



GRANT APPLICATION

American Indian Family Empowerment Program

OUR MISSION

Provide resources to American Indian people to live culturally centered, economically independent, and healthy lives — grounded in sovereignty and indigenous worldview.





Lisa Owen (Left) with her family in February 2015 for Educational Achievement; Brook LaFloe (Right), at the 2013 Preserve and Renew Native Cultural Connections for the renewal of the Macalester College Pow Wow

WHAT AIFEP FUNDS

Tiwahe Foundation supports individuals or families in pursuit of professional, educational, or cultural opportunities.

[Submit an Electronic Application](#)

IMPACT AREAS

Culture

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

Education

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

Economic Independence

- Employment, business, entrepreneurial opportunities and home ownership

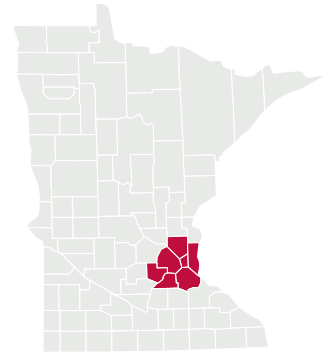
Health and Wellness

- Expenses related to community-based physical and mental health initiatives
- Asset-based learning or business model development related to building healthy community
- Work in culturally-centered healthy food systems, traditional tobacco and/or healing

FUNDING GUIDELINES & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be 18 years of age. Adults cannot apply on a minor's behalf.
- Applicant must be a member or a descendant 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 metropolitan area of Minnesota: **Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Scott, Ramsey and Washington Counties.**
- Past grant recipients are eligible to apply for funding 18 months after receipt of previous award and the submission of a final report. Previously funded applicants who do not submit a final report are ineligible.
- Applicants applying under Education Impact area must include a Financial Needs Statement.
- Computer or similar technology requests must include supporting documents showing purchase estimates.



We will not fund:

- Computer or similar technology requests over \$2,000.
- Payment and/or reimbursement for outstanding bills or bills that have been paid, traffic tickets, or loans.
- Car Repairs requests over \$750.

Grantee Commitment

- Submit a final report of accomplishments and expenses within one year from grant award.
- Attend Grantee Honoring or set up an in-person meeting with Tiwahe Foundation leadership.
- Agree to share story, photographs and/or videos.

ESSAY

Submit a written essay no longer than three pages that responds to questions 1-6 below.

1. Identify main impact areas (more than one may apply): Culture, Education, Economic Independence, or Health and Wellness. Explain why you have selected that goal.
2. What benchmarks will you set for completing your goal? How will you know your goal is complete?
3. What lessons do you hope to learn from your activities?
4. What community resources and other support systems will help you reach your goal?
5. What 'ripple effect' do you see your goal having both personally and in your community?
6. Describe how you will pass on Tiwahe Foundation's four values: family, respect, trust, generosity.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND CHECKLIST (INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED)

You must include:

- Complete Application: 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.
- Two additional pages of supporting documents may be submitted (optional).
- Economic Independency: Business plan for business funding requests. This should not exceed 3-5 pages.
- Education: Financial Needs Statement from Institution or Program attending. Expected year of graduation and plans for future schooling.
- Computer or similar technology request must include supporting documents showing purchase estimates.

Grant Application Checklist:

Complete Application

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)

Additional Materials needed for specific Impact Areas:

Business plan, if applying for small business support

Supporting documents for technology request

Financial Needs Statement from College attending

Two pages of supporting documents may be submitted (optional)

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

All applicants will receive an email and a letter of notification of grant award or declination.

Application deadline submission date:

If a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the following business day becomes the postmark deadline.

POSTMARKED BY: JANUARY 6, MAY 30, SEPTEMBER 6

Please mail application to:

Tiwahe Foundation
570 Asbury Street, Suite 104
Saint Paul, MN 55104

AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION

APPLICANT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

GENDER IDENTITY _____

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE _____

CURRENT HOUSEHOLD SIZE _____

AGE OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS _____

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

Have you received American Indian Family Empowerment Program funding before?

Yes

No

If yes, when? _____

Did you submit a final report?

Yes

No

If yes, when? _____

Select all impact areas that apply to your application:

Culture

Economic Independence

Education

Health and Wellness

Amount Requested (\$500-\$2,500): \$ _____

In 1-2 sentences briefly describe your request for funding:



This program is dedicated to Ms. Markell Brooks, founder of the American Indian Family Empowerment Program.

Created in 1996, American Indian Family Empowerment Program 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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