



HUMBOLDT AREA FOUNDATION

Ecotrust Native American Scholarship Fund

Deadline is November 1, 2017 Postmarked or Delivered by 5pm

Scholarships will be divided equally between Spring 2018 & Fall 2018 semesters

Several awards up to \$5,000 for undergraduate students and awards up to \$10,000 for graduate students.

Ecotrust's mission is to inspire fresh thinking that creates economic opportunity, social equity, and environmental well-being. Ecotrust established its Indigenous Affairs Program to promote, recognize, and support a growing network of Native leaders; increase outdoor education opportunities for native youth in culture, natural resource stewardship, and land management; and restore native lands and their resources for future generations. As part of this initiative, the contemporary education of the next generation of Native Leaders is critical. Their ability to preserve and protect their native and natural legacy will be strengthened and empowered by contemporary education. In 2006, Ecotrust received specific grant funds from an anonymous donor for the purpose of supporting access to undergraduate and graduate college education by American Indians/Alaskan Native/First Nations students. The goal of the funding is to support the educational needs and promote the next generation of Native leaders in the Ecotrust bioregion.

Candidates who meet all of the following criteria are eligible:

- Current HSU undergraduate and graduate students
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Demonstrate financial need
- American Indian, Alaskan Native or First Nations with proof of enrollment or descendency
- Demonstrate leadership qualities and commitment to their communities and native people

Preference will be given to students who also demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Enrolled full-time (minimum 12 credits)
- Enrolled in programs of study including general undergraduate education, natural resource management, environmental law, public health, economic development, and social sciences
- Graduate of a high school in California, Oregon, Alaska, Washington, Idaho, or British Columbia

To apply, please submit the following by November 1, 2017:

1. Application form (2 pages attached)
2. Attached personal statement describing how this scholarship may support your career and leadership goals. In addition, please describe your commitment to your communities and native people (1-2 pages in length)
3. Statement of Financial Need (1-2 paragraphs in length)
4. Financial Need Form
5. Official transcript
6. 2 letters of recommendation
7. Proof of tribal membership or descent

**If you have any questions, please call the Humboldt Area Foundation at (707) 442-2993
Submit this application and supporting documentation by November 1, 2017 to:**

**Humboldt Area Foundation
363 Indianola Road
Bayside, CA 95524**

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List other awards you have received, such as for academic accomplishments or community service.

Award Title	Accomplishment

Employment History

In addition to listing your employment history, please give detail on your on-the-job duties – especially those that will contribute to your future goals.

Dates	Employed By	Your Duties	Hours /Week

Statement of Financial Need

Please include a brief statement describing your financial need. Be sure to describe any financial hardships endured by you and your family that will make it difficult to afford your education. Do you have family members who plan to contribute toward the cost of your education? Do you have other family members attending college simultaneously? List any extraordinary expenses you and your family may have. (One or two paragraphs.)

Ecotrust Native American Scholarship Fund Financial Need Form

Household Income and Other Financial Aid

Annual Gross Income of Your Family

Total the 2017 estimated income for you and your parents (if you are dependent).

- \$100,000 and up
- \$75,000 – 99,000
- \$50,000 – 74,000
- \$45,000 – 49,000
- \$40,000 – 44,999
- \$35,000 – 39,999
- \$30,000 – 34,999
- \$20,000 – 29,999
- \$10,000 – 19,999
- Less than \$10,000

Estimated College Expenses for the 2017-18 year

Total the estimated expenses for you to attend college.

Tuition	\$
Room/Board	\$
Other	\$
Total expenses	\$

Estimated Income for the 2017-18 year

List all income you expect to receive from other sources, including federal financial aid.

Family:	\$
Personal (savings, earnings, etc.):	\$
Confirmed Scholarships:	\$
Confirmed Grants:	\$
Work Study:	\$
Student Loans:	\$
Other:	\$

Other Household and Educational Expenses

How many members in your household depend on the above income? _____

What is your total anticipated need for college expenses in the coming year? _____

Who will be responsible for financing your college education? _____

Expected Family Contribution

Have you filled out and submitted the **FAFSA**? Yes No

Have you received your **Student Aid Report (SAR)**? Yes No

According to your **SAR**, what is your **Expected Family Contribution**? \$ _____

If you have no **SAR**, you can compute your **Expected Family Contribution** to the cost of your education at the following site on the internet using the **Federal Methodology**.

<http://apps.collegeboard.com/fincalc/servlet/efcCalculatorServlet>

According to your calculations, what is your **Expected Family Contribution**? \$ _____