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"Wishing you a pot o' gold and all the joy your heart can hold."  
—Anonymous

A St. Patrick's Day Reflection on Unity and Shared Humanity

In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day (March 17, 2026) and in celebration of Irish heritage, I wanted to share a brief story of unity and humanity that continues to inspire many of us today.

Between 1845 and 1852, more than one million Irish people perished during the Great Famine of Ireland—also known as the Great Hunger or the Irish Potato Famine. The devastation was caused by potato blight, the population's reliance on the crop, and broader geopolitical factors that deepened the crisis.

In 1847, upon learning of the suffering overseas, the Choctaw Nation sent what would be the equivalent of \$5,000 today to help feed the Irish people.

This extraordinary act of compassion created a lasting bond between the Choctaw and Irish Nations—a reminder of how generosity can transcend borders, cultures, and histories.

As we celebrate today, remember to think positively, surround yourself with like-minded people, and honor the ties that connect us across cultures.

To learn more about this special relationship, I encourage you to explore the Eternal Heart Sculpture at the Choctaw Nation Capitol in Tuskaohama, Oklahoma: [Eternal Heart Sculpture – Choctaw/Ireland Relationship](#).

~Darius Lee Smith, Executive Director

**Don't Miss Out on What's Next**

- 📍 **Albuquerque, New Mexico**
  - **Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Spring Festival** - March 13, 2026 - March 15, 2026
    - **10 AM - 5 PM; EXPO**
    - New Mexico - Home of the State Fair*
  - **Treasures of the Earth Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Expo** - March 20, 2026 - March 22, 2026
    - **9 AM - 5 PM; EXPO**
    - New Mexico - Creative Arts Building*
  - **4th Annual Women's Festival** - March 28, 2026
    - **12 PM - 5 PM; Rio Bravo Brewing Company**
- 📍 **Farmington, New Mexico**
  - **Film Contest Screening** - March 7, 2026
    - **6 PM - 8:30 PM; Totah Theater**

**Happy Birthday to all our wonderful March participants! 🎉 We hope this month is filled with joy, laughter, and celebrations that are as fantastic as you are. Enjoy your special day! 🎂🎈**

**TIMESHEET DUE DATES AND OFFICE CLOSURES**

Timesheets	Pay Date
• March 13, 2026	• March 6, 2026
• March 27, 2026	• March 20, 2026

Be Prepared for ICE  
Operation Rainbow Bridge

**What every Relative should know:**

- Carry a valid state ID.
- Stay calm, do not resist or escalate.
- If detained, say: "I am exercising my right to remain silent. I want to speak to an attorney."
- If agents show up at your home, ask for a signed warrant by a judge. Do NOT open the door without one.
- Document the encounter: video, audio, names, times, details.
- Report it immediately: info@operationrainbowbridge.com Office of Navajo Nation Human Rights: (1-202) 871-7434

**Additional Contact**  
Yolanda Azua  
Yolanda.azua@navajo-nsn.gov

Office of Navajo Nation Human Rights: (828) 871-7436

Navajo Office of Vital Records (828) 871-6884

Operation Rainbow Bridge  
1-855-HELP-FOUR  
1-855-452-4372  
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More info  
www.operationrainbowbridge.com

**Information on the Navajo Nation Identification Cards - Navajo Office of Vital Records & Identification**

**\*\*Monday-Friday: within the hours of 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (BY APPOINTMENTS ONLY, PLEASE CALL 928-871-6884)\*\***

