

SAIGE IS NOW ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

**Deadline for National Training Conference Scholarship Approaching –
Must be submitted by April 1, 2009**

PURPOSE: To provide assistance to American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) government employees holding Term, Seasonal, Career Conditional, or Career appointments for either: 1) pursuing college level course work leading to a Bachelors, Masters, or PhD degree, 2) attendance to the SAIGE Annual National Training Conference, and 3) for professional development courses/training.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS:

The SAIGE Scholarship program consists of three types of scholarships: Academic Scholarship, SAIGE Conference Scholarship and Professional Development Scholarship.

Academic Scholarship - Subject to the availability of funds, one or more scholarships may be awarded to assist American Indian and Alaska Native federal employees to obtain college level course work to be applied toward receipt of a Bachelors, Masters, or PhD degree.

SAIGE Conference Scholarship – Subject to the availability of funds, scholarships will be awarded for attendance to the SAIGE Annual National Training Conference. Scholarship will include registration, travel and lodging for attendance to the SAIGE conference.

Professional Development Scholarship - Subject to the availability of funds, one or more scholarships may be awarded for registration reimbursement for professional development courses/training.

ELIGIBILITY

* Permanent, term, or career seasonal Career Conditional, or Career American Indian and Alaska Native government employees who are members of SAIGE

* For academic scholarships, nominee must be enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited post secondary school in a course of study, certificate program or professional development program that will lead to a two-year, four-year or graduate degree

* If a continuing student, the student must have at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete and submit the attached application package to the SAIGE and include the following:

- * For academic scholarships, complete academic record, including fall semester grades OR an Individual Development Plan (IDP) signed by applicant's supervisor, if entering an institution of higher education for the first time or after a substantial break in education
- * For the National Training Conference (NTC) or professional development, an Individual Development Plan (IDP) signed by applicant's supervisor identifying related course work or NTC.
- * Letter of Recommendation (character reference)
- * Narrative of extracurricular and community service activities
- * Essay – Topic: Describe your educational and workplace advancement goals and how this scholarship will assist you in meeting these goals.

AWARDS

- * Applications will be evaluated strictly on the merit and integration of the items listed above that comprises the application package. The merit of the applications will be determined on the basis of how the subject-training course will serve to advance and/or develop the employee's career in the federal government.
- * SAIGE scholarship awards are for one year or semester, if applicable.
- * A new complete application is required each year.
- * Awards generally range from \$300 to \$500 (dependent on the educational institution the applicant is planning on attending) per semester or a total of \$500 to \$1,000 each year.

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

Applicants may apply for up to \$500.00 each semester or a total of \$1,000.00 each year.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND DISBURSEMENT:

For SAIGE NTC scholarship, SAIGE will pay for travel and lodging arrangements and provide \$35/day for meals. Arrangements will be made and/or the amount will be awarded to the recipient prior to the National Training Conference. For all other scholarships, once an applicant has been awarded a scholarship, reimbursement will be made upon receiving a passing grade. Scholarship recipients must submit proof of completion of course work in the form of a certificate, in the case of government provided training, or a passing grade as reflected on a college transcript or notification

of final grades. If you do not complete the course, or if you receive a failing grade, you will not be reimbursed by SAIGE.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AS FOLLOWS:

Academic scholarship fall semester, applications are due by June 1 of each year.

Academic scholarship spring semester, applications are due by Nov 1 of each year.

NTC scholarship applications are due by April 1 of each year

Professional development scholarship applications are due by Nov 1 or June 1 of each year.

Applications can be downloaded from the SAIGE website www.saige.org