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The first images of the new DC Comics teenage superhero inspired by Mighty Girl Cree education activist Shannen Koostachin were unveiled this week. The character named Equinox, a 16-year-old girl from the largely Cree community of Moose Factory, Ontario, will appear in a five-issue story arc in the forthcoming Justice League Canada series later this month.

Jeff Lemire, an illustrator and cartoonist from Toronto, told the CBC that Shannen's courageous spirit and story helped inspire the new character. Shannen was 13 years old in 2008 when an elementary school closure forced students at the Attawapiskat reserve to study in freezing portable classrooms for years. The young activist not only arranged protests and letter-writing campaigns to Canada's government, but also met with the Indian Affairs Minister, afterwards speaking to a crowd of over 5,000 people on the steps of Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

In 2009, at the age of 14, Koostachin was nominated for the International Children's Peace Prize for her work to improve educational access. Tragically, Shannen was killed in a car accident in 2010, but her work lives on in Shannen's Dream, which advocates for safe and comfortable

schools and culturally-based education for First Nations children across Canada, and in the new school in Attawapiskat that will bear her name.

Lemire was well aware of the problems inherent with being “a white guy from Toronto” trying to create a Cree character. In addition to drawing inspiration from Shannen, Lemire spent multiple trips to Moosonee and Moose Factory speaking to children and adults to get feedback on his ideas. One local comics fan from Moose Factory, Nathan Cheechoo, advised Lemire to “take away all that stereotypical imagery and get down to basic principles... I don't walk around with beads and fringe and feathers and a loincloth. And that was something I wanted to bring to Jeff.”

Cheechoo is excited about the project because the new superhero "sends a message to Canadian First Nations kids that “we’re just as important as Superman, Clark Kent, Batman and all these people. That’s something I want [my kids] to share with friends.”

Lemire was determined that the new character would capture “the cultural strengths, the family ties, the knowledge of the land, the rich, rich symbolism of the Cree on James Bay”; Equinox’s powers come from the Earth and vary depending on the season of the year. He also wanted to capture the differences that emerge from a very different character than you usually see in a superhero’s mask: “Creating a teenage female superhero was interesting to me because, generally, most superheroes are white males. We need diversity and we need different personalities... or else you just start writing the same character in a different costume.”

Lemire hopes that the inspiration the character provides will have a lasting influence on First Nations kids and teens: “This is not just a story that will be told in Canada, these comic books go all over, they go all over the world.”

To read about Shannen's inspiration for the character at <http://bit.ly/17tYHR1> or more about the new superhero at <http://bit.ly/1hhVdTH>

To read more about Shannen and her school advocacy efforts, visit <http://huff.to/w4yOr8> or learn more about Shannen’s Dream at <http://bit.ly/1dSGPCb>

For Mighty Girl stories starring Native American and Aboriginal girls and women, visit our blog post at <http://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=5226>

For more empowering depictions of strong and courageous female superheroes like Wonder Woman, Batgirl, Supergirl, Buffy, Black Widow, and others in toys, costumes, t-shirts, and books, visit our "Superhero Collection" at <http://www.amightygirl.com/character-collection/superhero-characters>

For over 100 graphic novels starring girls and women for all ages, visit our special feature on the "Top Graphic Novels Starring Mighty Girls" at <http://www.amightygirl.com/mighty-girl-picks/graphic-novels>

And, to inspire your children with more stories of both real-life and fictional girls who have made a difference in the world, visit our "Mighty Girls" section at <http://www.amightygirl.com/books/mighty-girls-women/mighty-girls>

Idaho school district bans book by Sherman Alexie

The National Book Award winning novel is narrated by a 14-year-old whose transfer makes him the only Native American in an all-white school. Objections are based on discussions of sex, abuse, alcoholism, or on racist or profane statements from...

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I have attached the "**Loopholes for Polluters**" which explains in [detail the](#) exemptions that the "Industry" enjoys; these exemptions allow them to operate above the laws that the rest of us have to follow - yes right - the U.S. is "corporatocracy; not a democracy" where money, not the people - rules. (check out www.celdf.org for info. on community rights ordinances - such as the one adopted here in MORA COUNTY, that can change this).

