

# The 2009 Edbesendowen Scholarship Program

## Scholarship Overview

Edbesendowen is a Potawatomi word that means “Humility.” The spirit of this scholarship is the recognition of the importance of being humble and knowing that we are no more than the next. Our presence on Mother Earth is a gift. We are not more than the trees or the oceans. We are equal to all things that we share our planet with. We are not more than those who struggle or have no home. Those that have taught me this important concept are remembered through this award. This especially includes:

- **Edwin Gonzalez-Santin**
- **Tim Perry**
- **Shannon Pete**
- **Natalie Joshi**
- **Lisa Byers**
- **Bob Lewis**
- **Mark Lewis (in memoriam)**
- **Veronica Volcan-Barr**
- **Evan & Lynn Reynolds**
- **Suh-Ruu Ou**
- **Mildred Ward**

## Scholarship Requirements

1. The scholarship will be given to an American Indian (Indigenous) student who are accepted into or registered at a college or university (preferably studying Social Work or American Indian Studies).
2. The scholarship is a 1-time award of \$300.00. The recipient and non-awardees are encouraged to re-apply in the following year (fall 2010).
3. The nominees must be an enrolled tribal member of any American Indian (Indigenous) tribe or community in the United States, Canada, or elsewhere.
4. **Preference will be given to those who are returning to their tribe following their college graduation.**

## Application Process

Please submit the following by **August 31, 2009** (late or emailed applications will not be reviewed):

1. **Letter explaining what humility means to you**, your name, contact information, college major, academic level (Freshman, Sophomore, Graduate Student, etc.), and plans following graduation from college to:

**Dr. Michael Niles (Wakshe)**  
**Office of American Indian Projects**  
**411 North Central Avenue #880M**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85004**

**Email: Michael.Niles@asu.edu**

**ATTN: Edbesendowen Scholarship Selection Committee**

The winner of the Edbesendowen scholarship will be notified by **September 10, 2009**. The scholarship will be given out at an informal ceremony at the School of Social Work – Office of American Indian Projects. Details of the ceremony will be provided at a later date.

**\*\*APPLICANTS MAY APPLY FOR BOTH THE KEEPERS OF THE FIRE SCHOLARSHIP  
(See attached notice or use Google to find “keepers of the fire scholarship” for information)  
AND THE EDBESENDOWEN SCHOLARSHIP\*\***

**\*\*SEPARATE LETTERS OF APPLICATION ARE REQUIRED\*\***