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**Mortimore's acclaimed photograph *The Sun Slides to the West*,  
[sierranevadaally.org/2025/07/02/learning-to-see/](https://sierranevadaally.org/2025/07/02/learning-to-see/)**

## Resources

### Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation

U.S. National

The Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation provides funding to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States. Their key areas of interest include animal welfare and animal-assisted therapy, arts and culture (such as museums), Catholic organizations, children and youth, education, health, and social services. The Foundation offers both general operating support and project-specific funding. [Learn more](#)

### The Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust

U.S. Local

The Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust supports nonprofits primarily in Iowa and parts of western Illinois. Funding focuses on three areas: education (from early learning to graduate study, including scholarships and school-based initiatives), biomedical and scientific research (particularly innovative and multidisciplinary projects), and youth development (including programs for disadvantaged and disabled youth, public recreation, and community libraries). Trust-initiated programs like the Carver Scholars, the Excellence in Education awards, and public library support further expand its impact on education and community well-being.

[Learn more](#)

### American Electric Power Corporate Giving Program

U.S. Local

The American Electric Power (AEP) Corporate Giving Program offers funding to nonprofit organizations located within its service areas and near major company facilities in Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia. It prioritizes support for projects in education (especially STEM for pre-K to grade 12), environmental initiatives, and human services including hunger, housing, health, and safety. [Learn more](#)

### Adtalem Global Education Foundation

International

The Adtalem Global Education Foundation supports U.S. and international charitable, educational, and research initiatives, with a focus on healthcare and financial services. Its funding priorities include expanding access to quality education for underserved communities, strengthening workforce pipelines for underrepresented minorities, reducing healthcare disparities, and promoting economic growth through skills-based training. Eligible U.S. nonprofits may receive financial grants, program expertise, or in-kind donations to drive measurable impact locally or globally. [Learn more](#)

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### Research project shows how aquaculture, agriculture, and restoration can work together

UC Santa Cruz, 8/5/25 - Scientists from the University of California, Santa Cruz, partnered with Pie Ranch, an educational farm in Pescadero, to study the sustainability payoffs of fertilizing plants with water removed from aquaculture, an age-old practice.

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**OpenAI to offer** the enterprise version of ChatGPT to federal agencies beginning ncost of \$1; move seen as a bid to beat competitors in adoption into government workflows ([More](#))

## **National Opportunities** — *Available throughout the U.S.*

### **Funding for Capacity Building Projects**

The KFC Foundation's Kentucky Wishes program provides grants to support capacity-building projects that expand access to food and shelter in local communities.

### **Support for U.S. Veterans**

The Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust awards grants to nonprofit organizations based in the United States that serve sick and injured veterans and their families.

### **Grants to Support Youth**

The Dale Jr. Foundation is dedicated to giving underprivileged youth the resources to improve confidence, education, and the opportunity to achieve extraordinary goals.

### **Support for Access to Land for Work and Play**

The Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative's mission is to provide practical support for efforts that promote safe, responsible use of off-highway vehicles; educate the public on proper recreational land use and wildlife conservation practices; and protect appropriate and sustainable access to public lands.

### **Building Resilient Communities Through Holistic Support**

The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation is dedicated to meeting basic human needs while fostering resilience in individuals and communities.

### **RRF Foundation Advances Aging Support Nationwide**

The RRF Foundation for Aging focuses on enhancing the quality of life for older adults in the U.S. through four priority areas: caregiving, economic security, housing, and social and intergenerational connectedness.

### **Funding to Assist Courts Advance Equity, Access, and Justice Reform**

The State Justice Institute (SJI) promotes policies and practices that address behavioral health needs, including trauma-informed approaches for justice-involved individuals.

## [Expanding Access to Swimming Through Inclusive Grant Programs](#)

The USA Swimming Foundation is dedicated to saving lives and building champions, both in and out of the pool.

## **Regional Opportunities** — *For specific geographic areas*

### [Grants for Music and Music Education](#)

The Presser Foundation is dedicated solely to the support of music and music education.

### [Support to Educate and Empower Teens and Young Adults](#)

The American Eagle Outfitters Foundation is committed to showing the world that there is real power in the optimism of youth by supporting causes that educate and empower teens and young adults (ages 15 to 25 years old).

### [Preserving the Environment and Protecting Natural Resources](#)

The Campbell Foundation is dedicated to preserving the environment and protecting natural resources.

### [Grant for Community Health Improvements](#)

CommonSpirit offers Community Health Improvement Grants to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable and underserved populations in communities served by the company.