DAILY, the Industry operates in an unregulated manner, dumping tons of toxins into our water, air, and land!!! Just show the 2 page "Loopholes for Polluters" to anyone who might try to convince you that the Industry can be regulated. We are preparing a shortened statement on these loopholes for the NATIONAL May 8th "Frack OUT" Day of Action - more info. to follow from our conference call of 04/02/14.

Also attached is the "Haudenosaounee Statement on Hydrofracking" (the Six Nations Territories within NY). Current Action by other Tribes/Pueblos: here in NM, the Pueblos & Tribes are meeting to formulate a similar statement. I just met with the former Governor of Cochiti Pueblo - Regis Pecos - who says of hydrofracking "It is like injecting our Mother Earth with heroin". Give a call if I can be of any assistance.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for signing the petition **Save Nevada's Water: Ban Fracking In Nevada**. We have a chance to tell the state representatives who are decision makers that we don't want Fracking in Nevada.

The members of the Legislative Committee on Energy are going to review the new drafted regulations on Fracking from The Nevada Division of Minerals. These State representatives need to know the regulations are not enough to protect our state's limited water supplies and that our state doesn't have the water to support this horrible industry.

The representatives there will be State Senator Aaron D. Ford, Senator Kelvin D. Atkinson, Assemblywoman Marilyn Kirkpatrick, State Senator Michael Roberson, Assemblyman David Bobzien, and Assemblyman Crescent Hardy.

If you can't make the event please spread the word to your friends and family in hopes they can make the public hearings.

Las Vegas on Monday April 7th 2014 at 9:30 am

555 E Washington Ave Las Vegas, NV 89101 Room 4401  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/272778866231223/>

Carson City on Monday April 7th 2014 at 9:30 am  
401 S Carson St Carson City, NV 89701 Room 2135  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/268159013366550/>

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The Oklahoma Department of Libraries, in partnership with the Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board and the Oklahoma Cultural Heritage Trust, today announced that the **Osage Nation Library and Resource Center (ONLRC) was awarded a Preservation Assistance Grant of \$4000** to preserve the Annette Gore Genealogy Collection

The mission of the Osage Nation Library and Resource Center is to be the central repository for the evolving history of the Osage Nation, to support the personal, educational, cultural and professional needs of the community. Its collection focuses primarily on the Osage culture and genealogy. The collection documents the many changes the Osage people went through from the time of their removal from Missouri to Kansas and to the present time in Oklahoma on the Osage Reservation. There is also a section of fiction books that pertain to Native

American life as well as a section for children and teens to learn about the Osage Nation, other tribes, healthy living and the environment.



“In presenting this grant to Osage Nation Library and Resource Center, it is our intention to help further its commitment to providing the best possible care of the historic materials in its collections,” said Susan McVey, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. “We

hope that these grants will facilitate increased local support for the care of historic collections held by organizations such as the ONLRC.”

According to McVey, the grant opportunity was an outcome of a statewide survey that assessed the condition of collections held by Oklahoma’s 800 museums and libraries. The study found that almost all organizations have lost historic materials through theft, environmental damage, and other causes. “It is our goal to stem the loss of Oklahoma’s heritage by providing funding for secure storage, environmental controls, archival storage supplies, fire detection, and other projects that address threats to collections,” McVey said.

Support for the grant program was provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the funding arm for the National Archives and Records Administration. Grants totaling \$50,000 were awarded to 12 Oklahoma institutions. With support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, an additional 12 organizations will receive the assistance of a professional conservator to assist with the development of Collections Assessment Plans.

For more information on ONLRC, contact Kathleen Auschwitz at 918-287-5580.

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## Scholarships

Courtesy of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40) via Andre Cramblit

### April Deadlines

#### **American Fire Sprinkler Association Scholarship Program; High School Senior Scholarship**

Contact: American Fire Sprinkler Association, 12750 Merit Drive, Suite 350, Dallas, TX 75251, (214) 349-5965, [scholarship@firesprinkler.org](mailto:scholarship@firesprinkler.org), <http://www.firesprinkler.org>; <http://www.afsascholarship.org/highschool.html>

Eligibility: Applicants must be high school seniors who plan to attend a U.S. college, university or certified trade school. Students must read the "Fire Sprinkler Essay" available online and then take the online quiz. Applicants receive one entry in the scholarship drawing for each question answered correctly.

