

## 2017 Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice Scholarship

This scholarship honors Ponca Chief Standing Bear and his contributions to America's Native people by helping American Indian students pursue post-secondary education. This scholarship is granted by the Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice Scholarship Fund, an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation.

Three scholarships of \$1,500 will be awarded to students who demonstrate qualities of leadership, character and academic accomplishment, and who need financial assistance to meet their educational goals.

### To qualify, an applicant must:

- Reside in Nebraska and be a member of a recognized North American tribe.
- Have, or be on track to receive, a high school diploma or GED certificate.
- Be enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited post-secondary educational program at a university, state or community college, technical or vocational school in the United States. (Enrollment will be required for funds to be disbursed.)
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Demonstrate leadership in his or her community.
- May be a recent high school graduate, current college student, or a "non-traditional student" – someone seeking to pursue post-secondary education after other life experiences (job, military, volunteer work, travel).



### The application process is straightforward (see application form for details):

- Complete the personal information portion of the application form.
- Provide information regarding your financial need.
- Write a 500-word essay.
- Obtain a letter of reference.

### Submitting your application:

All parts of your application must be submitted together (in a single envelope) and mailed to:

Chief Standing Bear Journey for Justice Scholarship  
3145 South 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68502

**Applications must be received by 5:00 PM, April 1, 2017. (See application form for details.)**

### Awards

- All applicants will be notified of the decisions of the scholarship selection committee by the end of April.
- Scholarship winners will be announced in statewide media and invited to attend a dinner in their honor.
- Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the post-secondary institutions attended by the awardees.

If you have questions, please contact Joe Starita, Scholarship Administrator, at [jstarita2@unl.edu](mailto:jstarita2@unl.edu).

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## APPLICATION FORM

### 1. Personal Information

Applicant's Last Name:

Applicant's First Name:

Tribal Affiliation:

Home Street Address:

Town:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

Name of School:

School Street Address:

Town:

State:

Zip Code:

School Contact (your counselor or advisor):

Contact's phone number (at school):

Cumulative GPA:

**Non-traditional students** – Provide the above school information for the high school from which you graduated or received a GED. Attach a description of your current or most recent job, occupation, volunteer or military service.

**Students already in a post-secondary program** – List your college or post-secondary institution (not your high school).

### 2. Financial Need

On an attached, typewritten sheet, please provide the following information:

A. Briefly explain how the Chief Standing Bear Scholarship would fill a gap in your educational financing

B. List financial aid you have been awarded

C. List other financial aid you have applied for

### 3. Essay

Attach an essay of no more than 500 words explaining what it means to you, personally, to be Native American. The essay should be double-spaced in 12-point type.

***This is the most important part of your application! Do your best work!***

### 4. Letter of Reference

Include one letter of reference. Written by your school counselor or advisor, a teacher or in-school mentor on school letterhead, the letter should attest to your character, leadership, accomplishments and potential. Non-traditional applicants should provide a letter of reference from a work supervisor, military superior, or community elder. The letter must also include the letter-writer's name, address, email address and relationship to applicant.

***NOTE: References may not be family members***

### 5. Submission

I certify that all information in this application is true and complete.

Signature:

Date:

**IMPORTANT: All items listed must be submitted together, in a single envelope.**

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**Your application must arrive no later than April 1, 2017; mail it as early as possible!**

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