



HUMBOLDT AREA FOUNDATION

## **Ecotrust Native American Scholarship Fund**

**Deadline is November 1, 2013 by Postmark or Delivered by 5pm**

### **Several awards up to \$5,000 each**

Ecotrust's mission is to inspire fresh thinking that creates economic opportunity, social equity and environmental well-being. Ecotrust established its Indigenous Affairs Program to promote, recognize, and support a growing network of Native leaders; increase outdoor education opportunities for native youth in culture, natural resource stewardship, and land management; and restore native lands and their resources for future generations. As part of this initiative, the contemporary education of the next generation of Native Leaders is critical. Their ability to preserve and protect their native and natural legacy will be strengthened and empowered by contemporary education. In 2006, Ecotrust received specific grant funds from an anonymous donor for the purpose of supporting access to undergraduate and graduate college education by American Indians/Alaskan Native/First Nations students. The goal of the funding is to support the educational needs and promote the next generation of Native leaders in the Ecotrust bioregion.

Candidates who meet all of the following criteria are eligible:

1. Current HSU undergraduate and graduate students
2. Students from Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California may apply
3. Minimum 2.5 GPA
4. Full time students preferred
5. Majoring in: Natural Resource Management, Environmental Science, (biology, etc) Law, Public Health, Planning, Economic Development, or Social Work
6. Demonstrate financial need
7. Important: Must demonstrate American Indian or Native American tribal membership or descent from an Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, or California tribe.
8. Demonstrate leadership qualities

**To apply, please submit the following by November 1, 2013:**

1. Application form (2 pages attached)
2. Personal statement describing leadership qualities (1-2 pages in length)
3. Statement of Financial Need (1-2 paragraphs in length)
4. Financial Need Form
5. Official transcript
6. 2 letters of recommendation
7. Proof of tribal membership or descent

**If you have any questions, please call the Humboldt Area Foundation at (707) 442-2993  
Submit this application and supporting documentation by November 1, 2013 to:**

**Cassandra Wagner  
Humboldt Area Foundation  
363 Indianola Road  
Bayside, CA 95524**



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List other awards you have received, such as for academic accomplishments or community service.

Award Title	Accomplishment

**Employment History**

In addition to listing your employment history, please give detail on your on the job duties – especially those that will contribute to your future goals.

Dates	Employed By	Your Duties	Hours /Week

**Statement of Financial Need**

Please include a brief statement describing your financial need. Be sure to describe any financial hardships endured by you and your family that will make it difficult to afford your education. Do you have family members who plan to contribute toward the cost of your education? Do you have other family members attending college simultaneously? List any extraordinary expenses you and your family may have. (One or two paragraphs)

## Ecotrust Native American Scholarship Fund Financial Need Form

### Household Income and Other Financial Aid

#### **Annual Gross Income of Your Family**

*Total the 2012 estimated income for you and your parents (if you are dependent).*

- \$100,000 and up
- \$75,000 – 99,000
- \$50,000 – 74,000
- \$45,000 – 49,000
- \$40,000 – 44,999
- \$35,000 – 39,999
- \$30,000 – 34,999
- \$20,000 – 29,999
- \$10,000 – 19,999
- Less than \$10,000

#### **Estimated College Expenses for 2013-14 year**

*Total the estimated expenses for you to attend college.*

Tuition	\$
Room/Board	\$
Other	\$
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>

#### **Estimated Income for 2013-14 year**

*List all income you expect to receive from other sources, including federal financial aid.*

Family:	\$
Personal (savings, earnings, etc.):	\$
Confirmed Scholarships:	\$
Confirmed Grants:	\$
Work Study:	\$
Student Loans:	\$
Other:	\$

#### **Other Household and Educational Expenses**

How many members in your household depend on the above income? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your total anticipated need for college expenses in the coming year? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be responsible for financing your college education? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Expected Family Contribution**

Have you filled out and submitted the **FAFSA**?  Yes  No

Have you received your **Student Aid Report (SAR)**?  Yes  No

According to your **SAR**, what is your **Expected Family Contribution**? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have no **SAR**, you can compute your **Expected Family Contribution** to the cost of your education at the following site on the internet using the **Federal Methodology**.

<http://apps.collegeboard.com/fincalc/servlet/efcCalculatorServlet>

According to your calculations, what is your **Expected Family Contribution**? \$ \_\_\_\_\_