Award: \$20,000

Deadline: April 2014 visit website for exact deadline

#### **Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program (OSEAP)**

Contact: HQ Army Emergency Relief, Angie Pratt, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA, 1-866-878-6378, [Spouse@aerhq.org](mailto:Spouse@aerhq.org) , <http://www.aerhq.org>

Eligibility: Applicant must be a spouse of an active duty Soldier assigned to an Overseas Command. Applicant must physically reside with the Soldier at the **WSCGA** assigned location.

Assistance is for part time or full time, first undergraduate studies only. The OSEAP Scholarships are awarded up to half the cost of tuition per term based on financial need, as evidenced by income, assets, family size, special financial obligations and circumstances.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale
- Reside with Soldier at a Overseas Command
- Be dependent of a Soldier on federal active duty
- To be a dependent of Soldier you must be registered in DEERS

Award: covers up to half of the cost of tuition- based on need

Deadline: Early April 2014

### **Swackhamer Disarmament Video Contest**

Contact: Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, 1187 Coast Village Road, Suite 1, Santa Barbara, CA 93108, (805) 965-3443, [wagingpeace@napf.org](mailto:wagingpeace@napf.org), <http://www.wagingpeace.org>

Eligibility: Applicant must submit a short (2-3 minute) video on the importance of US leadership for a nuclear weapons-free world. Please visit their website for more information.

Award: \$250 to \$1,000      Deadline: Early April, check website in January for exact deadline.

### **The Delson Scholarship**

Contact: UCLA Scholarship Resource Center, Angela Deaver Campbell, Director, UCLA Scholarship Resource Center, 330 De Neve Dr., 233 Covell Commons, Los Angeles, CA 90024, (310) 206-2875, [src@college.ucla.edu](mailto:src@college.ucla.edu), [http://www.scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu/DUE/Donors\\_Freshmen.html](http://www.scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu/DUE/Donors_Freshmen.html)

Eligibility: U.S. citizen or permanent resident, Bell or Huntington Park High School graduate with minimum 3.0 GPA entering UCLA, planning to enroll full-time in a major in UCLA College of Letters & Sciences, must complete 20 community service hours during the academic year at Nimitz Middle School, and Bell and Huntington Park High School.

Award: \$8,000; renewable if student maintains minimum 2.7 GPA while attending UCLA  
Deadline: April 6, 2014

### **CHCI Scholarship**

Contact: Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI), Anissa Perez, Associate Manager, Scholarships, 911 2nd Street NE, Washington, DC 20002, 1-800-EXCEL-DC, <http://www.chci.org/scholarships>

Eligibility: The mission of CHCI Scholarship Program is to provide critical financial assistance that will increase graduation rates among Latino students in post-secondary education. CHCI's scholarship opportunities are afforded to Latino students in the United States who have a history of performing public service-oriented activities in their communities and who demonstrate a desire to continue their civic engagement in the future. There is no GPA or academic major requirement. Students with excellent leadership potential are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility Criteria: Full-time enrollment in a United States Department of Education accredited community college, four-year university, or graduate/professional program during the period for which scholarship is requested. Applicants will be judged on demonstrated financial need, consistent, active participation in public and/or community service activities, and strong writing skills. Must be a US citizen.

Award: \$1,000 community college or AA/AS granting institution, \$2,500 4-year academic institution, \$5,000 graduate-level institution

Each scholarship award is divided over the number of years required for graduation (for example, a \$2,500 scholarship for a college freshman will be distributed in four equal installments of \$625 a year).      Deadline: Mid-April, check website for deadline.

### **College Sponsorship Program for Transfer Students**

Contact: United Friends of the Children, 1055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1955, Los Angeles, CA 90017, (213) 580-1850, [www.unitedfriends.org](http://www.unitedfriends.org)

Eligibility: United Friends of the Children is committed to ensuring that current foster youth have access to a high quality education and the opportunity to pursue their goals. The College Sponsorship Program offers students \$3,000 a year for up to three years for college-related expenses, as well as ongoing support graduation from college.

