2017 AIHEC STUDENT CONGRESS
LEADERS IN FUTURE ENDEAVORS (LIFE) CONFERENCE

The AIHEC Student Congress (ASC) is pleased to invite all Tribal College and University (TCU) students to participate in the 2017 AIHEC Student Congress (ASC) Leaders in Future Endeavors (LIFE) Conference, June 6-8, 2017 at Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU) in Lawrence, KS. This application packet specifies all the necessary materials needed to be a candidate to participate in the 2017 ASC LIFE Conference.

Make sure you have enclosed the following materials:

- Letter of Reference from TCU faculty member or TCU President
- Completed Application
- 250-Word Personal Statement
- Signed TCU Commitment to Participate
- Sign the Picture and Media Release Statement

The ASC developed the LIFE Conference to build on positive leadership skills, including attentiveness, ambition, teamwork, cooperation, communication, creativity, cultural knowledge, respect, and a strong sense of social responsibility. TCU student leaders are increasingly called upon to represent their tribal college, advocate for the tribal college movement, and work to serve their college community. The ASC wants every participant of the LIFE Conference to develop a better understanding of their individual role and the role of their community in the wider TCU movement and the skill sets and know-how to address the challenges and opportunities of the student bodies they serve.

All onsite lodging and meals during the LIFE Conference will be provided through funding from AIHEC and the Coca-Cola Foundation/American Indian College Fund. TCUs are responsible for student travel and meals, if any, to and from the conference venue. However, each TCU that sends at least one participant to the LIFE Conference will receive a single $500 stipend for reimbursement of travel costs.

Completed student participation packets must be returned to the Selection Committee prior to 5 PM EDT on May 1, 2017. Get your application in EARLY to improve your chances to participate!

Should you have questions or need additional information or materials, please contact Carmen Henan, 505-424-2336 or Alex Grandon, 571-335-5757.

Please send all applications to one of the following:
ASC Advisor Carmen Henan: chenan@iaia.edu
Fax: 505-424-4900
Address: AIHEC LIFE Conference, Attn: Carmen Henan, 83 Avan Nu Po Road, Santa Fe, NM 87508
AIHEC Student Congress LIFE Conference
APPLICATION

Name: _____________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________ City/State/Zip: __________________________
Phone: _____________________________
TCU______________________________ Year (Next Fall): ______________
EMail____________________________________________________________
Name/Phone Emergency Contact: ______________________________________
Nearest airport to your residence: ______________________________________
T-Shirt Size: XS S M L XL XXL
Special Needs: ______________________________________________________
Dietary Restrictions: ________________________________________________

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE WRITE A 250-WORD PERSONAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING:

☐ Your interests and activities.
☐ Your educational goals and interests.
☐ What skills do you hope to learn or improve through a leadership workshop?
☐ What professions/career fields are you most interested in and why?
☐ What strengths do you have to offer your tribe/community/workplace?
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Letter of Recommendation

Student: Please attach a letter of recommendation from your college (president, faculty, staff, academic advisor, dean): (1) verifying that you are currently a student at the college in good academic standing; (2) expressing support for your participation in the conference; and (3) providing a brief statement on how you will benefit from the conference and/or how the conference will benefit from your participation.

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Signed Tribal College Commitment to Participate

To ensure that the Tribal College leadership is aware of the conference and student participation in the event, the TCU President or another member of the TCU Leadership Team must sign the following certifications:

(1) ____________________________ (name of Tribal College) supports the participation of the student named in this application at the AIHEC Student Congress LIFE Conference, June 6-8, 2017 (travel days June 5 and 9) at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS.

(2) This college will provide funding resources, including travel and travel-related meals, if needed, for the participation of said student, except that AIHEC will provide all onsite lodging and meals during the conference and will provide one $500 travel stipends to this college to assist with student travel costs. There is no registration fee for this conference.

