

RAY JONES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Supporting California Indian students' commitment to higher education

Application Overview

The RAY JONES SCHOLARSHIP FUND, established in 2009 at Central Valley Community Foundation, provides financial assistance to selected California Indian students graduating from high school in the central valley. At least five scholarship awards each in the amount of \$2,500 may be awarded to selected applicants seeking a postsecondary degree at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school, and at least one \$5,000 scholarship may be awarded to a selected applicant seeking a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university. This scholarship serves California Indian students graduating from high school in Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Kings and Tulare counties. Priority in the selection process is given to California Indian students graduating from Sierra High School located in Tollhouse, Fresno County, in memory of Ray Jones, Class of 1965, and in honor of his Mono-Chukchansi heritage.

Eligible applicants must:

- Be of California Indian descent;
- Be a graduating senior in good standing with a minimum 2.0 G.P.A.;
- Graduate from high school in Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Kings or Tulare County;
- Demonstrate financial need; and
- Seek enrollment in a postsecondary degree program at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.

Eligible applicants must submit the following documents for consideration by the scholarship selection committee:

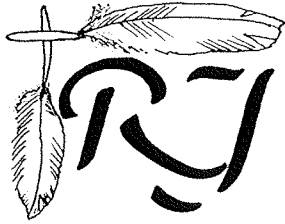
- Completed and signed Application Form
- Completed and signed Recommendation Form
- Proof of California Indian descent (e.g., Tribal ID card or letter from a federally or non-federally recognized California Native American Tribe, Bureau of Indian Affairs documentation, California Rolls documentation, birth certificates showing descent from a documented California Indian)
- Recent High School Transcript
- Copy of SAT and/or ACT scores
- Statement of financial need
- Essay of 500 words or less:
 - If you could spend a day with someone you admire or who has inspired you, who would it be and how would you spend your day?
- Personal Statement of 1,000 words or less:
 - Describe your personal background, academic background and extracurricular interests;
 - Share your educational and career goals, and explain how this scholarship will help you achieve those goals; and
 - Please include any other information you would like the scholarship selection committee to know about you.
- Color Photograph
- If selected, Final Certified High School Transcript
- If selected, Fall 2021 Course Schedule and Student ID No.

Please send the completed application packet to the address below.

The application deadline for the RAY JONES SCHOLARSHIP FUND is March 31, 2021.

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Application Form

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Social Security No.: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Tribe: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

High School: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

College (if known): _____ Phone: (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Degree Pursuing: AA AS BA BS Certificate/Other: _____

Area of Study: _____

Are you the first person in your family to attend college? _____

Scholarships, Awards, Honors* - List all scholarships, awards and honors that you have received:

School Interests* - List all extracurricular activities and include any leadership positions held:

Community Involvement* - List any community service, volunteer and work experience:

* Please use additional sheet, if necessary.

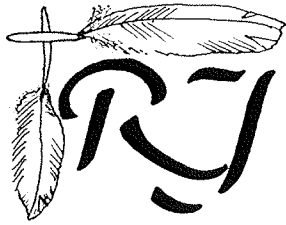
I affirm that the information in this application packet is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Recommendation Form

To the Applicant: Please give this form to an individual who is familiar with your academic capabilities. Please include a completed and signed Recommendation Form in your application packet.

Student Name: _____ Student Phone: (____) _____

To the Recommender: Please discuss Applicant's academic capabilities for consideration by the scholarship selection committee. Please feel free to attach a separate letter addressing the topics below.

1. How long have you known Applicant and in what capacity? _____

2. Please share your thoughts as to Applicant's academic capabilities including intellectual ability, writing and speaking skills, and academic preparation:

3. Please share your observations of Applicant's leadership potential and ability:

4. Please share your thoughts as to Applicant's willingness to learn, motivation, maturity, responsibility, dependability, honesty and integrity:

5. Additional comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Title/Position: _____ Email: _____

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