

**Mission Statement**

To provide scholarships to American Indian students in Southern California.

**Mission Descriptive**

Sponsors students attending colleges and trade schools in Southern California who demonstrate financial need, outstanding scholarship achievement and exemplary community involvement.

Raises funds to provide scholarships.

**Vision Statement**

To maximize the number of American Indian students attaining their higher education goals.

**Values Statement**

The AISF derives its purpose through the following core values:

**Respect** – for our American Indian people and the goals of our scholarship recipients.

**Connectedness** – to the tribal and non-tribal community to help provide for our younger generations.

**Integrity** – through diligent fundraisers and honest giving.

**Continuity** – by being dedicated to our mission characterized by giving and encouraging reciprocity.

**Nurture** - our Board members, supporters and students in realizing their future.

Do You need funds  
for College?  
Have you applied for  
a Scholarship?  
We are here to lend  
you a hand!  
Download the application  
today!



*American Indian  
Scholarship Fund  
of  
Southern California*



AISFSC

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*For the glory of our  
native students*

## About Us

The American Indian Scholarship Fund of Southern California (AISFSC) was organized in 1976 to raise funds and provide scholarships for American Indian college students attending trade schools, community colleges, state colleges and universities in Southern California.

Our aim is to provide equal educational access through financial assistance for American Indian students who demonstrate financial need, outstanding scholarship achievement and exemplary community involvement.

Between 1975 and 1992, the AISFSC aided an average of 10-15 students each year. Over the next few years, key supporters developed health issues or aging factors and the funds were kept in an account while the AISFSC became inactive.

Then, a few former board members met in an effort to bring the organization back to life. They searched for a diverse new membership and by 2003 had revised the constitution and by-laws and became the independent non-profit organization we have today.



Download Application at:  
**[www.aisfsc.org](http://www.aisfsc.org)**

### ***Application Requirements:***

- (1) ***Completed Application***
- (2) ***Two Letters of Recommendation***  
(teachers, counselors, employers, or personal friends)
- (3) ***One Letter of Recommendation***  
(member of American Indian community)
- (4) ***Current School Transcripts***
- (5) ***Proof of current college enrollment***  
(You must be currently enrolled in an accredited community college, CS college or university in Southern California)
- (6) ***Proof of Tribal membership/enrollment***
- (7) ***One-Page Essay*** (Discussing your challenges, accomplishments, and ambitions for the future)

***SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED  
SEMIANNUALLY***

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