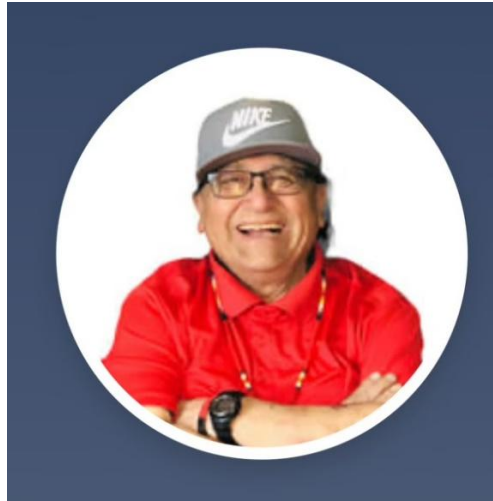




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## Charles “Red” Gates Memorial \$2500 Scholarship



1/16/1944-3/24/2023

Red's mother died when he was 4 years old, and his great-grandparents raised him and his younger sister. His great grandmother imparted to Red her spirituality and religion and his great-grandfather passed along a strong work ethic. The family grew most of their food in the garden. Red attended boarding school and after high school graduation, moved to California where he worked, and studied bookkeeping and accounting.

In 1969, Red began his career with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. He began his long tenure with the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) in 1982 and retired in 2023. As a founding member of NAFDPIR, Red has been involved since its inception. Red participated in a meeting with Oklahoma and New Mexico tribes in 1989 that culminated in the creation of the National Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (NAFDPIR). In 1993, he was elected President of NAFDPIR, and he served as its President for three more terms. By doing everything he could to make needed changes, Red demonstrated great vision and tenacity, leading to many improvements in the commodity food package. As a result of Red's efforts, the Food Package Review Work Group was created, which resulted in the addition of fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meat, and many other improvements. His ability to listen to challenges, problems, and ideas, and provide wise, thoughtful guidance is what will be remembered about Charles "Red" Gates. Many people over the years have benefited from Red's wisdom and mentorship. In addition to improving the FDPIR program for current clients, it will benefit future generations as well.



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## Eligibility and Qualifications

To be considered for an award, applicants must

- Be a non-probationary employee of an FDPIR program in good standing with NAFDPIR
- Be enrolled in a program that will further their education in an area related to Food Distribution Programs (ie: nutrition, management, logistics, etc.)

## Scholarship Details

This is an annual scholarship award. Applicants must submit the following:

- Letter of support from the FDP Director verifying employment
- Proof of application or enrollment in an educational program
- One page essay describing the educational/career goals and how it will contribute to the FDPIR community

Submit applications and required proof to:

NFNRA  
PO Box 5147  
Pasco, WA 99302

NFNRA is available to answer any questions that arise regarding the application process.

- Email: [info@nfnra.org](mailto:info@nfnra.org)
- Phone: 775-843-3308 Jenelle Gimlin

To keep the process fair and equitable, the evaluation and award decision will be made by an independent third party.



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**Application deadline: August 1, 2025**

Please send the completed application to: NFNRA  
PO Box 5147  
Pasco, WA 99302

It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure all required documents are submitted along with the required application.

Complete application packets must include:

- Signed application
- Letter of support from the FDP Director verifying employment
- Proof of enrollment in an educational program
- One page essay describing the educational/career goals and how it will contribute to the FDPIR community

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:

I hereby certify the application packet submitted is true and correct information to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Date:



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## Scholarship Acceptance Agreement

Please consider my signature on this Scholarship Award Notice as an official acceptance of the scholarship offered to me under the terms noted below. My signature below indicates that I understand and agree to comply with the criteria listed in items one through seven below.

1. This scholarship is for students enrolled in an approved program only. Failure to maintain good standing as defined by the program in which I am enrolled may result in the cancellation of the scholarship.
2. I understand that this award is based on my academic performance. I agree to remain in good academic standing as defined by the approved program in which I am enrolled.
3. The award amount will be distributed in one payment of \$2,500.
4. As the recipient of this award, I agree to abide by any specific terms of the scholarship (approval of the program by the scholarship donor, academic performance, etc.) Violating such terms may result in the cancellation of this award.
5. As the recipient of this award, I agree to demonstrate positive citizenship. Any violation of the approved program's "Code of Conduct" may lead to cancellation of this award.
6. I understand that this signed Acceptance Agreement must be received no later than 10 business days after notification of the award or payment of the award may not be released and paid to my designated account.
7. I give the approved program permission to release my name, hometown, area of study, and academic standing to the donor of this scholarship only. It is also understood that appropriate publicity of scholarship recipients in the form of announcements to interested parties both internal and external may be made by the donor of this scholarship.

As evidenced by my signature below, I agree to the terms and conditions of the Charles "Red" Gates Scholarship Award.

Signature:

Printed name:

Date:

Please return your signed acceptance form to NFNRA, PO Box 5147, Pasco, WA 99302