



AMERICAN INDIANS COMMITTEE

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As a national committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the American Indians Committee is entrusted with continuing education of the history and culture pursuits of the Native American community, as well as supporting and furthering this community's educational and cultural pursuits.

As DAR members, we have the privilege and opportunity to further these objectives by:

- (1) educating ourselves to the needs of Native American students and youth;
- (2) helping the general public understand the ongoing historical implications related to the Native American story;
- (3) promoting Native American cultural events;
- (4) providing financial and material assistance to DAR supported schools (Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Oregon and Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma), and the American Indian Youth Summer Camp; and
- (5) providing financial support to and/or promoting one or all of the American Indian Scholarship programs (there is now an online application submission portal at <http://dar.academicworks.com/scholarships>).

Want to RISE to the challenge?

- ✦ Honor and serve the students at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence by participating in our state-wide, annual donation drive. A link to the needs list is included under the committee's information. Donations are collected during the September KSDAR meetings each year.
- ✦ Learn more about the Native peoples of America. A link to a reading list and websites I have compiled is included under the committee's information.
- ✦ Make a \$200 donation to either the American Indian Fund or the Friends of American Indian Scholarship in order to receive a specially crafted pin in recognition of your donation.
- ✦ Attend a local Pow Wow, and experience Native American cultural celebrations up close and personally. You can visit <https://calendar.powwows.com> to see upcoming events across the state.



Make your chapter SHINE!

- ☞ November is “Native American Heritage Recognition Month.” Honor our Native American population in November with asking your local governmental agency to issue a proclamation recognizing November as “Native American Heritage Recognition Month.” A writable proclamation is now available on the NSDAR website.
<https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/AI%20Native%20American%20Heritage%20Month%20%20%20proclamation%202019%20rws.pdf>
- ☞ Host a special chapter program on a Native American subject. One idea is to contact a local tribal office to see if someone can present a program on that tribe's culture. Several chapters have hosted informative programs with students from Haskell Indian Nations University. Or possibly, contact a local university or college to find a speaker who is an expert on Native American history or Kansas-specific tribes.
- ☞ Seek out Native American tribes, schools, or organizations in your community to develop partnerships for service projects.
- ☞ Make time on your chapter's agenda each month to share an “Indian Minute” with members. A list of potential Indian Minutes is included on the NSDAR website for your use, or you can write your own. The reading list included on our website should also provide you with potential ideas for these short talks.
- ☞ Write a short article for your chapter's newsletter focusing on American Indian concerns, one of the DAR-supported Native schools, or the scholarships. Again, you can use the Indian Minute ideas from the NSDAR website, or my reading list. Look for emails from me with more suggestions throughout the year.
- ☞ Sponsor a Native American youth to attend the Indian Youth Camps of America.

**As we “Rise and Shine for America”, this committee dedicates
itself and all DAR members to honor and serve
the original inhabitants of this land.**