



# 2016 TRIANGLE NATIVE AMERICAN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

## Mission Of TNAS

The Triangle Native American Society (TNAS) is a visionary entity empowering American Indian people residing in the Triangle Community to become resilient leaders advocating for educational advancement, economic sufficiency, self-determination and cultural inclusiveness and awareness by capitalizing and building upon the strengths of the community and the infrastructure that promotes and encourages the blending of diverse groups.

## Purpose of TNAS

The purpose of the TNAS is to act as the official governing urban Indian organization in the triangle community. Furthermore, the organization seeks to unite American Indians together bridging various unique culture and traditional blends while holistically attending to the needs of the Indian population residing in the community. These will be accomplished by the following:

1. To obtain and administer funds to address the needs of the Indian constituency residing in the triangle community;
2. To provide residents residing in the triangle community information and referral services;
3. To educate, stimulate and cultivate cultural awareness through programming and other forms of media;
4. To promote unity and leadership to achieve political and developmental strength while providing effective advocacy for the American Indian population; and
5. To further strength educational achievement through providing a culturally relevant learning community.

## General Information

Previously known as the Mark Ulmer Native American scholarship, Triangle Native American Society has established a scholarship fund that has funded over twenty-five undergraduate students enrolled in UNC system schools across North Carolina.

For the current academic year, a *minimum* of \$500 per scholarship will be awarded before the fall semester or quarter of the following academic calendar, and as many as four scholarships may be awarded. The **application deadline is June 10** of each year. The Scholarship Committee, in conjunction with the Executive Committee of Triangle Native, will review all applications submitted and notify awardees of the scholarship **by the last Saturday in July** via telephone. (*Note: As much as \$1,000 may be awarded to highly exceptional applicants. Prior applicants and awardees still meeting the scholarship requirements are encouraged to re-apply yearly.*)

## SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Applicant must be an American Indian, residing in the state of North Carolina for the past twelve (12) months. Applicant must provide proof of American Indian ethnic background as defined below:

**An individual who maintains cultural identification as an American Indian through membership in a Native American tribe recognized by the State of North Carolina or the Federal Government.**

Guidelines set forth by the federal Indian Education Act, Section 453(a); 20 U.S.C. 122h(a) will also be considered.

2. Applicant must be a *rising sophomore, junior, or senior* with a minimum grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale and enrolled as a full-time student for the next semester/quarter in one of the 16 schools of the University of North Carolina system. (Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina School of the Arts, North Carolina State University [at Raleigh], University of North Carolina at Pembroke, University of North Carolina at Asheville, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Western Carolina University, and Winston-Salem State University)
3. Applicant must provide proof of financial need.
4. Applicant must indicate leadership abilities and community involvement.
5. Former scholarship recipients may apply annually for continuation of funding. **Renewal of the award is not automatic.**
6. Former scholarship awardees that re-apply must meet application requirements to be eligible for the scholarship.
7. Only applicants working toward the completion of their first undergraduate degree(s) are eligible for this scholarship.
8. Students transferring from a private, technical, or community college to one of the schools in the U.N.C. System (listed above) are eligible for this scholarship only if they are considered a rising sophomore, junior, or senior by the U.N.C. System school they will attend the following semester or quarter. To verify upcoming attendance at the U.N.C. System school, such transfer students *must include a copy of their letter of acceptance from the U.N.C. System school.*
9. Awardees will be notified by telephone no later than the last Saturday in July.

## APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

1. Completed application forms must be postmarked on or before **June 10** of the current year and mailed to:

Triangle Native American Scholarship Fund  
c/o Alisa Hunt-Lowery, Scholarship Co-chair  
56 Livingston Place  
Clayton, NC 27520

**Applications received later than the due date which are not postmarked June 10 will not be considered.**

2. Applications must include *proof of American Indian ethnic background, official post-secondary transcripts, a typed, one-page personal statement, and two formal references.* One reference must be from an instructor at the college or university the student is attending, and one reference must be a personal reference **not** from an immediate family member. The applicant must give the reference information forms to each person writing a recommendation for her/him. The applicant should ask the person writing the recommendation to carefully read and follow the instructions on the form. References must be in a sealed envelope with the signature of the person who made the referral **over the seal of the envelope.** Only original references are accepted; copies of references are not accepted.
3. Applications will be reviewed together by the Scholarship and Executives committees of the Society. Final notifications will be made by the **last Saturday in July.** For more information or assistance in completing applications, contact Alisa Hunt-Lowery or Robin Lowery at [ahlowery@gmail.com](mailto:ahlowery@gmail.com) via e-mail or call (919) 553-7449 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# TRIANGLE NATIVE AMERICAN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Telephone Number:(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Telephone Number:(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number:(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Mobile Phone Number:(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth:\_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth(county/state):\_\_\_\_\_ Sex:\_\_\_\_\_

Number of years residing in North Carolina:\_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Affiliation:\_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Number:\_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach proof of tribal affiliation and/or federal American Indian status by providing a *photo-copy of enrollment card* and/or a *notarized letter of affiliation* signed by a *tribal official* to this sheet with a paper clip. Do not staple.)

