The University of Wyoming is indebted to the McCarthy, Winner, and Thorpe families for their generosity to UW American Indian students. As a result of the financial support provided by these families and the scholarships they have created, American Indian students from a variety of tribal backgrounds have been assisted in their educational endeavors. All three scholarships are administered by the American Indian Studies Program and all scholarship decisions are made by the American Indian Studies Scholarship Committee. This committee awards competitively scholarships of varying amounts. Eligibility requirements and selection criteria are the same for all three scholarships:

Each applicant must plan to attend the University of Wyoming as a full-time student (12 or more credit hours);

Each applicant must be American Indian and proof of tribal enrollment must be submitted with other application materials.

Selection criteria include scholastic ability and achievement; demonstrated leadership; participation in extracurricular activities; letters of recommendation; potential to contribute to American Indian communities upon graduation.

Additional information may be obtained from American Indian Studies, (307) 766-6521. Applications can be found at http://uwadmnumweb.uwyo.edu/aist/otherinfo.htm

The Chief Washakie Endowment at the University of Wyoming has been established to help students and educators with significant ties to the Wind River Reservation community gain formal knowledge, skills, and abilities. The spirit of the award assumes that the recipients have, as part of their ultimate goals, some direct participation, appropriate to their educational background, in activities that will further the common good of the people of the Wind River Reservation. Selection is based on scholarship potential and achievement; involvement in school, community and tribal activities; potential contribution to the reservation community; and financial circumstances.

Applications can be found at http://www.uwyo.edu/sfa/scholappinfo.htm

The Northern Arapaho Endowment at the University of Wyoming has been established to help tribal members gain formal educational skills directly beneficial to the Northern Arapahos. The spirit of the award assumes that the recipients have, as a part of their ultimate goals, some direct participation, appropriate to their educational background, in activities that will further the common good of their fellow Northern Arapahos. Selection is based on academic progress and potential, class level (jr., sr., or graduate student), and prior participation in the program.

Additional information about the Chief Washakie and Northern Arapaho Endowments may be obtained from the Office of Student Affairs, (307) 766-5123. Applications can be found at http://www.uwyo.edu/sfa/scholappinfo.htm
American Indian Studies Alliance (AISA)

The American Indian Studies Alliance (AISA) is an organization of students and faculty who share an interest in the discipline of American Indian studies and who meet to discuss topics of interest in that particular field of research and scholarship. This group considers matters of methodology, analysis, pedagogy, and other subjects pertaining to investigation and interpretation. Research projects of the group's individual members are sometimes the focus of attention. The group is especially designed to address interests of undergraduate and graduate students whose academic work involves American Indian studies, although all interested persons are welcome to AISA meetings and activities. Native cultural and political explorations are at the heart of this group's interests and, therefore, events of this sort are supported by the Alliance each year. Information about AISA may be obtained from the American Indian Studies Program, (307) 766-6521. http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/aist/otherinfo.htm

American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES)

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society is a student organization that nurtures the building of community by bridging science and technology and traditional Native values. AISES is a national organization with individual campus chapters. Activities vary from campus to campus. Membership is open to all who feel they may benefit from this organization. Information about AISES may be obtained by contacting American Indian Student Programs, (307) 766-6192. www.aises.org

Keepers of the Fire (KOF)

In 1971 American Indian students attending the University of Wyoming founded Keepers of the Fire with the intention of preserving and promoting cultural diversity on the University campus. The name "Keepers of the Fire" has a very special meaning. It is meant to imply that the "fire" of Indian culture must be protected and kept by those who value its worth. Keepers of the Fire is dedicated to promoting Native heritage and culture through activities such as the Bi-Annual Spring Powwow. This event, like others sponsored by KOF, provides information about Native people to those persons who are not familiar with American Indian cultures. As one of the American Indian student organizations at the University of Wyoming, KOF also provides a support base for American Indian students on campus. Its role at the University is very important and one that will continue to be a tradition among future American Indian students. Information about KOF may be obtained by contacting American Indian Student Programs, (307) 766-6192. http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/aist/otherinfo.htm