## **Federal Opportunities**

### [Government Policy Update](#)

GrantStation is closely monitoring recent federal actions and their impact on the nonprofit sector. [This article tracks ongoing developments](#), providing links to source materials. We will update the article at least once a week, and in cases of significant developments, we will provide updates as quickly as possible.

**Replenishing the brain's** natural supply of lithium appears to reverse memory loss and neurological signs of Alzheimer's, new study suggests; researchers identify lithium orotate as potentially protecting against onset of the disease ([More](#)) | **What we know about Alzheimer's** ([1440 Topics](#))

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## **FEMA Announces \$1 Billion in Disaster Preparedness Grants**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for 15 grant programs, making nearly \$1 billion available to communities across the country. These funds will enable states and Tribal Nations to strengthen their preparedness for natural disasters such as wildfires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, and tornadoes, as well as human-caused incidents including terrorist attacks and cyber disruptions. Since Friday, July 25, FEMA has announced more than \$2.2 billion in total funding opportunities for state, local, tribal, and territorial governments working to safeguard their communities.

Deadline passed but next year!

### **Breadcrumb**

**Sovereign Equity Fund: Green Horizons Project**  
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[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61573689179580)

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/sovereign-equity-fund>

The mission of the Sovereign Equity Fund (SEF) mission is to advance Native food security to strengthen tribal sovereignty through advancements in agricultural infrastructure.

SEF's Green Horizons Project, launched in collaboration with the Native American Agriculture Fund, provides support to tribal governments in the United States to accelerate existing efforts that support tribal agricultural producers implementing sustainable practices on their farms and ranches.

Funding supports tribal governments to assist tribal producers with implementing sustainable agricultural practices.

SEF encourages projects that integrate traditional ecological knowledge while addressing any of the following elements of sustainable agriculture:

- soil health, including practices that improve soil fertility, structure, or vitality;
- water use, including practices that increase water efficiency or protect water quality; and,
- climate, including practices that reduce carbon emissions or sequester carbon.

This opportunity is best suited for tribes that have an existing program and would like to amplify their impact with additional resources. SEF seeks proposals that are collaborative, creative, and community oriented, and work toward rapid deployment of sustainable agricultural practices.

**Application guidelines are available on SEF's website. Applications must be submitted online. [grants@SovereignEquityFund.org](mailto:grants@SovereignEquityFund.org)**

Grant Details: Grants of \$40,000 will be provided.

Eligible Applicants: State and federally recognized tribal governments

Application Deadlines: June 15, 2025

(Additional deadlines will be available as funding opportunities open.)

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**Inter Tribal Council of Arizona's Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for Tribal Communities.** Free. Two half day sessions. For Tribal communities, organizations, agencies, and professionals that work with Tribal communities and Indigenous peoples. For more info, contact Kelly at Inter Tribal Council of Arizona at (480) 417-2249 or email [her](#).

**Strong Hearts Native Helpline** - Strong Hearts Native Helpline is a safe, anonymous and confidential domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline that offers culturally-appropriate support and advocacy for American Indians and Alaska Natives. For one-on-one advocacy, click on the Chat Now icon <https://www.strongheartshelpline.org/> or call 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483).

**Veterans Benefits Administration** - VA makes it easier to buy a home on Tribal land through the Native American Direct Loan. For more information click [here](#).

**Home in Five Advantage** - The Home in Five Advantage program helps low and moderate income homebuyers by offering a competitive loan interest rate with a non-repayable grant for down payment and closing costs. Additional assistance is also available to qualified U.S. Military personnel, veterans, teachers, first responders, and individuals with an annual income up to \$141,820. Minimum FICO score of 640. For more information, click [here](#).

**Sesame Street Workshop, Little Children, Big Challenges: Incarceration.** For more information click [here](#).

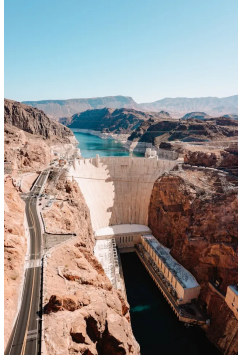


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## As the Colorado River slowly dries up, states angle for influence over future water rights



