Witzleben Scholarship

The Witzleben Scholarship is a scholarship of up to $1,000 made in honor of the native ancestors of twin sisters with the last name Witzleben to benefit a graduating high school senior who lives on the Standing Rock Reservation and plans to pursue further education.

Background

The Witzleben twins are proud to have descended from people who lived on the land that came to be known as the Standing Rock Reservation. Their father, Camillus Witzleben, was born in South Dakota to parents who both worked in education. After he became a medical doctor, Camillus also taught, including at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. Camillus inherited land on the Standing Rock Reservation from his father, and passed that land on to his daughters, including the twins.

The Witzleben twins have established this scholarship in an effort to help a high school student from the Standing Rock Reservation pursue his or her education. In this way, the sisters hope to honor their ancestors and their own native ancestry.

Criteria & Selection Process

We are looking for a student who has demonstrated community involvement and an interest in helping others. The scholarship of up to $1,000 is awarded to a graduating high school senior who lives on the Standing Rock Reservation. The scholarship will be awarded to a student graduating high school in either South Dakota or North Dakota who will be attending a public or private college, university, or technical school.

Applicants for the Witzleben Scholarship will reflect the values of personal integrity, individual character, and demonstrated interest in humanitarian issues.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Witzleben Scholarship Committee. Any committee member related to an applicant will recuse him/herself from the selection process. Scholarship payment will be made to the college, university or technical school upon the scholarship recipient’s registration.
Application Deadline and Requirements

Applications must be completed and returned on or before April 1 each year to:

Witzleben Scholarship Committee

c/o Bea Witzleben, 734 S. 6th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147

All applications must include the following:

General Information

Student’s full name
Student’s date of birth
Student’s home address
Student’s phone number
Name of the high school from which student will graduate
Student’s current GPA
Name of the school student plans to attend
Student’s intended course of study

Personal Essay

Applicants must attach a brief essay (no more than one page) explaining their personal goals and what their future education will mean to their community.

High School Transcript & Letters of Reference

Applicants must also attach a copy of their high school transcript and two (2) letters of reference, at least one of which must be from a teacher. Letters of reference should include contact information, including a telephone number, for the person making the reference.