



**MARIO K. MARKS TRAVELING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL**
(Please print or type answers)

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Course of Study: _____

Summer Employer or Internships (If applicable): Company and Position: _____

Name of School Currently Attending: _____

Current Grade (Please mark appropriate grade): 7th __ 8th __ 9th __ 10th __ 11th __ 12th __

Name and address of School where you have been accepted or are enrolled: _____

Have you been involved in student government or youth organizations? If so, please explain your participation. (i.e. student council, FFA, 4-H) _____

Identify community service, extracurricular activities, special recognition: _____

If the applicant is a minor, a signature is required from the supervising adult who will be traveling with the student to the conference: _____

Please identify how you plan to use your education to promote, educate and/or improve agriculture on southwest Indian Nation. **(Please attach on separate sheet)**

To be considered, **application** must be **received by December 29, 2023**. Applications can be sent to swiainc@gmail.com as well as letters of reference.

Proof of tribal enrollment (ID Number), two references (other than family member), and a current institution certification of class enrollment or acceptance must be submitted for application to be considered. (No Exceptions)



Dear Student:

In memory of **Mario K. Marks**, The Southwest Indian Agricultural Association, Inc. (SWIAA) is offering **Five (5)** annual scholarships in the amount of **\$1,000.00** each. The scholarships are available for intermediate and high school tribal groups or individual tribal students. The purposes of the scholarships are first; to increase the knowledge and awareness of the importance of Indian agriculture and natural resources within Indian country and; and second, to highlight exceptional tribal intermediate and high school programs and students in the areas of agriculture and natural resources. Programs may include but not limited to raising livestock, gardening, crop production, rangeland management, water management etc.

To be eligible for a scholarship the applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be in good academic standing with the currently enrolled intermediate and/or high school.
2. Application must be submitted with the following documents and **received by December 29, 2023 (No Exception)**.
 - a. Proof of enrollment in a federally recognized band, nation or tribe.
 - b. Two (2) written recommendations from teachers, counselors, council persons, etc. (no family members).
3. Consideration will be given to groups and individual applicants as members of a band, nation, or tribe that is represented through the "American Indian Organization" membership category of SWIAA.
4. Funds may be used to cover your costs for hotel and other transportation expense. Meals/other incidentals are the responsibility of the applicant.

The Scholarship winners will be chosen by the SWIAA Scholarship Selection Committee and will be judged on the above requirements. The scholarships will be awarded **January 17, 2024** at the **36th Annual SWIAA Conference**. The successful candidate(s) will be notified of the award and will be required to make a presentation at SWIAA 36th Annual Conference or at the Livestock Field Days (**TBA**) if in-person meetings are allowed.

Send application to: Southwest Indian Agricultural Association, Inc.
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Casa Grande, Arizona 85122-4779
Email: swiaainc@gmail.com(Preferred) or Contact Trent Teegerstrom tteegers@ag.arizona.edu