For eligibility, students must be or have been ILP eligible, having had an open case with the Los Angeles County foster care system (DCFS)/Los Angeles County Department of Probation through the age of 16 OR be ILP eligible through Kin- GAP/legal guardianship; must be a community college student on track to attend a four year college or university on a full time

basis in Fall 2014 or Spring 2015; must have a cumulative 2.8 GPA or above; must be students age 23 or younger, committed to fulfilling their educational goals; and students must attend an overnight orientation on June 24-25.

Award: \$3,000 per year for five years      Deadline: Late April, check website for 2014 deadline.

### **Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST)**

Contact: Executive Women International (EWI), Cindy dela Cruz, Los Angeles ASIST Chair, 777 S. Figueroa St., Suite 2200, Los Angeles, CA 90017, (818) 710-5407, [ewi.la.asist@gmail.com](mailto:ewi.la.asist@gmail.com), <http://www.executivewomenla.org/>

Eligibility: The ASIST Scholarship Program helps provide financial support to adult students in a variety of transitional situations. The goal of the ASIST Program is to enable recipients to improve their self-esteem and to have a positive impact on the recipient's personal life, employment, family, and community. In addition to the Chapter ASIST awards, there are twelve Corporate awards of \$2,500 (payable in USD) given annually. Corporate candidates are selected from Chapter winners.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Clearly define career goals and objectives
- Specify the educational requirements to attain the above goals and objectives
- Utilize re-entry programs available through colleges/universities, community agencies and service groups or career professionals
- 18 years of age or older
- Applicant must be residing in boundaries of the EWI Chapter to which application is submitted.

Award: \$1,000 to \$2,500

Deadline: End of April; check website for deadline.

### **Holocaust Remembrance Project Scholarship**

Contact: Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 2877, Tampa, FL, (866) HK - CARES, [holocaust@hklaw.com](mailto:holocaust@hklaw.com), <http://holocaust.hklaw.com>

Eligibility: This contest is open to all students age 19 and under who meet the following criteria: 1) are currently enrolled as a high school student in grades 9-12 (including home schooled students), or who are high school seniors who may graduate high school any time in 2014, or who are enrolled in a high school equivalency program; and (2) are residents of the United States, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, or are U.S. citizens living abroad.

Award: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: Applications available starting in October. Deadline is on the Holocaust Remembrance Day: April 27, 2014

### **HENAAC Scholars Program**

Contact: HENAAC, Kathy Borunda Barrera, HENAAC Scholars Program Manager, 3900 Whiteside St., Los Angeles, CA 90063, (323) 262-0997, [kathy@henaac.org](mailto:kathy@henaac.org), <http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/college/henaac-scholarship-program>

Eligibility: Full-time graduate or undergraduate students, high school seniors enrolled in full time study at a college/university the upcoming fall session encouraged to apply.

Minimum 3.0 GPA, commitment and involvement in the Latino community, and majoring in engineering, applied science, computer science and math.

Award: \$500 to \$5,000 – various scholarships available

Deadline: Estimated deadline April 30, 2014. Visit website for exact deadline.

## **May Deadlines**

### **Accenture American Indian Scholarship**

Contact: American Indian Graduate Center, Christa Moya, Director of Financial Aid, 4520 Montgomery Blvd. NE. Suite 1B, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 881-4584; (505) 884-7007, [web@aigcs.org](mailto:web@aigcs.org), <http://www.aigcs.org/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships/>

Eligibility: Must be enrolled in a federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribe. Must display academic excellence, demonstrated leadership ability, commitment to preserving American Indian culture and communities. Must be majoring in one of the following: Various Engineering, Computer Science, Operations Management, Finance, Marketing and Other Business Oriented Fields  
Award: \$20,000  
Deadline: May 2014; Visit website December 15, 2013 for open application details

#### CLCI Quad-Caucus Polanco Fellowship

Contact: The California Latino Legislative Caucus, Institute for Public Policy, Lisa Baca-Sigala, Executive Director, P.O. Box 26899, Los Angeles, CA 90026, (323) 660-7234, [bacasigala@earthlink.net](mailto:bacasigala@earthlink.net), <http://www.clcipp.org/polanco-fellows/>

Eligibility: Candidates must have a demonstrated interest in public policy.

