EDMUND WHITE BEAR, SR. SCHOLARSHIP

In Honor of Edmund White Bear, Sr.
Kuu’ Nuxitwan’u (Bear Going Around)

The Edmund White Bear, Sr. Scholarship is offered annually to an Indian law student who demonstrates high academic achievement and leadership qualities. The $1,000 per year scholarship is available to enrolled members of a state, federal, or Canadian-recognized Indian Tribe attending an accredited law school in Minnesota. The scholarship honors Edmund White Bear, Sr., Kuu’ Nuxitwan’u, a life-long advocate of native students and access to education.

HISTORY OF EDMUND WHITE BEAR, SR.

Edmund White Bear, Sr. (March 31, 1942- June 30, 2002) was a member of the Arikara Tribe and lived near White Shield, North Dakota on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. He was a social and political leader who was dedicated to improving educational opportunities for Indian people.

Edmund was born to Matthew and Alice (Eagle) White Bear on March 31, 1942 in Elbowoods, North Dakota. He graduated from White Shield High School in 1961, and moved to Chicago, Illinois where he lived and attended Iron Working School in Indiana. In Chicago, he met and married his wife Nora Bendickson. Together they had four children; James, Candace, Edmund Jr., and Amber.

Edmund returned to the White Shield area in 1976. He served on the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, and was the first Chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes Gaming Commission, leading and developing the Commission for 11 years.

Edmund’s lifelong commitment was ensuring that Indian people, of all ages, had access to quality education. In pursuit of that goal, he served on the White Shield School Board for 15 years and on the North Dakota School Board Association. He also provided years of support and guidance to the Fort Berthold Community College, and encouraged his employees to pursue educational opportunities.

Edmund was a member of the Old Scouts Society and a respected native leader. He was a quiet man of deep conviction and focus. He had high expectations for himself and others, and dedicated his adult life to improving Indian people’s access to a quality education.
AWARD INFORMATION & QUALIFICATIONS

The Edmund White Bear, Sr. Gift is given annually in honor of Edmund White Bear, Sr. and his family. The amount of the annual award is a need-and-merit based scholarship of $1,000 per year, offered to First, Second or Third year Indian Law students who demonstrate high academic achievement and leadership qualities. Students must be enrolled members of a state, federal, or Canadian-recognized Indian Tribe attending an accredited law school in Minnesota. Primary preference will be given first to members of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation. The scholarship may be awarded to the same applicant in subsequent years, provided the applicant has maintained a minimum of 3.0 (or equivalent) grade point average during the prior scholarship year.

If you are interested in applying for the aforementioned scholarship, please fill out the application form and submit it and the following information to jhalloran@thejacobsonlawgroup.com by November 27, 2015:

- Two letters of recommendation
- Copy of most recent transcripts
- Cover letter
- A personal statement of no more than two pages

The application form can be found on the firm’s website (www.thejacobsonlawgroup.com) under Community Connections.