



American Indian Graduate Center

Website: <http://www.aigc.com>

The American Indian Graduate Center is a national organization headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico providing educational assistance to American Indian and Alaska native graduate students throughout the country. Since its founding in 1969, AIGC has awarded more than 15,000 scholarships totaling over \$44 million to graduate students in all fields of study.

According to their mission statement they aim to "Build, promote, and honor self-sustaining American Indian and Alaska Native communities through education and leadership." The main way that the AIGC accomplishes this mission is through the administration of private fellowships that are selected in-house to eligible students.

Though the Center is well known for its graduate fellowships and scholarships, there are also many opportunities for undergraduate students to receive financial assistance. In 2001 AIGC Scholars was incorporated as the administrator of the Gates Millennium Scholar Program for the American Indian and Alaska Native population. With funding from the Gates Program, AIGC Scholars is able to award undergraduate scholarships annually to students that have demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership roles, and community involvement. Also, AIGC teams with Wells Fargo and Accenture to award undergraduate (and graduate) scholarships.

Here is a partial listing of scholarship opportunities available through the AIGC

- **Elizabeth Furbur Fellowship:** Graduate fellowship for women studying the creative fine arts, visual works, crafts, music, performing, dance, literacy, creative writing and poetry.
- **Dr. George Blue Spruce Fellowship:** Dr. Blue Spruce created the fellowship as a step toward increasing the very low number of American Indian dentists.
- **Grace Wall Barreda Memorial Fellowship:** Graduate fellowship for students seeking advanced degrees in environmental studies or public health.
- **Katrin Lamon Fund:** For Native American graduate students majoring in literature, journalism and communications or a related field.