



TIWAHE
FOUNDATION

Renewing Individuals, Family, Community

GRANT APPLICATION

AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM FUND

The Tiwahe Foundation is a resource for giving and strengthens American Indian communities by building capacity through leadership, culture, values and vision.

PART 1: FUNDING GUIDELINES & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



What AIFEP Funds

AIFEP supports an individual or family in pursuit of professional, educational, or cultural opportunities.

Goal 1: Preserve and Renew Native Cultural Connections. Funding requests up to \$1,500 and will support:

- ★ *Learning Native languages (speaking and understanding)*
- ★ *Developing kinship ties (learning from family, elders and community members)*
- ★ *Learning traditional and cultural practices*

Goal 2: Educational Achievement. Funding requests up to \$2,500 and will support:

- ★ *Expenses related to college degrees, certificates, vocational training, GED, and college entrance exams.*

Goal 3: Economic Self-Sufficiency.

Funding requests up to \$2,500 and will support:

- ★ *Employment, business, entrepreneurial opportunities and home ownership.*

To submit an electronic application:

tiwahefoundation.submittable.com/submit

Eligibility Requirements

- ★ *Applicant must be 18 years of age. Adults cannot apply on a minor's behalf.*
- ★ *Applicant must be a member of a federally or state recognized tribe, and must provide proof of tribal lineage – this includes a copy of tribal identification, enrollment or lineage documentation. Applicant using a parent's enrollment documentation must submit a copy of birth certificate verifying relationship between parent & applicant.*
- ★ *Applicant must reside in the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area, which includes the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Scott, Ramsey and Washington.*
- ★ *Grant recipients are eligible to apply for AIFEP funding every three years.*
- ★ *Former grantees must have submitted a final report before reapplying. Previously funded applicants who do not submit a final report are ineligible.*
- ★ *Applicants applying under educational achievement must include a Financial Needs Analysis.*
- ★ *Computer requests must include supporting documents showing the computer researched and estimates.*

AIFEP will not fund:

- ★ *Computer requests over \$1,100*
- ★ *Preserve and Renew Native Cultural Connections over \$1,500*
- ★ *Payment and/or reimbursement for outstanding bills or bills that have been paid, traffic tickets, or loans.*

Grantee Commitment

- ★ *Submit a final report of accomplishments and expenses within one year from grant award. A final report form will be sent to all AIFEP grantees.*
- ★ *Attend special events to celebrate and honor accomplishments of AIFEP recipients and supporters.*
- ★ *Agree to share story, photographs and/or videos.*
- ★ *Agree to be part of the Tiwabe Alumni Network.*

HOW TO APPLY:

PART II: ESSAY — SUBMIT A WRITTEN ESSAY NO LONGER THAN THREE PAGES THAT RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS 1-6 BELOW.

1. Identify one goal (Cultural, Education, Economic self-sufficiency) and explain why you have selected that goal.
2. Describe the steps you will take to accomplish your goal.
3. How will you know you have achieved your goal and what lessons do you hope to learn from your activities?
4. What other community resources and supporters will help you reach your goal?
5. Describe how this grant will help promote positive change in self, family, and community.
6. Describe how you will pass on AIFEP's Spirit of Generosity to others.

PART III: APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND CHECKLIST. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.

You must include:

- ★ Complete Application Cover sheet: name, address, phone, email, etc.
- ★ Typed or written essay, no longer than 3-pages, responding to questions 1-6.
- ★ An itemized budget explaining how you plan to use the funds.
- ★ Two letters of recommendation from non-family members who can speak to your ability to successfully complete your goal. **Must include one professional recommendation.**
- ★ Proof of tribal enrollment or lineage.
- ★ Simple business plan for business funding requests. This should not exceed 3-5 pages.
- ★ Computer request must include supporting documents showing the computer researched and estimates.
- ★ Financial Needs Analysis from College attending.
- ★ Two pages of supporting documents may be submitted (optional).

Grant Application Checklist:

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed

- Complete Application Cover sheet
- Essay, no longer than 3-pages (typed or clearly written)
- Itemized budget explaining how you plan to use the funds
- Two letters of recommendation (must include one professional recommendation)
- Proof of tribal enrollment or lineage (copy of birth certificate if using parent's enrollment)
- Business plan, if applying for small business support
- Computer request- supporting documents
- Financial Needs Analysis from College attending.
- Two pages of supporting documents may be submitted (optional).

PART IV: SELECTION & NOTIFICATION

All applicants will receive a letter or email of notification of grant award or declination. If approved, a follow-up letter and payment will follow from the Tiwahe Foundation by listed notification date below.

Application deadline submission and notification date:

Postmarked by:

Notified by:

January 6

February 29

May 6

June 30

September 6

October 30

Additional Information:

If a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the following business day becomes the postmark deadline. Early submission of your application is encouraged, but will not be a factor in the committee's decision.

Please mail application to:

Tiwahe Foundation
2801 21st Ave South, Suite 132-F
Minneapolis, MN 55407

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AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM FUND APPLICATION COVER SHEET



APPLICANT NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

E-MAIL

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE

CURRENT HOUSEHOLD SIZE

AGE OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

TRIBAL AFFILIATION (Documentation showing proof of tribal enrollment or lineage is required)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CORRESPOND THROUGH E-MAIL OR U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

INCOME LEVEL:

The following information will be used for demographic analysis only.

The grant will not be awarded or declined based on income.

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| <input type="radio"/> Less than \$10,000 per year | <input type="radio"/> \$15,000 to \$19,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$30,000 to \$34,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$45,000 to \$49,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$75,000 to \$99,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$10,000 to \$14,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$25,000 to \$29,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$35,000 to \$39,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$50,000 to \$59,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$100,000 plus |
| | <input type="radio"/> \$20,000 to \$24,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$40,000 to \$44,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$60,000 to \$74,999 | |

Have you received AIFEP funding before? Yes No If yes, when? _____

Did you submit a final report? Yes No

Choose ONE goal:

Preserving & Renewing Cultural Connections Educational Achievement Economic Self Sufficiency

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Briefly describe your request for funding: _____

This brochure is dedicated to Ms. Markell Brooks, founder of the American Indian Family Empowerment Program. Created in 1996, AIFEP will continue to honor Ms. Brooks' vision of grantmaking to individuals and families promoting positive change in their life, family, and community.

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