



Sponsorship Application for Higher Education Assistance

(\$2,500.00 Yearly Maximum)

Please note that applications may take up to 90 days to review following the deadline date. We will contact you once your proposal has been considered and a determination has been made.

Please provide the following information:

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:		
Address:		
Email Address:		
Social Security Number:	Phone Number:	Date of Birth:

TRIBAL INFORMATION:

Tribal Enrollment, Affiliation or Descendant:	
Reservation:	

(Attach Proof of Tribal Enrollment or Affiliation)

CURRENT ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Name of Institution:			
Class Status: (Freshman, Sophomore, etc)			
Total Number of Years in Higher Education:			
Total Number of Years at Current Institution:			
Degree You Are Currently Pursuing:			
Expected Graduation Date:			
Major:		Minor:	
Current GPA:		Cumulative GPA:	

POST – SECONDARY EDUCATION (COMPLETED):

Name of School:	
Degree Sought:	
Degree Earned:	

Years Attended:	
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Have you applied for financial aid through Soboba in the past? If yes, provide detail.

Describe any scholarships, grants, and other financial assistance that you are receiving towards your education. You must demonstrate that you have applied for funding from at least two other sources and still have unmet financial needs. Use additional pages if needed.

Please itemize all of your education expenses. Note which items are expected to be paid by other funding sources. Describe how you plan to pay those costs that exceed outside funding commitments and this scholarship request.

PERSONAL STATEMENT AND ESSAY QUESTIONS

In two pages or less, on a separate piece of paper, please discuss the following:

- 1) **Personal Statement:** a) discuss your academic career, career, and personal goals, b) discuss any extenuating circumstances/ relevant information that you would like the Tribe to be aware of, c) discuss how you view your Native American heritage and its importance to you, d) discuss how you plan to give back to the Native American community after you graduate, and e) describe your on-going involvements in the Native American community.
- 2) **Essay Questions:** a) in your opinion, what are the most critical issues facing Tribal communities today, b) how do you see yourself helping to resolve these issues, c) where do you see Native Americans in the 21st century in terms of survival, governance, and cultural preservation, and d) what role do you see yourself in this future?

PLEASE MAKE SURE THE FOLLOWING ARE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION PACKET:

- **Application**
- **Essay** – Attach your response to the Personal Statement and Essay Questions
- **Academic Study Plan Form** – The attached form must be completed by an academic advisor.
- **Official Transcripts** – Freshman students must submit official high school transcripts or GED scores. Transferring and continuing students must submit official transcripts from each college or university previously attended.
- **Signed Terms and Conditions**
- **Letters of Recommendation – 2 letters of recommendation are required.** 1 Academic Recommendation and 1 Native American community recommendation. Letters are to be submitted separately and directly by the recommender. Send Attn: Sponsorship Coordinator by mail to PO Box 487, San Jacinto, CA 92581 or fax to 951-654-4198.

ACADEMIC STUDY PLAN FORM

APPLICANT: PLEASE FILL OUT THE SECTION BELOW AND TURN IN TO YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Student Name:	
Student ID Number:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Expected Graduation Date:	

THE SECTION BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED BY YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

This student is applying to the Soboba Foundation for a scholarship. This form is required as part of the completed application. Your cooperation in the completion the following is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Administration Office at (951) 652-2765 and ask for Andrew Vallejos.

GENERAL EDUCATION

Has the student completed all general education requirements?	
If no, what courses are needed to complete?	

MAJOR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Has the student declared a major?	
What courses are needed to fulfill the major degree requirements?	

