

Student & Partner College Services

- College Scholarships
undergraduate & graduate awards
- Emergency Funds
funding for one-time emergencies that
take students out of school
- “Tools for the Trade” Grants
funding for tools required by vocational
or special trades students
- College Transition Camps
supporting the transition from high
school to college, and moving off-
reservation to campus or urban areas



AIEF students arriving to attend a college transition camp



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AIEF college scholars at graduation (Navajo)

Student Resources and Retention



AIEF scholarship recipient graduating from college (Navajo)

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other important college resources
at www.AIEFprogram.org.



AIEF Purpose

Our purpose is to assist Native American students in realizing their dreams and goals through post-secondary education.

AIEF services are designed to help students prepare for college admission and access college funding. In addition, we partner with four-year universities and colleges, as well as tribal colleges and trade schools to support college counselors and school officials and increase their institutional capacity to assist Native American students. AIEF provides a range of education services and funds nearly \$500,000 of aid a year for college students and partners, prioritizing those in underserved states.



AIEF scholarship graduate teaching on the reservation (Navajo)

Scholarship Application Deadline:

- April 4 each calendar year
- 200 to 250 undergraduate & graduate scholarships awarded each year
- Award notices mail to students each June
- Learn more about AIEF services and other important college resources at www.AIEFprogram.org.

AIEF Success Rate

Ninety to ninety-five percent of AIEF scholarship students complete the college year for which they receive support, compared to 21% of all Native scholarship students nationwide. This results from the unique selection process used by our AIEF Scholarship Committee of educators and leaders that support Native American education, as well as student mentoring by our staff and the students' ongoing drive to succeed.

"Best Bet" Scholarships

AIEF selects students who are often overlooked by other scholarship programs. We target students with GEDs or mid-range GPAs and adult students who show the focus and determination to improve their lives and make a difference for others.

To be eligible for AIEF scholarships, students must be enrolled tribal members, have clear and attainable goals, have acceptance as a full-time student to an accredited institution and provide transcripts with GPA and ACT scores. AIEF does not select scholarship recipients on the basis of financial need. Instead, we target the "best bet" students who are likely to succeed — expanding their opportunity to access postsecondary education in tribal or non-tribal schools.



AIEF Scholarship Committee



AIEF college-bound GED student (Oglala Sioux)

Realizing The Dream

Education is vital to the long-term challenges facing Native American communities. As a cornerstone of self-sufficiency, a college degree can mean students earn an estimated \$1 million more during their lifetimes and have more opportunity to improve tribal futures.



AIEF scholarship recipient graduating from college (Lakota)