

2011 – 2012 Edbesendowen Scholarship Program

Scholarship Overview

Edbesendowen is a Potawatomi word that means “Humility.” The spirit of this scholarship is the recognition of the importance of being humble and knowing that we are no more than the next. Our presence on Mother Earth is a gift. We are not more than the trees or the oceans. We are equal to all things that we share our planet with. We are not more than those who struggle or have no home. Those that have taught me this important concept are remembered through this award. This especially includes (alphabetical):

- **Bob Lewis** (Arizona State University)
- **Dr. Alan Pence** (University of Victoria – Canada)
- **Dr. Geri Dickey** (Missouri Western State University)
- **Dr. Joachim S. Kibirige** (Missouri Western State University)
- **Dr. Lisa Byers** (University of Oklahoma School of Social Work)
- **Dr. Pam Powell** (Northern Arizona University)
- **Edwin Gonzalez-Santin** (Director, Arizona State University – Office of American Indian Projects -OAIP)
- **Lisa May** (Missouri Western State University)
- **Hope Annelise Niles** (Relative)
- **Mark Lewis** (Hopi Tribe & Arizona State University - in memoriam)
- **Pam Clary** (Missouri Western State University)
- **Shannon Pete** (Arizona State University – Office of American Indian Projects - OAIP)
- **Tim Perry** (Arizona State University – Office of American Indian Projects - OAIP)

Scholarship Requirements

1. The scholarship will be given to an American Indian (Indigenous) student who are accepted into or registered at a college or university (preferably studying Social Work or American Indian Studies).
2. The scholarship is a 1-time award of \$300.00. The recipient and non-awardees are encouraged to re-apply in the following year (fall 2012).
3. The nominees must be an enrolled tribal member of any American Indian (Indigenous) tribe or community in the United States, Canada, or elsewhere.
4. **Preference will be given to those who are returning to their tribe following their college graduation.**

Application Process

Please submit the following by **December 31, 2011** (late or emailed applications will not be reviewed):

Letter of describing what “HUMILITY” means to you, your interests, name, contact information, college major, academic level (Freshman, Sophomore, Graduate Student, etc.), and plans following graduation from college to:

Dr. Michael Niles (Wakshe)
4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64507
Department of Political Science, Social Work, & Sociology
Email: mniles@missouriwestern.edu
ATTN: Keepers of the Fire Scholarship Selection Committee

The finalists for the scholarship will be interviewed and awardees notified by **March 10, 2012**. The scholarships will be given out at an informal ceremony at **the MWSU Department of Political Science, Social Work, & Sociology – Indigenous Early Intervention Alliance**. Details of the ceremony will be provided at a later date.

****APPLICANTS MAY APPLY FOR BOTH THE KEEPERS OF THE FIRE SCHOLARSHIP
(See attached notice or use Google to find “keepers of the fire scholarship” for information)
AND THE EDBESENDOWEN SCHOLARSHIP****

****SEPARATE LETTERS OF APPLICATION ARE REQUIRED****