Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance
C/O Pueblo of Zia Housing Services
135 Capital Square Drive
Zia Pueblo, New Mexico 87053
ARIZONA – NEW MEXICO – WEST TEXAS

March 14, 2014

Membership
Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance

Re: Notice of 2014-15 Educational Scholarships

On behalf of the Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce the availability of educational scholarship grants for Region VIII (Arizona, New Mexico, and West Texas) funded under the AMERIND Risk Management Corporation's Annual Scholarship Program. The goal of the scholarship grant is to assist in the education of American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The grant may be used for post-secondary or graduate level courses at an accredited educational institution for a course of study that will result in an accredited vocational certification or degree.

Please review the attached application and guidelines carefully. **Also note the deadline for receipt of applications is May 16, 2014.** The announcement of the scholarship recipients will be made during the SWTHA Membership Meeting and in conjunction with the NAIHC Annual Meeting on June 3-5, 2014 in Kansas City, Missouri.

The SWTHA Board is committed to assisting in the continued and progressive education of our Native American students, and we are pleased to offer this scholarship opportunity to our Region VIII post-secondary and graduate level students.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Pascua Yaqui Housing Department at (520) 879-5894, or email Linda.R.Alvarez@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov; or Michael R. Chavez, SWTHA President, at Zuni Housing Authority at (505) 782-4553, or email mchavez@pozha.org.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Alvarez, Vice-President

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Cc: SWTHA Board of Directors

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Region VIII Amerind Scholarship Check List

- ✓ Signed and Completed Scholarship Application
- ✓ Official Course/Grade Transcripts
- ✓ Essay
- ✓ Letter of References

Applicants are hereby notified that applications that do not have the above mentioned requirements will be considered incomplete and will not be considered for review by the Scholarship Committee.

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AMERIND RISK MANAGEMENT CORPORATION
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FUND
REGION VIII APPLICATION

Applying for Academic Year 20___ to 20___

STUDENTS PROFILE (All information must be completed)

Applicant: _____
Last Name First Name MI

SS#_____ Tribal Affiliation:_____

DOB:_____ Enrollment No._____

Housing Authority/TDHE/Tribe Representing Applicant:_____

MAILING INFORMATION: _____Current _____Permanent _____Temporary

_____
Street Address or P.O Box City State Zip

Telephone No: (School)_____(Home) _____(Work)_____

ACADEMIC PROFILE
(Please list the name and address of the institution you have applied to)

_____ _____ _____
Name of Institution Location (City/State) Date of Acceptance

_____
Address of Institution

Degree being pursued: BA BS MA MS PhD Other _____

Major Field of Study: _____

Indicate level applicant will be in the year application is submitted:

____Freshman _____Sophomore _____Junior _____Senior ____Post Graduate _____Vocational

Full Time Student: _____(hours) Part-time Student _____(hours)

High School Graduated from: _____ _____
Name and Location (City /State) Year Graduated

GED: _____ _____ _____
Place Where Test Was Taken Date of Test Date Passed

DISCLOSURE:

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge, true, and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application; I also understand that if I am selected for this award, I am responsible for providing REGION VIII with enrollment verification, official transcripts and any additional information needed in a timely manner. If I decide not to attend the school or withdraw from the school for which I am awarded a scholarship under this Program, I agree to pay back the entire amount of the scholarship. I agree to abide by the Process as outlined in the Region VIII Guidelines.

_____ _____
Signature of Applicant Date

_____
Printed Name of Applicant

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GUIDELINES FOR REGION VIII

Each of AMERIND Risk Management Corporation's nine designated regions is allotted an equal amount of available scholarship funding in January of each year. Region VIII is comprised of subscribing members from the states of Arizona and New Mexico. Each AMERIND region is given the option to oversee its own scholarship award process and determine the scholarship recipient. The number of scholarship awards will be dependent upon the amount of funding allotted to Region VIII each year.

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

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PROCESS

A three member and one alternate scholarship committee comprised of three separate Region VIII tribes shall review the scholarship applications annually and select a scholarship recipient on the following criteria:

1. A completed application received by the deadline date
2. The applicant is a high school graduate or certified equivalent
3. The applicant has been accepted by an accredited, post-secondary institution or other acceptable established accredited program
4. The applicant is an enrolled Region VIII tribal member
5. The applicant meets the required overall 2.5 GPA (4 point system) and based on a part/full time course load as **evidenced by submitted official course/grade transcripts**
6. The applicant must submit an essay with the application on one or more of the following subjects:
    a. The needs, issues and concerns of his/her tribe
    b. Experience of American Indian tribal culture
    c. How he/she will contribute his or her knowledge, education, training experience to his/her community
    d. Specific interests in housing issues and how to increase awareness in their community
    e. Other specific issues and interests and why he/she is pursuing education toward those interests

7. Letters of reference from at least two individuals who are teachers, counselors and/or local tribal leaders, and who have personal acquaintance with, and can describe the applicant's achievements.
8. Applicant has not been awarded a scholarship from the Amerind Region VIII committee within the last three (3) years.

AWARD DESIGN

The determination of the applicant's eligibility and the determination to award an eligible applicant is solely at the discretion of the three-member scholarship committee and the determination by the committee is final. The distribution of funding will be determined by the following:

Freshman	$500	Sophomore	$500
Junior	$750	Senior	$750
Graduate	$1000		

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:

All applications need to be submitted to the Housing Authority/TDHE/Tribe who is representing the applicant. The Housing Authority/TDHE/Tribe will mail all applications to the current Scholarship Committee and the alternate committee member. A list of current Scholarship Committee members can be requested from the Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance Secretary.

NOTIFICATION

Presentation of the regional scholarship award(s) will be made at a Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance Quarterly Meeting.