



2025 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 **2025 AIHEC Student Congress (ASC) Leaders in Future Endeavors (LIFE) Conference, July 15-17th, 2025 (travel days – July 14th and 18th)** at Tohono O'odham Community College in Sells, AZ and Desert Diamond Casino- Tucson, AZ. This application packet specifies all the necessary materials needed to be a candidate to participate in the 2025 ASC LIFE Conference.

Make sure you have enclosed the following materials:

- o Letter of Reference from TCU faculty member or TCU President
- o Completed Application
- o 250-Word Personal Statement
- o Signed TCU Commitment to Participate
- o 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.

Completed student participation packets must be returned to the Selection Committee prior to 5 PM EDT on **July 3rd, 2025**. Get your application in EARLY to improve your chances to participate!

Should you have questions or need additional information or materials, please contact Stacia Prue, 505-967-7788 or Lindy Warden at 208-935-8799.

Please send all applications to one of the following:

ASC Advisor Stacia Prue: sprue@aihec.org

ASC Advisor Lindy Warden: lindy_warden@skc.edu

Fax: 703-838-0388

Address: AIHEC LIFE Conference 121 Oronoco Street Alexandria, VA 22314

**AIHEC Student Congress LIFE Conference
APPLICATION**

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

TCU _____ Year(Next Fall): _____

E-Mail _____

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?

**AIHEC Student Congress LIFE Conference
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.

**AIHEC Student Congress LIFE Conference
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, August 6-9, 2024 (travel days August 6 and 9) at Red Lake Nation College (RLNC) in Minneapolis, MN.
- (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. There is no registration fee for this conference.

_____ (Signature)

_____ (Print name of President or Leadership Group Member)

_____ (Date)

AIHEC Student Congress LIFE Conference Student Contract

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), Red Lake Nation College, 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: _____

AIHEC Student Congress LIFE Conference
EMERGENCY INFORMATION and PARENT CONTRACT
(To be filled out by a parent/guardian if under 21 yrs.)

Student Name _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ WorkPhone: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Physician Name & Address: _____

Phone: _____

Medical Coverage: _____

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), Red Lake Nation College (RLNC), 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:_____