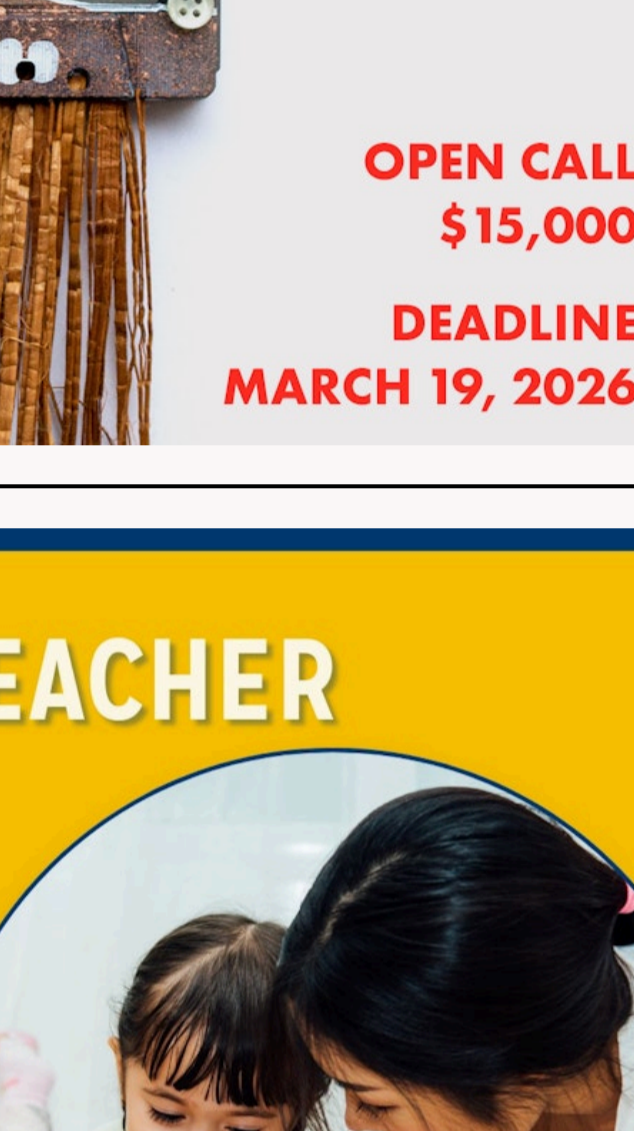
The NN ID's have an expiration date of 4 years, every time they expire clients will have to contact the office for renewal. These NN ID's do not have any passport capabilities, if you are traveling overseas or crossing boards, the office highly encourages clients to apply for a Passport.

**Extra Documentation (if applicable):**

- Marriage license/finalized divorce decrees
- Finalized court orders pertaining to Name Change or Date of Birth Change with the Revised Birth Certificate

**\*All documents must be in the original, we will not accept copies. Make sure documents are not torn, taped, or laminated.\***

For more information, please click the image below:



**REMEMBER: THIS IS OPTIONAL, IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT**

**Required Documents:**

- State certificate Birth Certificate or Affidavit of Birth (AOB) from NOVRI
- Certified Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood (CIB)
- Valid State issues ID or Driver's License
- (NO TEMPORARY ID AND NO PASSPORTS)
- \$17.00 Money Order, per person (We do not accept cash or credit card)

**\*PLEASE, keep money orders blank! Our staff will inform the clients on how to fill it out.\***

**LIFT**  
EARLY CAREER SUPPORT FOR NATIVE ARTISTS

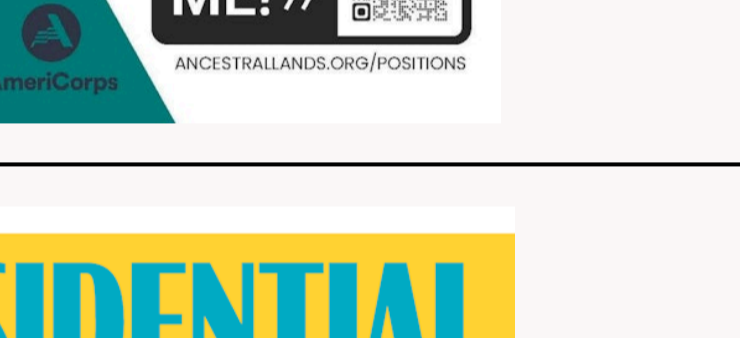
2025 LIFT AWARDEE  
Kendrick Fulton Osatoe

Inspired by Maya, Come Story: 31  
Our Stories Carry Us Through Time Together  
(Dance to Keep them Alive)