Applicants must have graduated from a college or university (with a BA/BS degree). Excellent analytical and communication skills (oral and written). Be a California resident. Be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident.

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*Taking A Stand Against Elder Abuse*  
**3RD ANNUAL  
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**"Elder Abuse In Indian Country"**  
Warm Springs Confederate Tribes

**MAY 14, 2014**  
**FORT HALL CASINO**  
**BINGO HALL**  
**9:00 AM-2:00 PM**  
Tickets will be in the Shop Hall from 9:00-10:00 AM

**AGENDA:**  
10:30 AM Welcome from:  
FIRC Member(s), Miss Stephanie Bennett, Miss Indian Nation XXI  
10:45 AM Area of Aging-Southeast Alaska of Govt'  
11:00 AM Wilson Wewa Presentation  
12:00 PM Prayer  
12:05 PM LUNCH for Elders 65 & Older  
12:05 PM GREAT CANYON  
ADMIN. LEAVE APPROVED  
11:00 AM 12:00 PM  
Sign in Sheet Required

**EVENING SESSION:**  
6:00 PM Wilson Wewa Presentation "Elder Abuse In Indian Country" at the Tribal Justice Center Training Room

Special Thanks: Fort Hall Casino, Grand Fort Hall Casino Tribal Court, Elderly Services, Cultural Program, Great Canyon VTT, Human Services & Consumer Services Program, & Grand Canyon Visitors

**For More Information: Marcia Hall 256-1075/220-1007**



Award: round-trip airfare to Sacramento, monthly stipend of approx \$1,880, & Health/dental benefits.

Deadline: May 2014. Visit website for exact deadline.

### **Father Rutilo Grande Scholarship-"Fulfilling Our Dream Scholarship"**

Contact: Salvadoran-American Leadership & Educational Fund (SALEF), Guillermo Giron, Youth Organizing/ Scholarship Fund Coordinator, 1625 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 706, Los Angeles, CA 90015, (213) 480-1052, [info@salef.org](mailto:info@salef.org), <http://www.salef.org>

Eligibility: Tailored for students in the field of Theology, Philosophy, Religious Studies, and/or an Emphasis in Cultural Studies, Environmental Studies, or Social Justice. Applicants must be Central American or other Latino ethnicity. Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

Applicants must possess a minimum 2.5 GPA and demonstrate a history of community involvement. Applicants must be either: (1) graduating high school seniors, (2) current undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, (3) community college students (must be AB 540). Low- income students must reside and study in San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles Area (Specifically South Central Los Angeles, Pico Union, East Los Angeles) and San Fernando Valley. Applicants must be willing to give back to the community by becoming a mentor to a high school student or completing the equivalent of 52 community service hours assigned by SALEF.

Award: \$1,000 to \$5,000 Deadline: Estimated deadline in May. Visit website for exact deadline

### **NASA (Harriet G. Jerkins Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Program)**

Contact: UNCF Special Programs Corporation, 6402 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 600, Falls Church, VA 22042, (703) 677-3400, [info@uncfsp.org](mailto:info@uncfsp.org), <http://www.uncfsp.org/spknowledge/default.aspx?page=program.view&areaid=1&contentid=177&typeid=jpfp>

Eligibility: Must be a member of an underrepresented group, which includes women, ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities majoring in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) discipline. Must either be within the first 3 years of a graduate program at an accredited, U.S. university OR be in the process of applying to an accredited STEM graduate program.

Award: Three-year fellowship award packages that include stipend and tuition offset support. Deadline: May 1, 2014

### **National Presbyterian College Scholarship**

Contact: Presbyterian Church, USA, Laura Bryan, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, (800) 728-7228, x5735, [finaid@pcusa.org](mailto:finaid@pcusa.org), <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/financialaid/national-presbyterian-college-scholarship/>

Eligibility: Eligible applicants will be Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) members, entering college in fall 2014, who demonstrate financial need. To maintain eligibility the student must remain enrolled at a Presbyterian related college or university and achieve a 2.5 grade point average.

