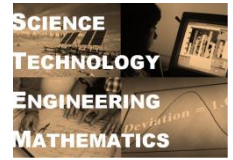


SMA NATIVE AMERICAN STEM SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS



Purpose: Souder Miller & Associates (SMA) seeks to recognize and encourage Native American college-bound high school and college students in his/her pursuit of a four-year degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics.

Nondiscrimination Statement: The Scholarship Committee will select recipients without regard to sex, religion, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by law. Applicants must be enrolled members of a United States federally recognized Tribe, Nation, or Pueblo. Preference will be given to applicants who are entering their first year of college and reside within the Southwest Region of the United States.

Scholarship Terms and Renewal: Each scholarship shall be for a full academic year where the student registers for a full-time course load, pursues a BA/BS degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics, successfully completes all courses, maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.0, and does not become subject to any disciplinary or criminal action. Automatic renewal for up to a maximum of four academic years or up to completion of Bachelor's Degree (whichever comes first) is at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. SMA will transfer the first installment of \$750.00 directly to the scholarship recipient's college or university by August 17thth, and the second installment of \$750.00 after receipt of the first semester transcripts. No payments will be made directly to scholarship recipients. The scholarship can be used for tuition, fees, books, or on-campus housing/meals.

Eligibility Requirements: In order to be eligible for consideration under this Award program, the scholarship applicant must:

- Be an enrolled member of federally recognized Pueblo, Nation or Tribe in the United States of America.
- Be a high school graduate by June 2018 who has been accepted by an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Or
- Be a college STEM student already enrolled at an accredited college or university.
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
- Major in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics) field.
- Have a clean criminal and driving record. May not have been placed on disciplinary or academic probation at any time.

Application Requirements: In order to be eligible for consideration, the applicant must provide:

- Completed and signed application form and applicant agreement
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
- High school or college transcript (cumulative GPA must be 3.0 or higher)
- Letter of College or University Admission (if a graduating high school student)
- **Two (2)** letters of reference
 - at least one from an instructor or advisor
 - one from another source (not a family member)
- A one-page, single-spaced essay that answers the question listed in the essay instructions

***** Optional Submission:** Please describe any extra-curricular activities you currently participate in and note whether they are related to a STEM field.

Submission Deadline: Must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2018.

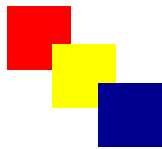
E-mail to: nativeamerican.scholarship@soudermiller.com, mail or hand-deliver to SMA Native American STEM Scholarship, Souder, Miller & Associates, 5454 Venice Avenue NE, Ste D, Albuquerque, NM 87113. **Incomplete application packages will be rejected.**

Additional information for scholarship recipients:

- Recipients are encouraged to attend an Awards Banquet at a designated SMA location

Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified of award by phone and mail; all others will receive an e-mail.





SMA Native American STEM Scholarship Application Form



TYPE OR PRINT IN BLUE OR BLACK INK. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Census No. (if applicable): _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City, State and Zip code: _____
 E-mail address: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Chapter Affiliation. (if applicable): _____
 Cell Phone: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School, College or University attended during 2017/2018: _____
 Cumulative High School or Post-secondary GPA as of 06/01/18: _____
 College or University attending during 2017/2018: _____
 Fall 2018 College Level (circle one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
 Date of College or University Acceptance: _____
 Major: _____

- REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
 - High school or college transcript (cumulative GPA must be 3.0 or higher)
 - Letter of Admissions (if a graduating high school student)
 - Proof of enrollment and major (if a current college student, e.g. upcoming schedule or a letter from advisor).
 - Two (2) letters of reference
 - One from an instructor or advisor
 - One from another source (not a family member)
 - Original essay (see below for more instructions)

- ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS**
- Essay must address topic: **Who are you and what are your future goals? How does an education in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) impact your future and benefit your community?**
 - Essay must be typewritten.
 - Essay must be in English and must demonstrate good grammar, spelling and punctuation.
 - Essay must not exceed **ONE** type-written page, single-spaced.
 - Essay must be written by the applicant without assistance.

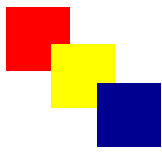
I, _____, certify that to the best of my knowledge, I meet all eligibility criteria. I further certify that the information on this application and the supporting materials are complete, factually correct, and honestly presented. I understand that the scholarship will be awarded on merit and at the discretion of the SMA Native American STEM Scholarship Committee. I also understand that to retain the scholarship, I must meet the terms outlined in the SMA Native American STEM Scholarship Recipient Agreement.

 Applicant's Printed Name

 Date signed

 Applicant's Signature





SMA Native American STEM Scholarship Application Agreement



Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State and Zip code:

E-mail address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Address of College or University Scholarship office:

Tribal Affiliation:

Chapter Affiliation. (if applicable):

I, _____, certify that I have read and understand the terms of the SMA Native American STEM Scholarship.

- I must attend an accredited college or university and pursue a BA/BS degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics.
- I must be a full-time student, as defined by my educational institution, progressing toward a baccalaureate degree during the term of this scholarship.
- The award must be used exclusively for tuition, fees, books, on-campus housing/meals.
- The scholarship award will be paid directly to the college or university where I am registered.
- **I must notify the SMA Native American Stem Scholarship Committee (Scholarship Committee) if I drop a course, fail to meet the cumulative 3.0 GPA requirement, transfer to another school or drop out of school. I understand that I will be given a one semester/trimester/quarter grace period to raise my cumulative GPA back up to a 3.0.**
- **I understand that I will lose my scholarship if I fall below full-time status, drop out of school or fail to raise or maintain my cumulative 3.0 GPA by the end of the grace period.**
- I must notify the Scholarship Committee if I become subject to criminal or academic disciplinary inquiry. I understand that I will forfeit my scholarship if found guilty.
- I will provide the Scholarship Committee with a transcript at the end of each semester/ trimester/ quarter. This transcript must show the cumulative GPA.
- I must keep the Scholarship Committee informed of my contact information: home address, school address, home phone number, cell number, e-mail address.
- I understand I may be asked to repay the scholarship award if my cumulative GPA falls below 3.0, if a "D" or below is earned in any course or I withdraw or transfer without proper approval and authorization.
- I understand that the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to request more information and materials at any time.
- I agree that if I am awarded a scholarship, my name and likeness may be used on promotional materials pertaining to the STEM Scholarship.

I accept and abide by the conditions stipulated in the terms above and will be bound by the responsibilities and consequences thereof. I give the Scholarship Committee permission to receive my transcripts and to inquire about the nature of any disciplinary action.

Applicant's Printed Name

Date signed

Applicant's Signature

