

ALABAMA TRAIL OF TEARS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: June 30, 2008

These are scholarships made available each year from the proceeds of the Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride. Scholarships to Alabama students will be awarded for \$5,000.00 or less each depending on the school chosen and the availability of funds.

Awards will be announced by October 30, 2008.

You will only be contacted if you are awarded the scholarship.

Questions: Ellen Pittman at 256-574-6805

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PROCEDURES FOR RECOMMENDATION AND AWARDING

Trail of Tears Remembrance Association, Inc. is awarding scholarships to students of Native American descent, from tribes originating in the Southeast. The students awarded these scholarships shall have demonstrated successful academic performance and financial need. Applicants must provide evidence of enrollment in a Federal or State recognized tribe or be able to verify at least 1/16 Native American heritage. Applicants are responsible for researching their own family heritage; please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions Section for suggestions on verifying the information. Academic achievement & financial situations will be a consideration.

Acceptable Schools: Colleges/Universities in Alabama

1. Student Name: _____ M or F Age: ____

2. Marital Status: M S D

3. Address: _____
Apt. # or Street Name

4. Phone: _____ or _____ Email: _____
City State Zip Code

5. Native American Association: _____
Copy of Applicants Card And/Or Parents Card Required

6. Mother's Occupation: _____
Company Name Address

7. Father's Occupation: _____
Company Name Address

8. Combined Annual Income: \$ _____

9. Applicant's Occupation: _____
Company Name Address

10. Applicant's Monthly Income: \$ _____

11. Spouse's Occupation: _____
Company Name Address

12. Spouse's Monthly Income: \$ _____

13. Name of School You Wish to Attend: _____

14. Major: _____

15. Other Financial Aid Received: Amount _____ Source _____

16. Estimated Annual School Cost Per Year: Tuition _____ Books _____ Housing _____

* Applicants must also submit the following with the application:

- Transcript from last school attended.
- One Page Cover Letter Expressing How This Scholarship Will Help & How You Can Assist The Native American Community In The Future
 - Letter Of Recommendation From Tribe or School Official
- You Will Be Required To Contribute 30 Volunteer Hours For The Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride or Your Tribe.
(See 2nd Page For Details)

Frequently Asked Questions:

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Alabama Students Submit Application To: Trail of Tears Scholarship

Attn: Ellen Pittman, P.O. Box 439 - Hollywood, AL 35752

- Additional copies can be obtained from www.trailoftears-remembrance.org
- These scholarships are for students that will be attending a college/university/technical school beginning in the Spring of 2009.
 - Questions 6 - 8: Please use your 2007 income tax return information. If you live independently of your parents and received no financial support or if you are married and do not receive support from your parents, please indicate that and skip and go to questions 9 – 13
 - If your parent's financial situation has changed and will be different for 2008, please indicate that with an explanation.
 - Question 9 – If you did not work in 2007 but plan to in 2008, submit your estimated income for the year.
 - Question 15 – Please list all financial aid you will be receiving for the 2008/2009 school year: scholarships, grants, endowments, etc.
- Scholarships will be awarded for \$5,000.00 or less each depending on the school chosen and the availability of funds.
 - You will ONLY be contacted if you are awarded the scholarship.
 - Complete Transcripts must be attached; reports cards will not be accepted
- Cover Letter (one page) Expressing How This Scholarship Will Help & How You Can Assist The Native American Community In The Future
- One Letter Of Recommendation From Tribe or School Official
- You Will Be Required To Contribute 30 Volunteer Hours For The Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride or Your Tribe. Volunteer hours can include selling Trail of Tears merchandise at other Native American events or at the Trail of Tears Remembrance, assisting at powwows, however, just dancing or participating in a powwow does not qualify. You must perform the volunteer hours within the year you received the scholarship and provide documentation from a Trail of Tears board member or Tribal representation stating that you have fulfilled your hours.
- Applicant must provide evidence of enrollment in a Federal or State recognized tribe or be able to verify 1/16 Native American heritage with a notarized statement from a Federal or State recognized tribe.
- **Researching Your Heritage:** Applicants are responsible for researching their own family heritage. Genealogy research can be done at your local library or by contacting the **Alabama Indian Affairs Commission**. They can also provide a list of tribes and contact information.

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