

NATIVE AMERICAN STOLE AND SEAL INFORMATION 2020-2021



REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SEALS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERION

Native American high school seniors who:

- Are enrolled in APS.
- Completed a 506 and/or CIB (Certificate of Indian Blood) and forms on file at the APS Indian Education Department.
- Have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.8 or higher
- Less than 5 absences in any class.
- Have submitted online application(s) for each seal to the Indian Education Department by the first Friday in March of graduation year.

PROCESS

- Deadline -Students must complete the online application that is available at www.aps.edu/indian-education by the first Friday in March. For information you can contact (505) 884-6392 or email sara.money@aps.edu.
- Application Review - Applications are reviewed and evaluated by Indian Education staff. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Student Presentations – Applicants whose applications are approved will be contacted and scheduled to do a presentation (approximately 20 minute) in front of community judges during the month of March (presentation will be virtual or in person).
- Notification - Applicants will be notified in April regarding the status of the application.
- Receiving - Stoles and seals are presented to eligible seniors who have met the specified requirements. Each senior who earn a seal will receive a stole. Students are eligible to earn more than one seal. The Bilingual State Seal will be affixed on the eligible senior's graduation diploma.
- Wearing - Students will wear their stoles over their graduation gowns during the graduation commencements. Each earned seals is attached to the stole. The APS Indian Education seal is presented on all stoles.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On behalf of the Native American students and families, the Indian Education Department in the Albuquerque Public Schools expresses sincere gratitude to district administrators for supporting the efforts and work of all Native American students who will attain this special recognition in many years to come. In addition, a special gratitude to the APS Graphics Department and Mr. Jeremy Jensen, Designer for his work in helping the department solidify the ideas by creating and designing the APS seals.

INDIAN EDUCATION TRIBAL SEAL

This seal is given to all students that successfully earn one of the seals below. Application link:

<https://forms.gle/bi1zxx7YNM332u7h9>



DISTINGUISHED SEAL FOR SERVICE LEARNING



1. Complete a minimum of 30 hours of volunteer work starting from the end of their junior year through January of their senior year. Volunteer opportunities may include working at various nonprofit organizations, churches, hospitals, etc. All hours must be recorded and verified by organization (see page 5).
2. Write a 2-3 page summary of volunteer work.
3. Prepare a presentation on a PowerPoint or other media (dancing, quillwork, tying a hair bun, storytelling, history, clan system, making bread) other cultural demonstration, artifacts, etc. *Schedule to be determined.*
4. Two letters of recommendation (one from volunteer organization and one from general education teacher.)

NATIVE AMERICAN BILINGUAL SEAL (APS)



1. Successfully complete two years of Navajo or Zuni or other Native American language coursework at another school (bring transcripts to verify).
2. Present language knowledge to an audience of judges from the community in March. *Schedule to be determined.*
3. Prepare a presentation on a powerpoint or other media (dancing, quillwork, tying a hair bun, storytelling, history, clan system, making bread) other cultural demonstration, artifacts, etc. *Schedule to be determined.*
4. Two letters of recommendation (one from Indian Education Navajo or Zuni language teacher and one from general education teacher.)

NATIVE AMERICAN STATE BILINGUAL SEAL



A tribe may certify that a student is proficient in the tribal language (currently it is in place for Navajo). Tribes will develop the methods and processes for determining proficiency in their respective tribal languages. Navajo Nation Seal of Bilingual Efficiency offers testing in the spring in various cities (see Navajo Nation schedule online). Students need to work with their Native language teachers to see the current requirements.



PREPARING FOR TRIBAL DEMONSTRATION FORM

Name _____ Date _____

Tribe _____

- 1) Native American value chosen (e.g., belonging, mastery, generosity, and/or independence): Explain why this particular value was chosen for this demonstration.

- 2) Explain how your demonstration exemplifies your knowledge particular to the project demonstrated.

- 3) Explain the goals, objectives, and challenges of the demonstration project.

- 4) Explain how you will sustain the Native American project you demonstrated in your home and/or community.



VERIFICATION FORM FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS



Name _____ Date _____

Organization _____

Supervisor Name _____ Title _____

Supervisor Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Date	Time In	Time Out	Total Hours	Description of Work	Supervisor Signature

**NOTE: Use one form for each organization student volunteers.
Make additional copies as needed.
Blank form on Indian Education website.**



RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student's Name _____

Person completing evaluations name _____

Relationship (i.e. teacher, supervisor, pastor, etc.) _____

Recommendations should not be from family members.

As part of the application process, please rate the student by circling the category that best describes the student in the following areas:

ACADEMICS:

Excellent Good Average Poor

ATTENDANCE:

Excellent Good Average Poor

ATTITUDE:

Excellent Good Average Poor

LEADERSHIP:

Excellent Good Average Poor

CHARACTER:

Excellent Good Average Poor

COMMENTS:

If more space is needed, please attach another sheet to this recommendation form)

Signature

Date

Blank form on Indian Education website.