

## AMERICAN INDIAN LAW CENTER, INC

### Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indians and Alaska Natives (PLSI)

The summer institute is an intensive two-month program, which prepares American Indian and Alaska Natives for the rigors for Law School. Students will receive instruction on research and study habits, teaching students the unique methods of law school research, analysis, and writing that is necessary for success in law school. Some students compared it to boot camp. Law school is said to be unlike any other course of study at the undergraduate or post graduate level.

The PLSI Summer Program is endorsed by a wide variety of both state and private law schools nationwide. There are no tuition fees or other charges to qualified participants to attend the institute.

The PLSI provides a modest living allowance when funds permit. If your tribe cannot fund your expenses for the institute, there are private donations from the Law School Admissions Council and several law firms, which can assist you. The Institute provides the textbooks and they are the private property of the student and are issued at registration. They will not replace lost or stolen books. You are asked to contact your tribe to seek requesting their support for your attendance and your travel cost when you are admitted. They will provide you with a letter detailing your costs and an admissions letter for your Tribal Education Office. You will need written documentation from your tribe if they deny your request for funds.

The cost for a student to live in Albuquerque for two months is approximately \$1800-\$2,500. Students need funds for travel to and from Albuquerque. The PLSI assists with travel costs when funds are available and if your tribe cannot assist you. In recent years, we have been able to reimburse students' travel expenses up to a total of approximately \$400 round trip. Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements and must comply with the following requirements in order to be eligible for travel expense reimbursement, if you qualify:

The cost of coach airline tickets, or the cost of travel by car by the most direct route at \$0.25/mile, whichever is less, up to the maximum allowable reimbursement. If travel is by airline, a legible copy of the ticket or e-ticket must be submitted at registration.

If travel is by car, both beginning and ending odometer readings must be submitted at registration. Although atlas mileage will be used to compute reimbursements, federal travel regulations require odometer readings as proof of travel. Meals, hotel accommodations, and commuting costs are not reimbursable.

The PLSI provides a living allowance for housing, meals, transportation, household items and school supplies. They will provide you with information concerning local apartment complexes, which allow month-to-month rentals and available sublets. The student is responsible for making their own arrangements and paying any costs for deposits.

You will need to bring your own computer. There are computers available in the law library but the hours are restricted. You will not receive academic credit for the PLSI. You will be prepared to succeed at the law school you attend. Additional information and the application documents are found at <http://ailc-inc.org/PLSI.htm>.

The deadline is **Friday, March 23, 2018**. (Note: This is the date your application must be *received*, not the post-marked date.)