PROPOSED STUDY PLAN

FALL COURSES	CREDIT HOURS	SPRING COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
Current GPA:		Cumulative GPA:	

COMMENTS

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:		Title:	
Department:		Email:	
Signature:			

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized California Indian Tribe (or have Tribal affiliation solely pending enrollment age) or provide proof student is Tribal descendant. Appropriate documentation and a letter from the Tribe is required.
2. Student must be enrolled part-time or full-time in a degree seeking program at an accredited college or university.
3. At the end of the Fall semester, Sponsorship Coordinator will review official copies of the academic grade reports. Fall grade reports will be used to determine student's continued eligibility for funding. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all grades have been posted and that they are accurate.
4. Student must keep the Sponsorship Coordinator informed of any changes in student's status (i.e. new address, name change, intent to withdraw, transfer, reduction of full-time enrollment, etc.)
5. Undergraduate recipients must complete each term with a minimum of 6 – 15 units. Graduate student recipients must complete each term with a minimum of 6 units. This unit requirement must be met with new coursework only, no repeat classes are allowed as part of the part-time/full-time course load.
6. The following types of classes will not be accepted as part of a part-time/full-time course load: Audits, Repeats, or Workshops. Students may take no more than 3 units of special study courses per semester as part of the part-time/full-time course load.
7. Recipients must maintain the following Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) in a degree seeking program to be eligible for continued funding:
 - a. Undergraduates: 2.75 CGPA
 - b. Graduates: 3.5 CGPA
8. Suspension: Failure to maintain the minimum CGPA or part-time/full-time course load will result in automatic suspension. Once on suspension, the student's subsequent award will be automatically canceled. Prior to reapplying for a scholarship, the student must have completed the number of units for which they initially received funding and/or have met the minimum CGPA for which they received funding. Failure to do so will render the student ineligible for future scholarship consideration.
9. Scholarships will be granted to eligible applicants on an annual basis with each award being for a 12 month period. Recipients are eligible to apply for a second year pending demonstration of exceptional progress.
10. Applicant agrees to have their name, degree being pursued, photograph, and graduation announcement included in any press releases made by the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians.
11. Once submitted, all applicant documents become the property of the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians.
12. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all required materials are received by the deadline date. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
13. As a condition to this scholarship the applicant must complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians to be completed within 12 months.
14. All decisions made by the Soboba Foundation are final and binding.

I hereby certify that the information contained in my scholarship application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. In the event that I receive funding, I agree to comply with all of the foregoing terms and conditions. I hereby give permission to the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians and the Sponsorship Coordinator to request and receive copies of my academic grade and progress reports as needed.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION FORM**THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT BY APPLICANT**

Student Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Phone Number:	

TO THE RECOMMENDER: Please provide your opinion of the above named individual, who has applied to the Soboba Foundation for a scholarship. We are particularly interested in an evaluation of the applicant's potential for academic and professional achievement.

Please include the following information in your letter:

- Your name, title, company name, email address, signature, and date.
- The applicants name.
- The capacity in which you know the applicant.
- A strong distinction of strong and weak characteristics.
- Discuss the following characteristics in your letter: character, personality, integrity, commitment to community, intellectual ability, promise as a student, promise as a professional, maturity, and motivation.

Please send your letter of recommendation directly to the Sponsorship Coordinator via any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Attn: Sponsorship Coordinator
Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians
PO Box 487
San Jacinto, CA 92581
- **Fax:** Attn: Sponsorship Coordinator
951-654-4198
- **Email:** sponsorships@soboba-nsn.gov

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATION

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Student Name:	
Address:	
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Phone Number:	

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COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

If an applicant receives a scholarship from the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, he/she must complete 10 hours of community service for Soboba. The purpose of this community service is to require students to be actively involved in enhancing the Indian community through academic and community efforts. Students will be required to communicate with a representative from an eligible department to sponsor a project, program, event or volunteer opportunity they wish to be involved in. Community Service Coordinators will provide the Sponsorship Coordinator with a quarterly service report on the status of the student's assignment and personal development. A final report will be submitted by the applicant to both the sponsoring agency and the Sponsorship Coordinator. Guidelines for reports will be outlined by both the sponsoring agency and the Sponsorship Coordinator. Students must complete community service projects by deadline dates and projects must be completed within one year.

Please list three organizations you wish to perform community service for:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The following are possible projects, service programs and events for community service:

- Oral History Project
- Language Preservation
- Youth Mentoring
- Staffing Community events such as conferences and other tribal events.

If you have additional projects in mind, please discuss them with the Sponsorship Coordinator.