Marital Status:\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name:\_\_\_\_\_

## COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name of College/University Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you will be transferring by the next fall semester, please attach proof of university acceptance to this sheet with a paper clip. Do not staple.)

Current Student Status (year):\_\_\_\_\_ Planned Status for Upcoming Year:\_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number:(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone Number(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Current Academic Major:\_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Extra-curricular and Leadership Activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.00 Scale:\_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY/ECONOMIC INFORMATION**

*If you are no longer a dependent, please skip "Parent/Guardian Information."*

**Section 1: Parent/Guardian Information**

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address/Home Telephone/Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address/Home Telephone/Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dependents under 18 living in family household: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dependents Currently in College Including Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Combined Yearly Income of Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2: Student Financial Information**

Do you work? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe the nature of your work (part-time, full-time, summers only, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Student's Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have dependents? \_\_\_\_\_ List name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)/Place(s) of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone Number(s):(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Hourly Wage(s)/Salary: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Amount of Parental Financial Support for College Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_

List other sources of income including scholarships, grants, loans, inheritances, etc. as well as amounts and time frame (yearly basis, semester basis, for entire college career, etc.) of each:

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount/Time</b>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(Attach other sources and amounts to this sheet with a paper clip. Do not staple.)

**I certify that the information herein is true to the best of my knowledge and that falsification of said information will result in nullification of my application and/or award. I understand that I will be notified if I have received the award by the last Saturday in July via telephone.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



## TRIANGLE NATIVE AMERICAN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

### ACADEMIC REFERENCE INFORMATION COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTOR

**To be completed by *applicant*:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Status (year): \_\_\_\_\_

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **INSTRUCTIONS for RESPONDENT:**

The individual named above is being considered for a Triangle Native American Society Scholarship. Please provide specific information about the applicant's potential for success and leadership in her/his field of study. Include your position or title, your department, and the college or university where you are employed in your response. Write your letter of reference on *official letterhead*, and enclose it in a *sealed envelope* with your name *signed across the sealed flap* before returning it to the applicant. Thank you for your interest.



## TRIANGLE NATIVE AMERICAN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

### PERSONAL REFERENCE INFORMATION

To be completed by *applicant*:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Status (year): \_\_\_\_\_

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## TRIANGLE NATIVE AMERICAN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP CHECK-LIST

**Use**

***this check-list to make sure your application and enclosures are correct before making your submission.***

1. I have read over and understand the criteria for selection and the application process and deadlines. I understand that my application must be postmarked no later than June 10 of the current year.
2. I have filled out the application as completely and honestly as possible.
3. I have included proof of my Native American ethnicity and clipped it to the application.
4. I have included a one-page personal response to the given prompt and clipped it to the application.
5. I have included an *official* college transcript and clipped it to the application.
6. *If a transfer student, I have included proof of my acceptance to one of the University of North Carolina schools for the coming semester or quarter.*
7. I have included *one personal reference*, not from an immediate family member, which is contained in sealed, signed envelopes.
8. I have included *one academic reference from one of my college or university instructors* in a sealed, signed envelope.
9. All enclosures, except for proof of my Native American ethnicity, must be *originals*; copies are unacceptable.
10. I am aware that if I am chosen for a scholarship, I will be notified no later than the last Saturday in July.



# TRIANGLE NATIVE AMERICAN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP PERSONAL RESPONSE SHEET

**DIRECTIONS:** On a separate sheet of paper, respond to the following prompt:

***Explain why you deserve a Triangle Native American Society Scholarship and how it will help you achieve your educational goals.***

Read the following response guidelines and use this sheet of paper to organize your response.  
Responses longer than **1.25 pages** will not be accepted.

1. Response must be **typed** and **double-spaced** in 10 or 12pt. font.
2. Response should be **one** 8x11 in. **page in length** and will not be accepted if it exceeds 1.25 pages.
3. Margins must be **1"** all around.
4. Include **your name** and **school** at the top, right-hand corner of the response.
5. Proper academic English, correct spelling, and clear writing should be used when writing your response.
6. Clip, but do not staple, your response to the scholarship packet. (If your response runs over to a second page, staple the two pages together and clip your response to the packet.)