



ANCESTRAL WISDOM BRIDGE FOUNDATION **SCHOLARSHIP POLICY**

The Ancestral Wisdom Bridge Foundation (AWBF) is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization with the vision of “sharing the wisdom of the Dagara medicine, as brought to the West by Elder, Malidoma Somé. “

Our basic policy is that participants in our programs should finance their registration fee to the extent that they are able. As our goal is maximum participation in our events, a scholarship fund has been established to assist low income individuals and to increase the ethnic diversity of the community.

An AWBF scholarship is extended to individuals who are not able to pay for all of their registration in order to participate. Because there are limited funds available, the scholarships will go to individuals who demonstrate the greatest need while scholarship funds remain available.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ◆ Legal U.S. Residents, 18 yrs and older. Under 18, parent or guardian must apply.
- ◆ Demonstration of financial need including persons on disability, receiving government assistance, unemployed or income levels based on federal poverty levels. Documentation may be requested.
- ◆ Individuals receiving first consideration are:
 - a) Active Village Participants as defined by the AWBF by-laws
 - b) People of color including African Americans, Latino/a Americans, Native Americans and Asian Americans.
- ◆ Employees and Board of Directors of AWBF are not eligible for scholarship funding.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for scholarships are accepted each calendar year by April 1.

Applications may also be accepted should there be a designated scholarship campaign.

Complete and submit the application by the deadline to:

Ancestral Wisdom Bridge Foundation
P O Box 82
Cherry Plain, NY 12040
By fax : 518.658.0122

Send only the application form, keep the information sheets for your records.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis, based on available funds.

Awards will fund **up to** 50% of total event fee applied for, including room and board, but not including travel.

Applicants may make payment arrangements for their balance owed based on current Payment Plan Policy, within 60 days of receiving award, or they lose the funding.

Full payment prior to start of event must be made or the award will be forfeited.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Full Legal Name: _____

If applying on behalf of a minor, enter their full name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Best means of contact: phone email

Have you participated/volunteered at ECV events before? yes no

What event are you requesting a scholarship for?

Event Name	Registration Fee (tuition + lodging & meals)

Of the \$_____ event fee you listed above, how much are you able to pay?

Reasons why you should be considered for a scholarship, including eligibility (use separate sheet if necessary):

By signing below, you are indicating that you meet the eligibility criteria and are providing true and accurate information.

Signature	Date