

American Indian fellowships applications now being accepted

Applications are now being accepted for the first fellowships to be offered to American Indian students by the U.S. Office of Education.

The grants will enable the students to become qualified in law, medicine, engineering and other professional fields needed by Indian communities.

A total of \$500,000 is available for the current fiscal year and will cover educational and subsistence costs for approximately 50 fellowships under Part B of the Indian Education Act.

Fellowships may be awarded under Part B to Indian students who are attending, or have been accepted for admission, as full-time students in a graduate or professional program.

The institution may be one of the student's own choice. An applicant's program of study, however, must provide a professional degree in engineering, law, medicine, business, forestry, or a field related to one of these areas.

The fellowship grant provides for four years of study. For each year the fellow will receive the cost of his or her tuition with an average stipend of \$3,600, an allowance of \$400 for books and other instructional materials, and \$500 to cover moving expenses should these be necessary. In addition, \$750 will be paid for each dependent.

Closing date for submitting applications is July 16. Application forms are available from the U.S. Office of Education, Office of Indian Education, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Room 3514, Washington, D.C. 20202. The telephone number is (202) 245-7525.