

# ALABAMA TRAIL OF TEARS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**DEADLINE: June 30, 2010**

These are scholarships made available each year from the proceeds of the Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride. Scholarships to Alabama students will be awarded for \$5,000.00 or less each depending on the school chosen and the availability of funds.

Awards will be announced by October 30, 2010.

**You will only be contacted if you are awarded the scholarship.**

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## **PROCEDURES FOR RECOMMENDATION AND AWARDING**

Trail of Tears Remembrance Association, Inc. is awarding scholarships to students of Native American descent, from tribes originating in the Southeast. The students awarded these scholarships shall have demonstrated successful academic performance and financial need. Applicants must provide evidence of enrollment in a Federal or State recognized tribe or be able to verify at least 1/16 Native American heritage. Applicants are responsible for researching their own family heritage; please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions Section for suggestions on verifying the information. Academic achievement & financial situations will be a consideration.

### ***Acceptable Schools: Colleges/Universities in Alabama***

1. Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M or F Age: \_\_\_\_

2. Marital Status: M S D

3. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Apt. # or Street Name

4. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

5. Native American Association: \_\_\_\_\_  
Copy of Applicants Card And/Or Parents Card Required

6. Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name Address

7. Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name Address

8. Combined Annual Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

9. Applicant's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name Address

10. Applicant's Monthly Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

11. Spouse's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name Address

12. Spouse's Monthly Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

13. Name of School You Wish to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Major: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Other Financial Aid Received: Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Source \_\_\_\_\_

16. Estimated Annual School Cost Per Year: Tuition \_\_\_\_\_ Books \_\_\_\_\_ Housing \_\_\_\_\_

\* Applicants must also submit the following with the application:

- Transcript from last school attended.
- One Page Cover Letter Expressing How This Scholarship Will Help & How You Can Assist The Native American Community In The Future
  - Letter Of Recommendation From Tribe or School Official
- You Will Be Required To Contribute 30 Volunteer Hours For The Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride or Your Tribe.  
(See 2<sup>nd</sup> Page For Details)

## Frequently Asked Questions:

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**Alabama Students Submit Application To: Trail of Tears Scholarship**

***Attn: Ellen Pittman, P.O. Box 439 - Hollywood, AL 35752***

- Additional copies can be obtained from [www.trailoftears-remembrance.org](http://www.trailoftears-remembrance.org)
- These scholarships are for students that will be attending a college/university/technical school beginning in the Spring of 2011.
  - Questions 6 - 8: Please use your 2009 income tax return information. If you live independently of your parents and received no financial support or if you are married and do not receive support from your parents, please indicate that and skip and go to questions 9 – 13
  - If your parent's financial situation has changed and will be different for 2010, please indicate that with an explanation.
  - Question 9 – If you did not work in 2009 but plan to in 2010, submit your estimated income for the year.
  - Question 15 – Please list all financial aid you will be receiving for the 2010/2011 school year: scholarships, grants, endowments, etc.
- Scholarships will be awarded for \$5,000.00 or less each depending on the school chosen and the availability of funds.
  - You will ONLY be contacted if you are awarded the scholarship.
  - Complete Transcripts must be attached; reports cards will not be accepted
- Cover Letter (one page) Expressing How This Scholarship Will Help & How You Can Assist The Native American Community In The Future
- One Letter Of Recommendation From Tribe or School Official
- You Will Be Required To Contribute 30 Volunteer Hours For The Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride or Your Tribe. Volunteer hours can include selling Trail of Tears merchandise at other Native American events or at the Trail of Tears Remembrance, assisting at powwows, however, just dancing or participating in a powwow does not qualify. You must perform the volunteer hours within the year you received the scholarship and provide documentation from a Trail of Tears board member or Tribal representation stating that you have fulfilled your hours.
- Applicant must provide evidence of enrollment in a Federal or State recognized tribe or be able to verify 1/16 Native American heritage with a notarized statement from a Federal or State recognized tribe.
- **Researching Your Heritage:** Applicants are responsible for researching their own family heritage. Genealogy research can be done at your local library.