



Financial Need Form (FNF) 2008-2009 AY

Part 1. To be completed by student and forwarded to a university financial aid office.
Please read all instructions carefully.

SSN: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

"I understand that I must apply for Federal Financial Aid and campus-based aid and agree to do so no later than June 1, 2008. I am responsible for contacting the AIGC office, prior to July 9th, to confirm that this form has been received by AIGC for the 2008-2009 AY. If **I DO NOT** comply with the AIGC Fellowship Criteria, I understand my application will be denied".

Release of Information: I authorize the institution represented below to provide any/all information requested to AIGC in order to evaluate my student financial need (including revisions) throughout the academic period covered in this application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Indicate the academic period for which you want the college financial aid office to provide budget information.

2008-2009 AY (Sept.-May/9 month period ONLY) or **2008-2009 Partial Year** specify: Fall Winter Spring

PART 2. FINANCIAL AID OFFICE: Complete Part 2 for the period checked above. The final deadline for this form to be in AIGC's office is July 9th for the 2008-2009 AY **NO LATE EXCEPTIONS**. Faxed FNFs will be accepted, please forward original. **Please estimate cost & resources if student's file is not complete by AIGC's deadline.** We cannot consider the student's application until AIGC receives this completed form. See reverse side for further instructions.

Budget Period: Check only one.

Academic Year: Aug/Sept 2008 – May 2009

2008-2009 Partial Year, Specify: Fall Winter Spring

Academic Term of Student's Program:

Please check one: **Semester** **Quarter**

Cost of Attendance:

Tuition \$ _____
Fees _____
Book & Supplies _____
Room & Board _____
Personal/Miscellaneous _____
Transportation _____

TOTAL COST: \$ _____

Campus-Based Aid and Other Resources:

Perkins \$ _____ Parental Contribution _____
Stafford _____ Student Contribution _____
Work Study _____ Indian Health Service _____
Scholarship _____ Dept. of Education _____
School Grant _____ Assistantship _____
Tuition Waiver _____ Other Loans: _____
Tribal Assistance _____ Other: _____

TOTAL RESOURCES: \$ _____

UNMET NEED: \$ _____

The following questions must be answered:

Has student applied for the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) form and campus-based aid? YES NO

Comments: _____

University: _____ FAO Print Name: _____

Address: _____ Signature: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Title: _____

FA Office Phone: (____) _____ Date Signed FNF: _____

Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____

**Mail original to: AIGC 4520 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite 1-B, Albuquerque, NM 87109 or
Fax to: (505) 884-0427**

FOR INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

I. The AIGC Fellowship Program

The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) is a national, non-profit organization that awards fellowship grants to qualified American Indian and Alaskan Native students attending nationally accredited graduate and professional schools on a **full-time basis**.

AIGC funds are from federal and private sources. Our contract with the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) requires AIGC to obtain the following documentation directly from each student's financial aid office: student's budget (cost and resources), unmet need, and confirmation of the student's free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) form and college campus-based aid by June 1st, 2008.

AIGC is a supplemental aid program; therefore, students are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and campus-based aid, including Stafford loans. Whether a student accepts or declines any loan is up to the student. The AIGC fellowship award is based upon the information we receive from the college financial aid office. The amount of the award is final.

Students may copy this form if *Financial Need Forms* are needed for additional institutions.

II. Special AIGC Rules Regarding Financial Aid

In calculating a student's unmet need, AIGC uses the following formula:

$$\text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} - (\text{minus}) \\ \text{Resources/Contributions} = \text{Unmet Need}$$

LOANS: If the student accepts disbursement of loans, the loan amount must be counted as part of the student's resources, but the AIGC award will not be

reduced as long as total resources (including any AIGC award) do not exceed costs.

CWS: If College Work Study (CWS) is awarded, it will be counted unless the student's advisor or department recommends that the student not accept CWS because of their academic load. If CWS is considered income for the next (AY), it will not be counted as a current resource. AIGC requires a letter from the advisor or department that verifies such a recommendation.

III. Completing Part 2 (on reverse A through H) By Financial Aid Officer

Students may apply to AIGC for any of the following academic periods, but AIGC must receive **separate** AIGC Financial Need Forms for each academic period:

- (1) Nine month (AY) (Sept.-May) and
- (2) Part of the (AY) (1 or 2 quarter's only or 1 semester only).

Please fill in **all** blanks. Please indicate the student's academic term, since AIGC award checks are disbursed to your office according to these terms.

Fill in amounts for "Costs" and "Resources" for the student.

Verify the student's unmet need through your office.

All questions **must be answered for the student to be eligible for an AIGC award**. If the student **does not** apply for the 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and campus-based aid **he/she will be denied**.

Please complete the entire portion of University and Financial Aid Officer's information. Your signature is required on this form before processing. AIGC award checks will be disbursed directly to Financial Aid Offices after verification of student's eligibility.

~~~~ IMPORTANT DEADLINE ~~~~

DEADLINE: THIS FORM MUST BE IN THE AIGC OFFICE BY 5 p.m., on JULY 9th, 2008, FOR THE 2008-2009 Academic Year. *Even if this student's financial aid package is not complete by these dates, please estimate as much information as possible.* AIGC will be making its final awards for the 2008-2009 AY in mid-August. This form, or any revisions to this form, must be filed with AIGC's office, for the student to be eligible for a fellowship. **The financial need form can be faxed to AIGC to meet the final deadline date, please forward original.**

If a student is over-awarded (receiving more funds than student's total costs), the full AIGC award must be refunded, since the AIGC award is supplemental aid. Please call AIGC at (505) 881-4584 if you have any questions.