



## *CERT Scholars Program*

The CERT Comprehensive Education Program was established to meet the demand for technically trained Tribal members within American Indian communities. The American Indian leadership who guide CERT recognized that education is the key to unleash the potential of Indian youth to make a difference in Indian communities as well as in American society.

The CERT Education Program mandated by the CERT Board of Tribal leaders is comprised of the Tribal Resource Institute in Business, Engineering & Science (TRIBES Program), the CERT Tribal Internship Program, and the CERT Scholars Program. Each program is catered to American Indian people at various stages of their personal, cultural, academic and professional development, and designed to meet the growing demand in Indian and American communities for competent and culturally relevant expertise to guide Indian Country into the new Millennium.

For 2008 college-bound American Indian high school seniors, the CERT Scholars Program offers an opportunity to be selected to receive the ongoing support of the CERT Education Programs and become eligible for a \$1,000 annual scholarship.

*“Our future leaders must recognize their chance to help a child as more than a priority or responsibility, but as a sacred gift. CERT may be ahead of their time in understanding this. The TRIBES program was a stepping stone for which I am very grateful to have been a part of. It acted as a catalyst by first giving me an opportunity to make that step of leaving home, putting me through a challenging curriculum, providing a social environment to learn from, and through a combination of these experiences, being able to learn who I am”.*

Gregory Parker (Northern Cheyenne) TRIBES '94  
Inaugural Norman Hollow Tribal Leadership Award Recipient

# **CERT SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

## **Application Instructions and Checklist**

### **Personal Statement**

As part of your CERT Scholars Program application, please read the following questions and prepare a 3 to 5 page, double-spaced, typewritten essay. Consider your responses to this essay carefully as their quality and thoughtfulness are important in the selection process.

*Describe your community and its specific needs. Also, describe what your role is in making a positive contribution to address those needs.*

### **Recommendation Forms**

Please give the enclosed recommendation forms to **THREE** mentors whom you feel will provide you with an adequate evaluation of your academic, cultural, and personal background. Mentors must include a Counselor, a Teacher, and a Community or Tribal person. Give each person you choose a Recommendation Form, and ask them to return it to you in a sealed envelope so you can include it with your application package.

### **Application Package Check List**

- Application Form (*signed*)
- Tribal Enrollment Document
- Personal Statement
- Official High School Transcript
- ACT or SAT Scores
- College / University Acceptance Letter
- 3 Recommendation Forms (*in sealed envelopes*)

**Application Deadline: August 1, 2008**  
**Send complete application package to:**

**CERT Scholars Program**  
**695 S. Colorado Blvd. Suite 10**  
**Denver, Colorado 80246**  
**(303) 282-7576**



# CERT Scholars Application

Check One:  Female  Male

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment/Census #: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Must include a copy of Tribal Enrollment documentation with all other application forms)*

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Current Address (if different) : \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Do not have a home phone, leave message at: \_\_\_\_\_ Ask for: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High school currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of High School:  Public  Private  BIA  Parochial

Date of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. #: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

High School Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. #: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

How frequently do you meet with your counselor? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the SAT or ACT?  Yes  No Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scores \_\_\_\_\_  
Date you will take: \_\_\_\_\_

Has anyone in your family attended or graduated from college?  Yes  No

Please list the colleges/universities you have applied to in order of your preference:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Date applied \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted?     Yes         No         Don't know

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Date applied \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted?     Yes         No         Don't know

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Date applied \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted?     Yes         No         Don't know

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Date applied \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted?     Yes         No         Don't know

What is your intended major? \_\_\_\_\_

Have any of your relatives participated in the CERT TRIBES program?

Yes     No

If yes, what are their names and what year did they participate?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the CERT Scholars Program?

Recruiter     Poster         Friend         Relative         Counselor     Internet

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your extracurricular activities and interests:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Relationship to Student:    Counselor    Teacher    Tribal/Community Member

How long have you known the student? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe the student's attitude toward school/education? Check all that apply

Excited    Motivated    Intellectually Inquisitive    Unfocused    Bored    Lazy

What involvement does the student have in the community and/or school? \_\_\_\_\_

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What qualities or characteristics does the student have that indicate his/her ability to achieve his/her goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you aware of any emotional, substance abuse or other personal issue that the student may be dealing with that may influence his/her experience in the program?      Yes    No

If yes, please comment:

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Has the student discussed his/her college and career goals with you? Please comment

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In your opinion, what would be the greatest challenge the student faces in entering college?

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In your opinion, what academic, personal or social skills has the student achieved?

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