



H. D. “Timm” Williams Memorial American Indian Scholarship

Purpose and Summary

UNITED INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES, INCORPORATED (UIHS):

United Indian Health Services, Inc. has been providing comprehensive healthcare services to Eligible Indian Beneficiary clients and their families since 1970. Medical, Dental, Nutrition, Counseling, Vision, Pharmacy, Traditional Health, and Community Services are provided at the various UIHS sites located in Del Norte and Humboldt Counties. Our mission is to work together with our clients and community to achieve wellness through health services that reflect the traditional values of our American Indian Community. Our vision statement is “Healthy mind, body and spirit for generations of our American Indian Community.”

H. D. “TIMM” WILLIAMS MEMORIAL AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP:

“H. D. “Timm” Williams was the Chairperson for UIHS in 1973 and from 1980-1988. Mr. “Timm” Williams was hooked after attending his first local group meeting called the (North) Indian Communities Committee. This was the initial committee that formed UIHS. He was an important catalyst to get things moving as he knew a lot of people at the county and state level. Mr. “Timm” Williams actively promoted health programs for all Indians and labored tirelessly for Indian rights in the struggle for health care at the time that UIHS was forming. For many years he represented UIHS on the CRIHB Board of Directors and in turn represented California in the National Indian Health Board. He dedicated himself to these organizations until he was killed in a car accident in 1988. When UIHS joined California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB), Lena McCovey and “Timm” Williams were UIHS’ first CRIHB delegates and “Timm” Williams was CRIHB’s first president.” (Edith Bulter, *“United Indian Health Services, Celebrating 25 Years of Service to the American Indian Community: 1970-1995*, UIHS, Trinidad, California, 1995, p. 35.)

This scholarship is a memorial to Mr. “Timm” Williams for his dedication and service to the American Indian who is seeking a career in a health-related field. It is the UIHS Board of Directors’ intention that this scholarship will provide monetary funds to support and offset college costs.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

1. Must be an American Indian “Eligible Beneficiary” client registered for services at UIHS.
2. Have acquired a High School diploma or equivalent General Education Diploma (GED State certified).
3. Plan to attend a two (2) year or four (4) year college/ university as a full-time student in academic calendar year, in which the scholarship is awarded.
4. Have an overall GPA of 2.0 or better.
5. Application must be turned in by the deadline of the first Friday in April of the academic calendar year applying.
6. Applicants are only eligible to receive a one-time scholarship.
7. See attached application requirements for more details.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist with the college costs for American Indian applicants who enter into a college seeking a career in a related health field. Applications are accepted only for the academic calendar year in April in which the scholarship is awarded. Applicants must provide proof of acceptance into a college. Scholarships are awarded based on funds available for a limited amount. Scholarships are provided to support applicants who reside in UIHS service areas of Del Norte and Humboldt Counties. The UIHS Scholarship Committee will review all applications along with supporting documentation. All applications are treated as confidential information.

It is the applicants' responsibility to submit a completed application packet by mail to the address provided below. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Application and supporting documentation forms may not be completed by a board member, employee or consultant or family member of UIHS.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The UIHS Scholarship Committee will review the submitted application. Based on funds available, the H. D. "Timm" Williams Memorial American Indian Scholarship may support a limited number of scholarships from within the UIHS service area of Del Norte and Humboldt Counties. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application within 30 days of the UIHS Scholarship Committee's application review.

SELECTED APPLICANTS:

Applicants who are selected as H. D. "Timm" Williams Memorial American Indian Scholarship recipients will be invited to a lunch with the UIHS Board of Directors in July. All scholarship recipients are responsible to provide documentation of official admittance to a college / university in order to receive the first half of the scholarship award for the fall semester to the Scholarship Committee to the address provided below. In order to receive the second half of the scholarship award, scholarship recipients are responsible to provide either the official fall semester grades or documentation of official class schedule for spring semester to Scholarship Committee before the end of the calendar year, December 31.

ADDRESS FOR UIHS FOUNDATION AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

UIHS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
H D "TIMM" WILLIAMS MEMORIAL AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP
1600 WEEOT WAY
ARCATA CA 95521-4734

For more information you may call the United Indian Health Services Administration Offices at 707.825.4121 or 707.825.4136.



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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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2. Have acquired a High School diploma or equivalent General Education Diploma (GED State certified).
3. Applications subject to acceptance to attend a two (2) year or four (4) year college / university as a full-time student in academic calendar year, which the scholarship is awarded.
4. Have an overall GPA of 2.0 or better.
5. Must reside within UIHS service area of Del Norte County or Humboldt County.
6. Each scholarship will be awarded annually based on the academic calendar year beginning fall semester (August or September of each year);
7. Application and supporting documentation forms may not be completed by a board member, employee or consultant or family member of United Indian Health Services.
8. Application must be turned in by the deadline in April 4, 2025 of academic calendar year applying.
9. UIHS considers all applications and supporting documents as confidential information.
10. Scholarship award may only be used to defray college costs and will be sent directly to scholarship recipient.
11. Each scholarship award is based on available scholarship funding and may be limited.
12. Applicants are only eligible to receive a one-time scholarship.
13. Completed applications with supporting documents will be considered by the UIHS Scholarship Committee.
14. UIHS Scholarship Committee will notify the scholarship recipients within 30 days of selection and will be invited to lunch at a UIHS Board of Directors meeting in July.
15. Applicants are responsible to verify that UIHS has received all forms. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.