

AAIA will assist students with emergency aid

Native American college students who find themselves in a financial emergency during the Fall 1985 semester can once again turn to the Association of American Indian Affairs (AAIA) for help. AAIA Executive Director Steven Unger announced today

The Association's Emergency Aid Scholarship program provides grants of up to \$300 to American Indian and Alaska Native college students facing financial crises that threaten to interrupt their education. Awards are based on student need and the availability of scholarship funds.

Within the last year, the Association has greatly expanded its Emergency Aid program, Unger said. "With cutbacks in federal financial aid programs, Indian students are having more difficulty than ever in meeting their educational and living costs," he explained. "Even the small grants we are able to provide are in overwhelming demand."

To be eligible for Emergency Aid, a student must be an enrolled member of an American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native corporation, and be currently attending classes at an accredited college, university, or other post-secondary education program.

There are no application forms for the scholarships. Instead, a student in need should write a letter to the Association indicating:

1. Tribal affiliation and enrolling number
2. Subject of study
3. Year in school
4. Social Security
5. Brief budget of resources and expenses
6. Amount of aid requested
7. Name, address, and phone number of the college Financial Aid Officer.

Letters should be addressed to: Scholarship Coordinator, Association on American Indian Affairs, 95 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016