**OPEN CALL \$15,000 DEADLINE MARCH 19, 2026**

**INDIGENOUS TEACHER PREPARATION PROJECT**

TRAIN TO BECOME A TEACHER FOR NATIVE COMMUNITIES



**JOIN OUR TEAM!**

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK  
**RIVER OPERATIONS ASSISTANT**  
INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT  
AMERICORPS

**POSITION DETAILS:**

START DATE: May 4, 2026  
END DATE: October 30, 2026  
20 Weeks Full Time  
900 Hours AmeriCorps Service Term

WEEKLY STIPEND: \$600 a week  
ADDITIONAL BENEFITS: \$100 a week  
SPECIAL EDUCATION AWARD: \$3,097.50\*  
\*Upon successful completion of term

**ONE VACANCY**

**HOUSING PROVIDED**

Responsibilities include supporting boat operations, river management, and public engagement initiatives. The individual placement will assist with river operations warehouse activities, which encompass vehicle transport, coordination of boat logistics, menu planning, food procurement and packing and general river operations procedures.

(See Position Description for more details.)

Individuals from associated tribes, pueblos, and communities encouraged to apply!

AMERICORPS

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**RESIDENTIAL SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM**

FREE TO ATTEND  
JUNE 28 - JULY 24

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- ✓ SUMMER BRIDGE ADMISSIONS APPLICATION
- ✓ VERIFICATION OF TRIBAL AFFILIATION
- ✓ HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
- ✓ PHYSICAL RECORD
- ✓ IMMUNIZATION RECORD
- ✓ HOUSING APPLICATION

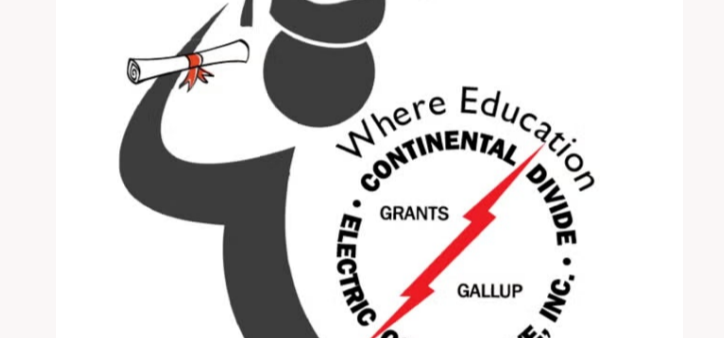
application DEADLINE JUNE 10, 2026

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: SUMMERBRIDGE@SIPL.EDU

**SOUTHWESTERN INDIAN POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE**  
9169 Coors Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120 | 606.563.7474

**Continental Divide Electric Education Foundation Scholarships**

Continental Divide is fortunate to have one of the state's largest cooperative-sponsored scholarship programs, thanks to the mining boom in the 1970s and 80s.



In 1989, the Continental Divide Electric Education Foundation was established to assist our co-op members with scholarship money, which comes from unclaimed "capital credits." These credits are invested by Continental Divide and the earnings are used for educational grants.

The Foundation's board of directors decides how many scholarships to award based on available funds each year.

Scholarships are awarded to traditional and non-traditional college students who choose to attend school in New Mexico. Currently, grants of up to \$4,000 are being awarded each year.

**Deadline to return 2026-27 scholarship applications is March 31, 2026.**

For more information about the Continental Divide Electric Education Foundation scholarships, contact Raquel Galindo at (505) 876-2022 or email scholarship@cdcec.coop

**2026-27 Application**

**PLEASE NOTE: The 2026-27 scholarship application is entirely different from previous-year applications. Please read it carefully. Previous-year applications will not be accepted.**

**Anonymous Was A Women Environmental Art Grants (AWAW EAG)**

**NYFA**  
New York Foundation for the Arts

**Apply Here!**

The program will provide one-time grants of up to \$20,000 to support environmental art projects led by woman, transgender, and gender-nonconforming artists in the United States and U.S. Territories.

Applications are open until April 7 at 5PM ET

**Scholarships for Native Students in STEM Fields**

**AISES**  
ADVANCING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN STEM

Scholarship applications close April 30, 2026.

\*\*If awarded, award notifications will be sent out in the Fall of 2026\*\*

**Apply Here!**

AISES is committed to empowering students from American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and First Nations communities. With the support of our donors and partners, we provide scholarships that open pathways to impactful STEM careers.