“The Colorado River is in trouble: Not as much water flows into the river as people are entitled to take out of it. A new idea might change that, but complicated political and practical negotiations stand in the way. The seven Colorado Basin states have been grappling with how to deal with declining Colorado River supplies for a quarter century, revising usage guidelines and taking additional measures as drought has persisted and reservoir levels have continued to decline. The current guidelines will expire in late 2026, and talks on new guidelines have been stalled because the states can’t agree on how to avoid a future crisis. In June 2025, Arizona suggested a new approach that would, for the first time, glimmer of hope,” base the amount of water available on the river’s actual flows, rather than on reservoir level projections or historic apportionments. While the proposal has been praised as offering “a coming to agreement on the details presents daunting challenges for the Colorado Basin. ...” [Read more from The Conversation](#)

## Scholarships/Internships/Etc

### MAGNUM FOUNDATION FALL 2025 NYC FELLOWSHIP

 AUGUST 15, 2025

AWARD INFO: \$5,000 PRODUCTION  
GRANT

ELIGIBILITY: EARLY CAREER  
PHOTOGRAPHERS

LOCATION: NEW YORK CITY

### PHOTOGRAPHIC RESOURCE CENTER ARTIST RESIDENCY

 AUGUST 30, 2025

RESIDENCY DURATION: ONE MONTH

AWARD INFO: \$500 STIPEND

LOCATION: MASSACHUSETTS

Explore these listings and more in Artwork Archive’s Photography Opportunity Guide.

## [Explore All Photo Opportunities](#)

September 15 Deadline - Gates Scholarship. Applications open July 15. A highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding high school seniors from low-income households. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to exceptional student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential. For more info, click [here](#).

**Mesa Community College's Real Estate Appraisal Program - Appraisers Certification - Two Years.** The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Licensed Residential Appraiser program prepares students for the appraisal of residential land and real property. For more info call John at (602) 309-888 or email [him](#).

**Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation** - Scholarships. Various dates and programs. For more info, click [here](#).

**Arizona Community Foundation's Scholarships** - 150 scholarships available. For more info, click [here](#).

**FREE tuition for undergraduate students from Arizona's 22 Federally recognized tribes** who are studying on the main campus of University of Arizona in Tucson. For more information click [here](#).

**Native American Programs and Enrollment Information at ASU, UA, and NAU** - For more information click [here](#).

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**Road Scholar:** [https://www.roadscholar.org/about/financial-assistance/?](https://www.roadscholar.org/about/financial-assistance/?lid=vz74lch7258q&RSID=57de151e71fd309ced1c3ae11a6e78db)

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- [Scholarships](#)
- [Professional Educator's Assistance and Recognition \(PEAR\) Scholarships](#)
- [Adventure Online Scholarship](#)

We encourage you or a friend to apply for one of our scholarships. Come and share the joys of learning and camaraderie with us

[Learn More!](#)

## **WNC: Promise Scholarship application deadline Oct. 31**

High school seniors who are concerned about funding their college education can count on the Nevada Promise Scholarship and the opportunity to receive this higher education funding through Western Nevada College.

The Nevada Legislature created this last-dollar scholarship funding in 2017 to cover tuition and



other mandatory fees not met by federal or state aid. The scholarship provides financial aid for up to three years for students who apply and follow through with the requirements for receiving the scholarship.

Students can save more than \$3,000 per year by applying for the scholarship.

Nevada high school students graduating in spring 2025 must apply for the Nevada Promise Scholarship no later than Oct. 31. Nevada Promise is open to Nevada high school students graduating between Aug. 1 and June 15 who begin classes at WNC in the fall immediately following graduation.

Applicants must be classified as a Nevada resident for tuition purposes and must have earned a high school diploma from a private or public high school in Nevada, or a public high school that is located in a county that borders the state and accepts pupils who are residents of this state. Students may also qualify if they earn their general equivalency diploma (GED or HSE) prior to age 20.

Other requirements to receive the scholarship are completing a training session by March 1, applying for FAFSA no later than April 1, fulfilling community service obligations by May 1 and meeting with your mentor no later than July 1.

***To apply for the Nevada Promise Scholarship, go to [wnc.edu/advising/promise](http://wnc.edu/advising/promise) and click to "Apply Here". For information, phone 775-445-3267.***

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**Stewart Indian School** ·

The Stewart Indian School had a long tradition of horticulture and gardening. Student groups regularly participated in gardening competitions. We continue that tradition today at the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum. This is our healing garden in bloom this warm summer afternoon. These plants are used to this day to teach about traditional medicine and to provide an outdoor space to reflect and heal. Our garden is a sister garden to one being grown at the Nevada Museum of Art.

***Come check out the garden and museum Mondays-Fridays 10 am to 5 pm, there is no cost to visit the museum or take the self-guided campus walking tour***

***[.Nevada Department of Native American Affairs](#)   [Nevada Indian Territory](#)***



## August Calendar

August 12-15 - Pascua Yaqui's 8th Annual 2025 ICWA Conference, Tucson. For more info, [click here](#).

