



Russell Jensen Native Leadership Traditions Scholarship

\$500

The Russell Jensen Native Leadership Traditions Scholarship has been created to honor Mr. Russell Jensen who was a Native American fisherman in Manistique, Michigan. His passion for Native fishing and leadership motivated him to enter entrepreneurship. Jensen began by purchasing a commercial fishing boat and recruiting family members to work with him fishing Lake Michigan. Jensen's Fishery grew and prospered. Jensen's Fishery has been passed down through many generations. It is still family owned and operated and continues to employ local Natives.

The Russell Jensen Native Leadership Traditions Scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to high school seniors who have demonstrated the ability to lead using some, or all, of the Native American Grandfather Teachings that were practiced by Mr. Russell Jensen himself. These Grandfather Teachings include love, respect, bravery, truth, honesty, humility, and wisdom.

Purpose of this scholarship:

1. To provide financial assistance to graduating seniors for education and/or career beyond the high school level
2. To encourage young people to lead and live in accordance with the Native American Seven Grandfather Teachings

Short Essay Question: In your own words explain how you have demonstrated leadership skills while incorporating these seven Grandfather Teachings: love, respect, bravery, truth, honesty, humility, and wisdom.

Recommendations: Submit a short essay and the CTE scholarship application

Deadline for scholarship application submission is
3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2026