

Standing Bear Scholarship Fund



"That hand is not the color of yours, but if I pierce it, I shall feel pain. If you pierce your hand, you also feel pain. The blood that will flow from mine will be the same color as yours. I am a man. God made us both."

Chief Standing Bear



Mission: The Nebraska State Bar Foundation has established a fund to provide scholarships for Native American students at the University of Nebraska College of Law. The fund is in honor of Ponca Chief Standing Bear whose name and deeds commemorate the importance of those basic human rights that are guaranteed under our Constitution. This fund is a continuation of a successful program that has graduated two Native American students and needs a permanent source of funding.

Probability of Success: Recipients of the fund will have a high probability of success, as they will already have earned an undergraduate degree, and will be enrolled in the College of Law.

Recipients: Standing Bear scholarships will be awarded to regularly enrolled members of federally recognized Indian tribes which are eligible for resident tuition under the policy of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. Each recipient must:

- have an undergraduate degree, and
- be admitted as a full-time student of the University of Nebraska Law College.

Expectations of Recipients:

- Complete a prescribed course of study — and graduate.
- Utilize their education to address issues of importance to their heritage.
- Become leaders.

Scholarship Information: The Scholarship will be available to one Native American student entering the University of Nebraska College of Law every other year or, if funds are available, two students may attend at one time.

- Funds required—\$30,000 per year.
- Fund balance required—\$600,000 @ 5% per annum.
- The Scholarship provides \$15,000 per year per student; \$7,500 per semester for tuition and fees, books, and room and board.

Mentoring Committee: A Student Mentoring Committee, comprised of three Lincoln lawyers, has been named. It will meet individually and collectively with each Standing Bear Scholar to provide encouragement, counseling, assistance in obtaining part-time or full-time employment (including clerkships and internships) and permanent employment after graduation.

Endorsements:

Nebraska State Bar Foundation Board of Directors
President of the Board of Regents

Dean of the Law College
General Counsel—University of Nebraska

Management Administration: A permanent committee of the Foundation will manage the fund, invest its assets and provide periodic reports to its Board and donors. There are no administrative fees and there will be an annual audit.

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