- Here is a list of the scholarships that AISES offers:
- ARDC Scholarship
  - A.T. Anderson Scholarship
  - Indian Motorcycle Academic Scholarship
  - Indian Motorcycle Trade Scholarship
  - Indigenous Peoples Education Fund Scholarship
  - RISE Scholarship
  - Sports and Technology Scholarship

**Career Pathways Scholarship**

Career Pathways Scholarships are for individuals who have a specific career in mind and are committed to earning an associate's degree or certification in any field or trade.

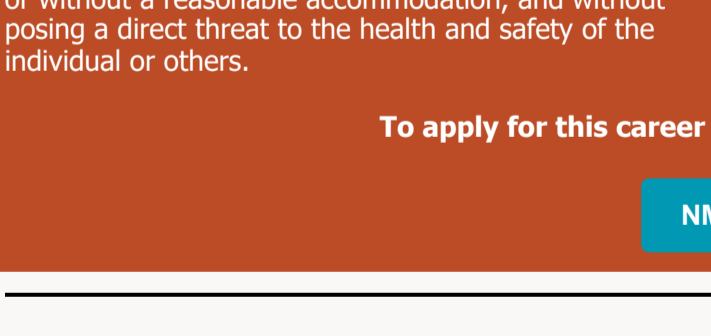
The Career Pathways Scholarship application will be open from **January 5, 2026 to April 3, 2026.**

These scholarships are available to high school students and adult learners with a high school diploma or GED/High School Equivalency (HSE).

For more information or if you are interested:

**Click Here to Apply**

**Prosperity Works - Efficiency Upgrades**



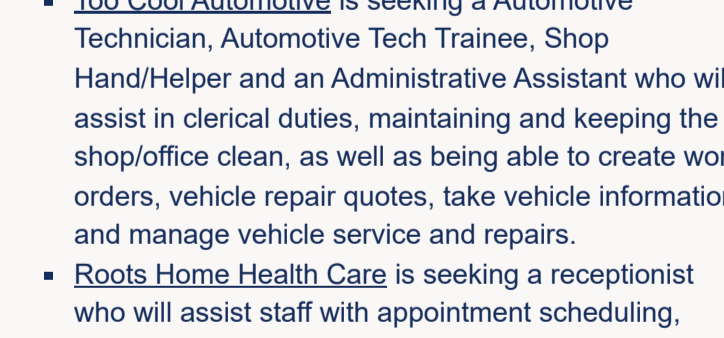
Many homes could use help becoming more energy efficient – which saves energy and money! Prosperity Works offers energy assessments through our partner, Energy Works, to low-income households. These energy assessments help us determine which retrofits your home needs most.

**Learn More**

**Looking for Scholarships?**

Scholarships360 is a scholarships website dedicated to finding great scholarship opportunities for students & providing financial aid advice.

**Learn More Today!**



**New Mexico Rural Water Association (NMRWA)**

New Mexico Rural Water Association (NMRWA) has a **2-year Water/Wastewater Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)** where an apprentice can attain their Level 2 operator certification to operate a water and/or wastewater treatment plant. Apprentices work alongside a mentor, earn money while working at a utility and do most classes online.

To graduate from this program, the apprentice must complete:

- At least 4000 OJT hours,
- At least 288 RTI (Related Technical Instruction) class hours,
- Earn 2 satisfactory evaluations from a mentor (one every 12 months),
- Attend 4 scheduled conferences (Annual Conference in April at the Isleta Resort and Casino, Fall Conference at Las Cruces Convention Center) and
- Pass the New Mexico Environment Department Levels 1 & 2 exams.

This career path will never go away. Apprentices can gain practical skills they can take anywhere and make a real difference in their community.

Funding may be available for books and online classes to apprentices.

