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May 14, 2026

Greetings Scholarship Applicant,

Midwest SOARRING Foundation is pleased to announce our 2026 Janet Standing Bear Scholarships for all Native American students pursuing advanced degrees and trades in undergraduate or graduate education in any field. While tribal enrollment is not required, we are interested in applicants who can demonstrate their positive involvement in their community with Native American cultural activities and/or advancing Indigenous concerns.

Midwest SOARRING Foundation assists in repatriation, protection of sacred sites, environmental issues, and educating the public about Native American culture, important to our history and identity. The scholarship award is \$1,000. The final decision to award the scholarship is at the discretion of the Midwest SOARRING Scholarship Committee.

Interested applicants must fill out the attached Scholarship Application form, obtain a letter of recommendation from a teacher/professor, employer, or community service director; submit a 500 word essay as detailed on the application form along with a recent copy of their school transcripts. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by August 1, 2026.

Scholarship applicants will be notified the first week of October. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Mail your complete applications materials to

Midwest SOARRING Foundation
P.O. Box 275
Lyons, IL. 60534

We encourage all interested applicants to apply.

In Honor Of Our Ancestors,

Joseph Standing Bear Schranz
Midwest SOARRING Board Members



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Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____ Email _____

Parent(s) Guardian Name _____

Parent's Address _____

Parent's Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

High School Attended _____ Graduation _____ GED _____

Current/Desired Academic Institution _____ Degree/Trade Pursuing _____

For the following items, attach a separate sheet if more space is needed. No incomplete applications accepted.

1. College Coursework/Degrees/Certifications:

2. Activities/Clubs/Hobbies:

3. Community/Public Service Involvement: (Please list your activities, dates, role, and duration.)

4. Awards/Publications/Special Recognition:

5. Describe One Specific Example of Leadership/Ambassadorship:

Please submit the following documents along with this application:

- 1) a **letter of recommendation** from your teacher/professor, employer, or community service director;
- 2) an **essay** (< 500 words) explaining how your involvement in Native cultural activities has impacted your life;
- 3) and a **recent copy of your academic transcripts** by August 1, 2026.