Award: Up to \$1,500 Deadline: May 12, 2014

### **Foundation Scholarships: Ann Trabue Scholarship Fund (English and Journalism); Bev Granger Scholarship Fund (Biological Sciences, Nursing, and Pre-Med); Mimi Deatherage Scholarship Fund (Law); Flo Scott Scholarship Fund; and Desert Fund**

Contact: Women's Southern California Golf Association (WSCGA), 402 West Arrow Highway, Ste. 10, San Dimas, CA 91773, (909) 592-1281 ext.212, [info@wscgafoundation.org](mailto:info@wscgafoundation.org), <http://www.wscgafoundation.org/scholarships.php>

Eligibility: Eligibility requirements are as follows:

Applicant must complete high school by September 1st of the current year.

- Applicant must be a Southern California resident.
- Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student, defined as one who is taking 12 or more hours in a course of study leading to an Associate or Baccalaureate degree at an accredited college or university in the United States.
- Applicant must be female.
- Applicant must have a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.
- Applicant must play golf.

Award: Varies by Scholarship

Deadline: May 15 every year

**Muslim Youth Leadership Program**

Contact: CAIR California, 2180 W. Crescent Avenue, Suite F, Anaheim, CA 92801, (714) 776-1847, [socal@cair.com](mailto:socal@cair.com), <http://ca.cair.com/sacval>

Eligibility: Must be a High School student interested in civic engagement and political participation. Conference is geared toward the Muslim faith but is open to all faiths for application. Students will also be asked to fundraise \$800 to help with the cost of the trip.

Award: Four-day intensive political immersion and leadership building retreat in Sacramento.

Usually takes place in July. Deadline: Late May 2014

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**More Scholarship/Program Opportunities:**

**Various Scholarship Deadlines** - Over 75 scholarships are available for Arizona high school seniors, current students at colleges, and vocational-technical schools and graduate level schools to apply for college scholarship funding. One application is available and automatically matches students with every scholarship opportunity for which they qualify from among Arizona Community Foundation 75 awards. For information and the application [click here.](#) Next deadline is April 25 and then May 30. There are several scholarships specific to Native American students. For questions or additional information please email [them.](#)

**Summer Job Opportunities** - Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort. Pool attendants, Kid's Fun coordinators, Village Shoppe Attendants, servers and bartenders. For information check the [website.](#)

**April 14 Deadline** - River Rampage for teens ages 14-20 with or without disabilities. The trip dates are June 12-17 and July 17-22. San Juan River trip. Scholarships available. For information call Linda at (602) 290-0214 or check the [website.](#)

**April 22 Deadline** - Holland and Knight Charitable Foundation's 9th Annual Young Native Writers Essay Contest. For information check the [website.](#)

**April 25 Deadline** - Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) Summer Bridge Program (June 29-July 10). For incoming high school juniors and seniors. Students can earn up to 7 college credits. Application fee. Scholarships available. For information check the [website](#) or email [them.](#)

**May 1 Deadline** - Summer Research Training Institute for American Indian and Alaska Native Health Professionals. Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. Tuition scholarships are available. For information call Tosha at (503) 494-1330, email [her](#) or visit the [website.](#)

**May 19 Deadline** - Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy. For Arizonans who are committed to state level public service. No tuition cost. Mileage and lodging are covered for those that travel to events. For more information click [here.](#)

**June 1 Deadline** - Kaity's Way Scholarship for junior or high school seniors, recent high school graduates or attending or planning on attending Maricopa Community Colleges and have chosen a public service career. For information check [Kaity's Way website.](#)

**July 11 Deadline** - 2014 Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Southwest Region Scholarship Application. For Native American students currently applying for and/or in pursuit of degrees in natural resources (i.e., wildlife, fisheries, range management, forestry, and related fields of study). For information call Elveda at (775) 773-2002 or email [her.](#)

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<http://indianz.com/News/2014/013134.asp>

**[Lawmakers question delay in payments from Cobell settlement](#)**

Sen. Jon Tester (D-Montana) and Sen. John Walsh (D-Montana) want to know why payments from the \$3.4 billion Cobell settlement haven't been distributed.  
indianz.com

