

Overseas Scholarship Opportunity for Native Americans

Turkish Coalition of America (TCA) is a Washington, DC-based educational non-profit organization that seeks to foster a better understanding of US-Turkish relations and Turkish Americans. In partial fulfillment of our mission, we have been administering a scholarship program for Native American, African American and Hispanic American students to study abroad in Turkey since 2008. We have funding to support up to 100 Native American, African American and Hispanic American students per calendar year. Since the inception of the program, we have seen a steady increase in the number of applications that reached 70 in 2010. We have so far awarded 100 students scholarships.

TCA's efforts to build educational bridges between Turkey and US have led to Turkish universities to offer their own scholarship programs. Bahcesehir University in Istanbul – a private, social-sciences focused university – offers up to 8 tuition scholarships to African American, Hispanic American and Native American students on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligible students who are admitted to Bahcesehir can receive a 2,000 USD scholarship from TCA.

Istanbul Technical University (ITU), Turkey's oldest university and a leader in engineering, has announced a comprehensive scholarship program (tuition, room, monthly stipend) exclusively for Native American students. ITU will award 10 students per semester, who can also receive a 2,000 USD scholarship from TCA.

Finally, Ozyegin University (OzU) - a private university also based in Istanbul – has been administering an excellent 4-week summer program. While OzU doesn't have a scholarship program for students, the Honorary Representative of the Hopi Tribe to Turkey (appointed due to TCA's efforts), has agreed to provide 2 Native American students 2,500 USD scholarships on a first-come, first-served basis.

TCA scholarship applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information on the scholarships, please kindly visit us at http://www.tc-america.org/scholarship/scholar_minority.html.

Of the 100 scholarship recipients, TCA has helped sponsor over the past 3 years, only 7 have been Native Americans. We sincerely hope that you will inform Native American students at Harvard about these opportunities in Turkey.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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