Who We Are

Statistics consistently show that indigenous students choose not to continue their education due to a lack of funds, resources, or both. The Southwest Native American Foundation (SWNAF), founded in 2004, is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization providing greater access to higher education for indigenous communities in the southwestern United States. SWNAF pays no salaries and is staffed entirely by volunteers who care about challenging those statistics—and changing them.

For the Students

In North America and around the world, indigenous peoples have been harmed, displaced, and disadvantaged by historical discrimination. By providing individual scholarships and school grants, the Southwest Native American Foundation hopes to help level the playing field for these traditionally marginalized peoples. Since 2004, SWNAF has distributed over $500,000 in school grants and scholarships, serving over 125 schools and more than 400 Native American scholars at all levels.

Our Sponsors

Making meaningful change is a lot easier when we all work together. The Southwest Native American Foundation thanks its corporate sponsors: The Maine Beer Company, Joy Cone Corporation, and Mar Vista Investments. Without sponsors like you, SWNAF would not exist. Year after year, these incredible companies (along with so many generous individual donors) help make indigenous scholars’ dreams come true by sharing their abundance with SWNAF.

2022 and Beyond

As SWNAF looks forward to its 3rd decade of service, goals include sending more students off to university than ever before. Last year, 25 students received scholarships for college and graduate school. SWNAF now hopes to serve 50+ scholars per academic year, with a focus on Master’s and PhD students. A portion of every donation helps to ensure the long-term security of the scholarship program by growing the endowment. When you give to SWNAF, you can help make dreams come true, too.

Give the Gift of Equal Education

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