



SAIGE Carol Jorgensen Scholarship for Environmental Stewardship

For 2025, SAIGE will award two \$1,000 scholarships to full-time students pursuing an undergraduate degree in an environmental stewardship discipline, including environmental studies, natural resource management, the natural sciences, public administration, public policy, and related fields.

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) established this award to honor the memory and legacy of Carol Jorgensen, whose service to her family, community, country, and Mother Earth was an inspiration for all.

Carol was Tlingit from the Yandestake Village in southeast Alaska and was part of the Eagle/Killer Whale Fin House of Klukwan. She deeply connected to our shared Earth and was a passionate advocate for protecting the environment and human health in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. She served many years in public service and was Director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's American Indian Environmental Office at the time of her passing.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants must be affiliated with a federally recognized tribe and be a full-time student pursuing an undergraduate degree in an environmental stewardship discipline (e.g., environmental studies, natural resource management, the natural sciences, public policy or administration with an environmental focus, and related disciplines). Tribal enrollment is not required, but tribal affiliation must be verified by a letter of support from a current or former tribal government official or respected member of the tribal community.

APPLICATION PACKAGE:

1. **Transcript:** A copy of your most recent undergraduate transcript (enrolled freshmen may substitute a high school transcript).
2. **Letter of Support:** Applicants must submit a letter of support from a current or former tribal government official or respected member of their tribal community. This letter should attest to the applicant's commitment to community service, leadership, or record of participation in the cultural and spiritual life of the community.
3. **Personal Statement:** The personal statement is the most critical application section. It is your opportunity to tell evaluators about yourself and your interest in environmental stewardship. Your essay should be unique, clear, and concise and describe how your undergraduate studies support your commitment to environmental stewardship. We recommend that applicants use personal statements to highlight past activities that illustrate a commitment to environmental stewardship. Personal statements should not exceed two pages and contain the applicant's full name, address, phone number, and e-mail address.
4. **Optional Material:** In addition to the above, applicants may include additional documents (e.g., additional letters of support from community members/educators; a personal resume highlighting work or volunteer activities in environmental, natural resources, and/or community services; writing samples; newspaper articles, etc.). The evaluators will consider these additional materials, but they are not required for a complete application package.

APPLICATION PROCESS & DEADLINE:

A complete application package (transcript, letter of support, and personal statement) must be received by 6:00 PM, Pacific Time, **September 30, 2025**. All material should be sent to Student Program Director, Ms. JoAnn Brant at STUDENT.PROGRAM@saige.org.

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