

STUDENT CHAPTER FORMATION

*"We do not want riches, but we want to train our children right
Riches would do us no good.
We could not take them with us to the other world.
We do not want riches, we want peace and love."*

*Red Cloud
Oglala Lakota, 1870*

Student chapters can be organized at any K-8, high school, tribal college, community college, junior college, technical institute, and university. Chapters will be formed under the standard *Code for Governing of Student Chapters* (page 11). General procedures for application include:

1. A letter of application will be submitted to AIBL's board of directors (a sample letter is on page 20).
2. A completed *AIBL Application for the Establishment of a Student Chapter*. This application will be submitted to the AIBL board of directors for approval.
3. Each AIBL chapter is encouraged to have at least four members. All chapters must be organized under the National AIBL Program.
4. Any full-time or part-time student Indian/non-Indian may be a member of AIBL.
5. A chapter must have an advisor. The chapter advisor does not have to be an American Indian, but must be aware of and possess some compassion and sensitivity toward Indian people, students and the American Indian traditional culture. The advisor will be a friend, a strong supporter and someone in whom students can confide. Chapter advisors are not expected to assume leadership of the student group, but they are encouraged to work closely with the members in a supportive manner while showing trust in the executive officers by allowing them latitude to use their own judgment and function on their own.
6. The student chapter is encouraged to be recognized as a school-affiliated organization. School affiliation provides access to school facilities and services (such as meeting rooms and video equipment) as well as eligibility for school funding.