



Native Health Initiative (NHI) 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.

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 2025-2026 academic year. The award will be given in two payments; one \$1,000 payment per semester.

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 2025-2026 academic year
- Must be a full time student
- Must have more than \$1,000 in unmet need for tuition for the 25/26 academic year

Application Checklist:

- ☐ Completed Application
- ☐ CIB/Proof of Indigenous Identity
- ☐ Proof of Enrollment - Fall schedule or Acceptance Letter from University/College
- ☐ Transcript from University/College (unofficial accepted)
- ☐ *Letter of Recommendation (must be current, recycling of LOR's will not be accepted)
- ☐ Completed Financial Need Analysis for AY 25/26
- ☐ Submit all completed documents to Jules via email to jules@loving-service.us

*Letter of Recommendation: Please ask at least one person who can write a letter of recommendation on your behalf that address your involvement in your Indigenous community and your leadership skills. This letter must include phone number and email address from the author to allow NHI to contact them for additional information if needed. This letter is due by June 30th, 2025.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL JULES AT [JULES@LOVINGSERVICE.US](mailto:jules@loving-service.us)

EDUCATION IS CEREMONY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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Personal Information

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Indigenous Affiliation:

Gender Identity:

Educational Background

What University/College will you be attending in Fall 2025?

Year:

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Undergraduate

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Graduate

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Other

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1st Year

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2nd Year

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3rd Year

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4th Year

What degree are you pursuing and why?

Essay Questions

1. Loving Service is a term coined by Native Health Initiative. It is the human-to-human element of wanting to serve 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?