



# Native Health Initiative Education is Ceremony Scholarship

Native Health Initiative is a nonprofit organization with the mission of addressing health inequities in Indigenous communities through loving service. *Loving Service* is the human-to-human element of wanting to serve others. To learn more about NHI and our programs, please visit [www.loving-service.us](http://www.loving-service.us).

**Education is Ceremony Scholarship:** In the same way that one can go through a traditional ceremony for purification, enlightenment, and healing, we see higher education as a modern-day ceremony offering the same rewards. Traditional ceremonies require and help grow one's discipline, patience, and gratitude; these same attributes are required and increased through the ceremony of education.

**Scholarship Award:** NHI will award \$2,000 for the 2024-2025 academic year. The award will be given in two payments, one \$1,000 payment per semester. The scholarship will be paid directly to you or your educational institution to cover tuition expenses.

**Application deadline: June 30, 2024**  
**Please submit applications via email to [jules@loving-service.us](mailto:jules@loving-service.us).**

**\*NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED\***

Questions? Email Jules at [jules@loving-service.us](mailto:jules@loving-service.us)

Qualifications:

- ❖ Undergraduate sophomore, junior or senior, Graduate or Professional student (post graduate, medical school)
- ❖ Pursuing a degree in higher education in a health related field in the 2024–2025 academic year
- ❖ Must be a full time student
- ❖ More than \$1,000 in unmet need for tuition for the 2024–2025 academic year

Additional preferences (not required) that we are looking for:

- ❖ Commitment to service: Active involvement in Indigenous culture, language, health, and advocacy
- ❖ Being a nontraditional student (Ex: 50 year old mother returning to school)
- ❖ Being from an Indigenous group restricted from many scholarship opportunities (ex: students from state-recognized and unrecognized tribes, students in the U.S. from Indigenous groups beyond U.S. such as Mayan and Aztec)
- ❖ Interest in serving Indigenous populations with the career/degree you are working toward

Checklist:

- Complete Application (sections 1–5)
- CIB/Proof of Indigenous Identity
- Proof of Enrollment/Acceptance Letter from University/College (2024–2025) Transcript from University/College (Unofficial accepted!)
- Letter of Recommendation (information found in section 3)
- Financial Need Analysis complete (can be downloaded from NHI Website)

**\*PLEASE SEND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IN ONE EMAIL TO  
JULES BY JUNE 30, 2024\***

**(CIB, PROOF OF ENROLLMENT, AND MOST RECENT TRANSCRIPTS)**

**PLEASE TITLE SUBJECT: Last Name, First Name, EIC Scholarship  
Supporting Documents**

**EX: McCabe, Jules, EIC Scholarship Supporting Documents**

# Native Health Initiative Education is Ceremony Scholarship Application

## Section 1: Personal Information

1. Name:
2. Date of Birth:
3. Address:
4. City/State/Zip Code:
5. Indigenous Identity/Affiliation:
6. Gender identity:
7. Email address:
8. Phone Number:
9. What year of University/College will you be attending for the 2024-2025 academic year?

## Section 2: Indigenous Identity

1. Please email Jules (jules@lovingservice.us) a copy of CIB or proof of indigenous affiliation by **June 30th, 2024**.

## Section 3: Academic History

1. What degree are you pursuing and why?
2. Please send Proof of Enrollment to Jules via email (jules@lovingservice.us). **This is due by June 30th, 2024.**  
**Proof of enrollment can be an acceptance letter from the institution you attend or your upcoming class schedule for Fall 2024.**
3. Please send your most recent transcripts for one academic year. **This is due by June 30th, 2024.**

## Section 4: Service Work

1. Loving Service is a term coined by Native Health Initiative, it is the human-to-human element of wanting to service others, or putting service over self. How do you embody the meaning of Loving Service? Please provide examples.
  
2. Describe your involvement in your indigenous community. Please make specific mentions of your activities, leadership, and service to this community in the last 2 years.
  
3. What is your vision for how you will use your education to improve the health and well-being of your community?
  
4. Please tell us your thoughts on the phrase, "Education is Ceremony." What does this phrase mean to you?
  
5. Letter of Recommendation
  - a. Please ask at least one person who can write a letter of recommendation on your behalf that addresses your involvement in your Indigenous community, and/or leadership skills. This letter must include phone and/or email contact information for the author to allow NHI to contact them for additional information if needed. **This letter is due to Jules via email by June 30th, 2024.**

## **Section 5: Financial Status**

1. Please email Jules (jules@lovingservice.us) the Financial Need Analysis Form completed by your academic institution. **FNA is due to Jules by July 17th, 2024.**
2. PLEASE TITLE EMAIL SUBJECT: Last name, First name, FNA

**\*All applicants will be notified of a decision by August 1st, 2024\***