

Beau Carter Receives Scholarship from AAIA



Beau Carter

Recently Principal Chief George Thurman received this letter of recognition for tribal member, Beau Carter from the Association on American Indian Affairs

Dear Principal Chief Thurman:

I want to share some good news with you about one of your tribal citizens, Beau Carter. As you may know, the Association on American Indian Affairs (AAIA) has been awarding scholarships to Native American and Alaska Native students for over 60 years, having awarded our first scholarship in 1948. This year Beau has received one of our Emilie Hesemeyer Memorial Scholarships. Actually, this

is a continuing scholarship, which Beau received for four years as an undergraduate and last year as a graduate student. AAIA is proud to have Beau as an AAIA scholarship recipient.

AAIA scholarships are always very competitive, but this year even more so. Generally we receive about 535 graduate and undergraduate applications and award 11%-12% of applicants. This year we received over 500 applications for undergraduate scholarships and almost 100 for graduate scholarships. Although the Hesemeyer Scholarship is a 4-5 year continuing scholarship for undergraduate students, Beau is only one of two students who have been selected to continue to receive this scholarship as a graduate student in the history of the scholarship.

You should be proud of the accomplishments Beau has made. One of the things we look at when awarding our applicants is their desire to give back to their home community or the Native community at large. I'm sure Beau will continue to represent the Sac & Fox Nation in a positive way in whatever he chooses to do.

Over the years we have received very few applications from Sac & Fox Nation. Please feel free to share our information with other students.



AAIA

Association on American Indian Affairs
The History of AAIA

AAIA is a 90-year-old national non-profit organization started and incorporated in New York in 1922 by a group of non-Native people who wanted to help the Pueblo people keep land and water rights. The organization merged a couple of times in the 1930's and 1950's with like-minded organizations and was re-named the Association on American Indian Affairs. For many years the main office was in New York City, with smaller satellite offices around the country and was funded mostly by individual donations from the public. In the 1990's the main office was moved to South Dakota and in 2002, moved to its current location in Maryland. We also currently have offices in South Dakota and North Carolina.

Historically, the organization did a lot of field studies and reports, which often led to important national initiatives being implemented. Some of the more important programs include the AAIA field nursing program which eventually led to the start of the community health representative program in the Indian Health Service, AAIA's work in the 1970's was the catalyst for the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), and in the 1990's, we were instrumental in gaining enactment of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). We also helped other organizations; such as the Medicine Wheel Coalition (MWC) get their start.

In the beginning, the Board of Directors was a non-Indian Board who wanted to help. As time went on, the board was a mix of Native and non-Natives. Currently our Board is an all-Native Board from across the US. Board members have expertise in many areas and are chosen for their tribal and geographic diversity. There have also been a number of people very prominent in Indian Country associated with the AAIA such as Felix Cohen, David Risling, Henrietta Mann and John Echohawk.

Today AAIA is mostly funded by donations from individuals, with some grants from tribes and foundations for specific projects. We participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (organization #12307), and we are a founding member of the Native Ways Federation, which is a federation of 7 national Native non-profits whose mission is to set standards which participating Native organizations commit to uphold, and to collaboratively fundraise through workplace giving at Native or tribally owned businesses.

AAIA's initiatives fall in the areas of youth/education, cultural/language preservation, and sovereignty. Our programs include sacred lands protection, international repatriation, federal acknowledgment reform, protecting ceremonial use of eagle and sacred birds, Indian child

welfare, youth summer camps, juvenile justice reform, language preservation and scholarships. Language materials are created in the Dakota language. Materials are made as a template so other languages may be inserted. In addition, AAIA provides public education through our bi-annual newsletter to our members, our free monthly e-newsletter, our annual meeting of our members and Native American short film festival, and by responding to public inquiries and directing people to a variety of resources.

AAIA's Scholarship Program

AAIA's scholarship program is one of our largest and best-known programs. Information about our scholarship program is distributed to almost 300 colleges and universities, as well as some high school counselors and individual tribes each year. We appear on numerous websites and search engines, and we disseminate our scholarship and organizational information at local powwows and national trade shows and conferences.

AAIA awarded its scholarship in 1948 and currently has 8 scholarship programs open to undergraduate and graduate students who are attending school full time at an accredited institution of higher learning and seeking an Associate's Degree or higher. Students must be enrolled in their tribe and meet additional criteria listed on our website. Information is updated on our website each February for the coming school year.

Most scholarships are single year scholarships in the amount of \$1,500, which is disbursed fall and spring semester directly to the school pending satisfactory grades. Some scholarships are curriculum specific, others are open to students in all curriculums. Students submit one application and are considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible.

AAIA receives approximately 600 scholarship applications per year and generally awards between 11%-12% of applications received. Scholarships are awarded due to the generosity of our donors who have made direct contributions or have remembered AAIA in their will. Currently we receive no foundation, government or tribal contributions toward our scholarship program.

Lisa Wyzlic has been the Director of the Scholarship and Summer Camp Programs at AAIA since 2003. She is Turtle Clan from the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians from Michigan. She previously worked for the US EPA and is a former middle and high school teacher.

Information on all of our programs can be found on our website at www.indian-affairs.org. Our Native language website is www.aainativelanguageprogram.org.

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48 Contiguous United States:

Household Size	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1080
2	\$1410
3	\$1740
4	\$2081
5	\$2438
6	\$2795
7	\$3125
8	\$3455
Each additional member	+ \$330

Earned Income Deduction: Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20% of their earned income.

Dependent Care Deduction: Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

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FDPIR Resource Standards:
\$3250—Households with at least one elderly or disabled member
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SAC & FOX NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF JOB VACANCIES WITH THE SAC & FOX NATION:

- Controller (Stroud)**
- Indian Child Welfare Coordinator (Stroud)**
- Indian Child Welfare Specialist (Stroud)**
- Accounts Payable Technician (Stroud)**
- Compliance Officer (Gaming)**
- Cashier (Finance/Stroud)**
- Resident Advisor (Juvenile Detention Center/Stroud)**
- Economic Development Director (Stroud)**
- Surveillance Observer (s) (Gaming)**
- Finance Manager (Finance/Stroud)**
- Accounting Clerk(s) (Finance/Stroud)**
- Physician (Black Hawk Health Center/Stroud)**
- Payroll Technician (Finance/Stroud)**
- Executive Assistant (Shawnee)**
- CHR/LPN (Stroud)**
- 7 Temporary Laborer(s) (Stroud)**

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www.sacandfoxnation.com

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