

# **ARAPAHO RANCH TRUST SCHOLARSHIP BILL THUNDER, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

## **NORTHERN ARAPAHO TRIBE SKY PEOPLE HIGHER EDUCATION**

The Bill Thunder Jr./Arapaho Ranch Scholarship Fund was named after a long time Arapaho Ranch Board member. **The purpose of the scholarship is to help a Northern Arapaho student to graduate from college and return to assist with the business of the Arapaho Ranch.** Arapaho Ranch is located on the Owl Creek near the Owl Creek Mountains on the Wind River Indian reservation. This successful beef producing enterprise raises quality Hereford cattle and registered horses on the north and south slopes of the Owl Creek Mountains. The ranch is a source of pride for the Northern Arapaho people. Continuing this business legacy is a top priority to the Arapaho Tribe and one of the few successful enterprises owned by the Northern Arapaho Tribe.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Applicants must be admitted and enrolled at a college or university as a full-time student (12 or more credit hours) and maintain a 2.00 grade point average (GPA) or Graduate School GPA requirements.
- Applicants must be one-fourth (1/4) Northern Arapaho descent (enrolled or non-enrolled) and must submit a Certificate of Indian Blood or Verification of Northern Arapaho Blood with no less than ¼ degree.
- Applicant must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

### **Selection Criteria**

***One Scholarship will be awarded yearly to a student majoring in Agriculture or in a related field: Agricultural Business, Veterinary Studies, Animal Sciences, Horticulture, Resources Economics, Rangeland Ecosystem Science, Agronomy(plant & Soil Science)***

- ***Selection will be based on***
  - Personal statement
  - Potential to contribute to the community upon graduation
  - Scholastic ability and achievement
  - Letter of Recommendation
- ***Amount of Award***

The Sky People Higher Education Board will competitively award one (1) scholarship for the academic year of \$2500, dependent on availability of funds. The amount per semester is \$1250. This is a renewable award and must be applied for each academic year.

- ***Other Criteria***

The person selected for the award will be employed by the Arapaho Ranch after graduation. The duration of employment is to equal the time the scholarship is awarded to the student. For Example, if a student is awarded the scholarship for 2 years, they must be employed by the Arapaho Ranch or Arapaho Tribe for two years

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

**Application deadline is June 15th for the next academic year (fall, winter, spring).**

**Only complete applications will be considered for funding.**

### **Application items required**

1. Complete Bill Thunder Jr./Arapaho Ranch Trust scholarship application form.
2. Acceptance letter from the college or university
3. High school transcripts, GED certificate & scores, and official college transcripts with raised seal
4. Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or verification of Indian Blood
5. One letter of recommendation for someone who is not related to you. This can be a counselor, teacher, or former employer.
6. Personal Statement – One page that should include
  - Brief history of your background
  - Scholastic ability and achievements
  - Work or leadership experience
  - Participation in community related activities
  - Career goals
7. Semester transcript release form
8. Privacy Act Statement

**Submitted complete application with student's original signature by the deadline date, June 15th to:**

**Sky People Higher Education Program  
Northern Arapaho Tribe  
P.O. Box 8480  
Ethete, Wyoming 82520**



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Career Goal or Major \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Enrollment Date: Academic Year 2 \_\_\_\_\_ & 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Winter \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of College or University: \_\_\_\_\_

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List Other Scholarships that you have applied for or received this academic year and in past years.

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**CERTIFICATION:** I agree to attend the school named, to work toward the educational objective stated; to carry and complete at least 12 credit hours or the equivalent each term. If I withdraw from school before the school term is over, without the approval of the Northern Arapaho Business Council, I agree to repay to the Northern Arapaho Tribe, the entire amount of the scholarship award. Said amount becomes immediately due and payable to the Northern Arapaho Tribe on the date I withdraw from school. I authorize the Northern Arapaho Business Council or the Sky People Office to deduct part of all of my percapita, if any, in amounts the Council deems reasonable until the scholarship award has been repaid in full. I request that my scholarship funds be mailed to the Financial Aid Office in care of me.

Signature of  
Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NORTHERN ARAPAHO TRIBE  
SKY PEOPLE HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM  
SEMESTER GRADE AND TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SSN \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

I give my consent and request that a copy of my grades (semester or quarter) be released to authorized personnel for:

Academic year (s)	Semester/Quarter
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Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:  
Sky People Higher Education Programs  
P.O. Box 8480  
Ethete, Wyoming 82510**

ADDITIONAL INFO: Last Semester Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Last School Attended \_\_\_\_\_

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Office Use Only: Date of Request \_\_\_\_\_