To apply for this career opportunity, click this link:

**NMRWA**

**Work Experience Program: Farmington Job Openings**

- **Alma Dance Academy** is seeking an on-site Social Media Manager to assist with strategizing, help with content creation, as well as networking and communicating with various communities/companies through social platforms.
- **Capacity Builders** is seeking an on-site Administrative Assistant – HR, Administrative Assistant, Transport Dispatcher, and an Accounting Specialist to assist with general office and administrative work, communicate, organizing and conduct activities and day-to-day route with transportation service providers, as well as provide accurate general accounting and data entry services.
- **Northwest New Mexico Arts** is seeking an Art Assistant who will assist with promoting different community projects/events, assists and performs afterschool/summer art camp activities for community youth and adults. Assists with statistical data collection and reporting for grant/funding purposes. Attend any training/meetings mandatory for position.

- **ECHO Food Bank** is seeking a stocking helper who will assist in packaging, warehousing, working the drive-thru, completing paperwork, cleaning and any other duties as assigned.
- **Too Cool Automotive** is seeking a Automotive Technician, Automotive Tech Trainee, Shop Hand/Helper and an Administrative Assistant who will assist in clerical duties, maintaining and keeping the shop/office clean, as well as being able to create work orders, vehicle repair quotes, take vehicle information and manage vehicle service and repairs.
- **Roots Home Health Care** is seeking a receptionist who will assist staff with appointment scheduling, answering calls/questions, inform staff members of meetings and perform other duties as requested.
- **Beehive Homes** is seeking a Personal Care Attendant who will conduct activities of daily living, assist with cooking, carry out housekeeping duties, attend to laundry, complete vital checks and record documentation.

**\*\*Please note: The Albuquerque and Gallup offices do not have any Work Experience openings at the moment.\*\***

**Did You Know...**

As we observe Women's History Month, it's important to remember and honor the contributions and resilience of women throughout history. This month also serves as a vital reminder to address the ongoing challenges faced by many, including the critical issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW).

Women's History Month offers a unique opportunity to reflect on these challenges, amplify voices, and advocate for change. Let's work together towards a future where every woman is celebrated and protected. ❤️

**Missing & Murdered Diné Relatives Coalition (MMDRC)**

**MMDRC**

**New Mexico Indian Affairs Department - Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons**

**NMIADMMIP**

**Albuquerque SANE Collaborative**

505.884.7263

**ABQ SANE**

**SPOTLIGHT OF EXCELLENCE: GALLUP**



**Lorenzo Manygoats**

My name is Lorenzo Manygoats. I am a happy husband, dad, brother, & uncle. I am motivated and committed to serving others.

When I entered the NPAC program, one main barrier I faced was the fact that I am taking classes at UNM-Gallup and needed extra money. I needed the extra income to be able to do all the necessary tasks for the work training and to go to school as well.

NPAC was able to help with the extra income I needed by accepting me into the work experience program. Also, by helping me with work clothes that were much needed.

My motivation to accomplishing my goals is my higher power, God and knowing that I have a future with him leading. The future is bright and a motivation to do good in all that I do for myself and others.

**SPOTLIGHT OF EXCELLENCE: ALBUQUERQUE**



**Shaina Tahy**

I am proud to share that I have graduated with my bachelor's degree as a single mother—a journey that tested my strength, resilience and determination every step of the way. Balancing parenthood, work, and studies was not easy, but each challenge taught me the power of perseverance and the importance of believing in myself. I am deeply grateful to NPAC for the unwavering support, guidance and encouragement. Your belief in me gave me the confidence to keep going, even on the hardest days, and your resources helped me make this achievement possible. This accomplishment is not just mine—it is a reflection of the community, mentorship, and support that lifted me up. I hope my journey can inspire others facing similar challenges to pursue their dreams with courage and determination.

**SPOTLIGHT OF EXCELLENCE: FARMINGTON**

**Preston Tom**

Being a part of Native Professional Advancement Center (NPAC) has allowed me to connect with staff members and to really allow myself to grow and advance as an individual. NPAC was able to assist me with the financial burden that comes with higher education and classroom training. NPAC has allowed me to be the first in my family to receive a bachelor's degree and to pursue an MBA. My goal for the future is to open my own coffee shop and to give back to my community. NPAC was the light that I needed to see to stand beside me and they opened doors that seemed impossible.

**Farmington**

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