___________________________ (Signature)

______________________________ (Print name of President or Leadership Group Member)

______________________________ (Date)
Acceptance to the ASC LIFE Conference is a privilege, but it also requires students and parents/guardians of students under the age of 21 to assume certain responsibilities.

STUDENT: I, ________________________________________________, as part of the ASC LIFE Conference accept the conditions stipulated below:

1. I will participate in, and be on time to, all sessions and activities unless excused by a staff member.
2. I will conduct myself as an adult and be respectful and courteous as a representative of my Tribe.
3. If attending from out of town, I will sleep where assigned, recognizing that I may be rooming with people I have never met.
4. I will not use drugs or alcohol during the LIFE Conference and I will adhere to the assigned curfew and other rules.
5. I understand that all forms of harassment and discrimination are prohibited.
6. I understand that I will be held responsible and will provide payment for any damage to equipment or facilities if such damage is attributable to me/my actions.
7. I understand that there must be quiet time between midnight and 5:30 am.
8. I understand that the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU), and their designated chaperones/mentors will not be responsible for any theft, accident, injury or illness.
9. I will adhere to these and all other rules of the LIFE Conference. I understand that should I violate this contract, I will not be allowed to attend the conference and/or my return travel arrangements will be revoked and I will be sent home AT MY OWN EXPENSE.

Picture Release Statement: I authorize AIHEC to record and/or duplicate my image/voice/text (or that of my minor child named below). I give AIHEC and any persons or entities acting in accordance with AIHEC’s authority all rights to use these images/text. I understand that the images/text will be used for educational, advertising, and promotional purposes in all conventional and electronic media, as well as any future media.

I understand and agree that these images/text and/or recordings may be duplicated, distributed, with or without charge, and/or altered in any manner without future/further compensation or ability.

Name of Student: ______________________________________________
Signature of Student:_________________________________________ Date:____________________
Student Name____________________________________
Phone:_____________________________
Address:__________________ City:_______________ State___ Zip_________
Parent/Guardian:___________________ WorkPhone:___________________
Relationship to Student:_____________________________________________
Physician Name & Address:_________________________________________
Phone:________________________
MedicalCoverage:___________________________________________________
Insurance/Group Number and Information:
_______________________________________________
Are you (or your son/daughter) eligible for contract health care coverage from IHS_____
IHS Clinic Name and Phone:
_________________________________________________
Do you (or your son/daughter) have any physical disabilities? (explain)
_______________________________________________________________________
Do you (or your son/daughter): wear glasses or contact lenses?___
Have Allergies?(explain)_________________________________________________________________
Hay Fever?___ Sinus Problems? ___ Allergies to Bites/Stings?____
Have you (or your son/daughter) had any major illnesses in the past 5 years?________________
Are you (or your son/daughter) currently taking any medication?
_______________________________________________________________________________
Do you (or your son/daughter) require any special (emergency) medication?
_______________________________________________________________________________
Please list any other information which you feel is important:
IF STUDENT is Under 21:
AIHEC PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

PARENT/GUARDIAN: I have read, understand and agree to the above terms. Permission is
given for my son/daughter to participate in all activities and events, and for them to receive all
necessary medical attention should the need arise, with the understanding that I will be notified as
soon as possible. Furthermore:

1. I understand that the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), Haskell
Indian Nations University (HINU), and their designated chaperones/mentors will not be
responsible for any theft, accident, injury, or illness where my son/daughter is
concerned.

2. I give permission for any chaperone or staff member to render first aid if necessary.

3. I understand that as part of my son/daughter’s application, this STUDENT
EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM is required to be completed and on file.

4. I understand that my son/daughter will be chaperoned responsibly and every effort will
be made to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

5. I understand that no drugs or alcohol use are permitted and that if my son or daughter
is caught under the influence, she/she will be sent home immediately AT MY OWN
EXPENSE.

Parent/Guardian:_______________________________

Signature:___________________________________

Date:________________