA \_\_\_\_\_ BS \_\_\_\_\_ MA \_\_\_\_\_ MS \_\_\_\_\_ PhD \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCLOSURE:** I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application. I also understand that if I am selected for this award, I am responsible for providing AIBL with proof of enrollment verification, official college transcripts for the academic year awarded, and any other required documents in a timely manner.

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed Application Packets must be postmarked on or before October 30, 2009 and sent to:**

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