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# Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund Academic Scholarship Program—Request for Applications

*GRID Alternatives' Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund aims to catalyze the growth of solar energy and expand solar job opportunities in tribal communities across the United States. Our vision for Indian Country is a transition to energy sovereignty that is educational, entrepreneurial, and completely renewable.*

## **TSAF Academic Scholarship Program**

The Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund (TSAF) is offering scholarship support to Tribal College students, and accredited public and private College/University students with career and academic interest within renewable energy. Our scholarship opportunity is for federally-recognized tribal members attending an accredited TCU or public/private four-year college/university who have a passion for learning and sharing knowledge about renewable energy and how it impacts Tribal communities. Students with interests in renewable energy careers often have limited access to academic support and resources to achieve their renewable energy educational goals.

The TSAF scholarship program will provide financial support up to \$5000 per calendar year (including summer semester), workforce development, and industry resources for educational achievement, project-based learning opportunities, and career development pathways in renewable energy, particularly in the solar industry. As a TSAF scholar, you'll have learning opportunities such as;

- Mentorship opportunities with GRID-TSAF tribal staff

- Opportunity for hands on solar installation with GRID's Tribal team
- Networking and connections within the solar industry

### **Program Timeline**

- Applications are due on Friday September 16, 2022 at 5:00 pm PST.
- Complete applications are reviewed and scored between September 19-30, 2022 and participants will be notified by October 3rd, 2022.
- Selected participants will be required to participate in a 1-hour orientation zoom meeting on October 11, 2022 from 12:00-1:00 pm MST.

### **Eligibility and Requirements**

Federally-recognized tribal members attending an accredited Tribal College or public/private college/university with experience and knowledge about their tribal community, environmental justice issues, and a passion for learning about the renewable energy industry are encouraged to apply.

- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe
- 2.5 cumulative GPA +
- Attend an accredited Tribal College/University or accredited public/private college/university
- Enrolled in an environmental sustainability or related degree program (liberal art and political science majors are also encouraged to apply, so long as the connection to renewable energy through academic and career interest can be made).

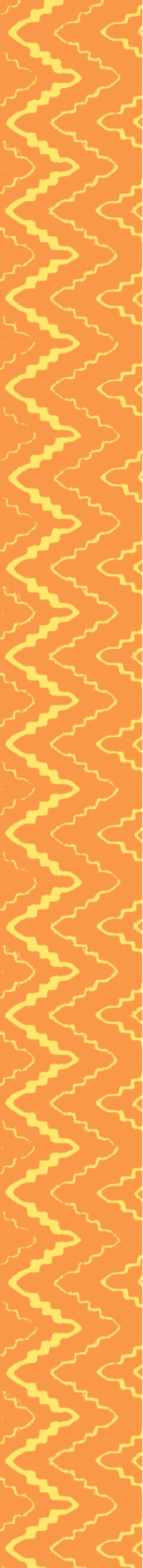
### **Selection Process**

This scholarship opportunity is intended for individuals whose application and references demonstrate:

- Academic and career interests in environmental sustainability and renewable energy efforts.
- Community engagement with their tribe and commitment to serving Native Peoples.
- Student leadership both in and outside of the classroom.

### **How to Apply**

Applications can be submitted via the google form that is [linked here](#) and on the TSAF website under the Leadership Programs tab under Scholarship. Please submit your application by 5 pm MST on September 16, 2022.



Applicants must fill out the application completely, including written responses and a required resume.

If you have questions or need assistance please contact [programs@tribalsolar.org](mailto:programs@tribalsolar.org).