

Health profession students can get grants up to \$1000

Native American students in the Health professions are invited to apply for a special scholarship program sponsored by the Association on American Indian Affairs. Executive Director Steven Unger announced today.

The AAIA Health Profession Scholarship program provides one-term grants of \$500 to \$1,000 to American Indians and Alaska Natives enrolled in undergraduate and graduate health profession studies. Eligible fields include medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, osteopathy, optometry, veterinary, clinical psychology, and public health ad-

ministration, among others.

"The purpose of the scholarship program is to help American Indian and Alaska Native students to develop proficiency in the health care professions so they can effectively minister to the needs of Native American communities," Unger said. The shortage of Indian health professionals has been identified as one factor in the persistently lagging health status of Indian people, he noted.

To qualify for the scholarship program, a health professional student must be an enrolled member of an American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native corporation. Applicants should immediately provide the Association

with:

- *a biography detailing personal background; tribal affiliation and enrollment number, university, year, and field of study; career goals, interests, and financial situation;

- *two (2) letters of recommendation;

- *the name, address, and telephone number of the university financial aid officer.

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

Scholarships will be awarded early in the fall and spring terms.