August 19 - 10th Annual Rural Women's Health Symposium: From the Mountains to the Valleys: 10 Years of Health for Arizona Rural Women held at Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix. For more info, or to register, click [here](#).

August 20-21 - Public Health & Housing Summit: Explore the Intersection of Substance Use and Housing - Arizona Department of Health Services. Two part virtual series. 10:30 am-12:30 pm each day. To register, click [here](#).

August 21-22 - IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Arizona Conference. For more info, click [here](#).

August 26 - Local First Arizona's 2025 Good Food Forum at the El Conquistador Tucson, in Tucson. For more info, click [here](#).

## Plan Ahead Calendar

September 2-4 - Arizona Department of Education's Office of Indian Education's 2025 Annual Summit at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass. For more info, scan the QR code or register [here](#).

September 11-12 - 2025 American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona's 2025 Business Conference: Rising Together: Indigenous Strength in Innovation and Economy. Held at Cliff Castle Casino and Hotel. For more info, or to register, click [here](#).

September 14-17 - 7th Annual Conference on Native American Nutrition, Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, MN. For more info, click [here](#).

September 17-21 - Association of American Indian Physicians' 53rd Annual Meeting and Health Conference in Seattle, Washington. For more info, click [here](#).

September 23-24 - Sparks of Possibility: The Power in You. Sun Caln Consulting held at Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix. **For Indigenous students in grades 7-12.** Fee. For more info, click [here](#).

September 24 - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona's 12th Annual Tribal Summit 2025: Listening, Learning, and Strengthening Tribal Healthcare Connections. 8 am. Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort, in Flagstaff. For more info, contact Brianna via [email](#).

September 26 - ASU's Wiring the Rez: Artificial Intelligence in Indian Country. Held at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at ASU. Fee. For more info, or to register, click [here](#).

October 1-3 - Native Grown & Gathered Food Expo, Bell Harbor, Seattle, Washington. For more info, click [here](#).

October 2-4 - American Indian Science and Engineering Society Conference. Minneapolis. Travel scholarships available. For more info, click [here](#).

October 4 - NATIVE HEALTH's 16th Annual Traditional Native American Children's Pageant, Phoenix College's Bulpitt Auditorium. For more info, click [here](#).

October 8-11 - National Indian Education Association's 56th Annual Conference: Empowering Sovereignty: Our Legacies, Our Futures. Held at the Spokane Convention Center. For more info, click [here](#).

October 11 - NATIVE HEALTH's Annual Open House and Health Fair. NATIVE HEALTH Central, 4041 N. Central Avenue, Building C, in Phoenix. For more info, contact [Susan](#).

October 11 - Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program, Chandler Center for the Arts, 6:30 pm. Fee. For more information, click [here](#).

October 14 - Molina Healthcare's 3rd Annual Tribal Health Symposium: Walking in Sacred Harmony: Wellness Through Unity of Mind, Body, Spirit, and Community. Ak-Chin Casino, Maricopa, 8 am-4 pm, FREE. To register, click [here](#).

October 14-15 - 21st Annual Fatherhood is Leadership Conference hosted by the Native American Fatherhood and Families Association at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel in Mesa. For more info, click [here](#).

October 27-29 - Community Health Representative (CHR) Summit IX: Rooted in Resilience: Empowering CHR's for Healthier Communities, We-Ko-Pa Resort in Fort McDowell, Arizona. For more info, email [Kiani](#).

October 27-30 - 27th Annual American Indigenous Tourism Conference at the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Mississippi. For more info, or to register, click [here](#).

October 29-30 - Banner Alzheimer's Institute's 19th Annual Conference on Alzheimer's Disease/ Dementia in Native Americans. Pre-conference, October 29. Little America in Flagstaff. For more info, contact Nicole at [Nicole.lomay@bannerhealth.com](mailto:Nicole.lomay@bannerhealth.com).

November 3-5 American Indian Cancer Foundation's 1st Native Cancer Conference, Radisson Blu, Mall of America. For more info, click [here](#).

November 11 - 14th Annual American Indian Veterans Day and Sunset Tribute, Heard Museum. Veterans Day Event 11 am-3 pm, Sunset Tribute, 5-6 pm.

December 13-14 - 48th Annual S'edav Va'aki Museum Indian Market and Young Artist Market (formerly Pueblo Grande Indian Market), 4619 E. Washington in Phoenix. For more info check their [website](#).