

# American Indians Committee



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# American Indians Committee History and Purpose

The NSDAR American Indians Committee is entrusted to the continuing education of the history and culture of the Native American community as well as the support of the educational and cultural pursuits of its citizens.

In addition to providing education to the general public, DAR members provide financial and material assistance to the DAR supported schools (Bacone College and Chemawa School), American Indian Youth Summer Camps and the DAR American Indian Scholarships. Special grants to qualifying Native American projects will be considered if sufficient funds are available. Members may also contribute to the Friends of the American Indians fund.

Alabama DAR chapters support each of the national DAR American Indian scholarships, schools, camps and funds, through material and financial donations. In addition, our chapters support local programs throughout the state.

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## Indian Youth of America

### Camp Updates for 2020

- The Arizona and South Dakota Indian Youth of America Camps have both been cancelled for 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Both camps are looking forward to the summer of 2021.
- The short powerpoint (link below) was presented at the **2020 virtual American Indians Continental Congress event**. Both camps are now cancelled for the summer, but the powerpoint expresses how much the camps provide for the Native American youth they serve.
- <https://www.dropbox.com/s/nwa8ezsorkghv8/Indian%20Youth%20of%20America%20Summer%20Camps.mp4?dl=0>

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## ASDAR 2019-20 Achievements

**Thirty-one Alabama chapters received recognition in 2019, many for multiple American Indians Committee awards. Congratulations to the following chapters:**

1. Alamance-Outstanding Indian Minute (Barbara Pratt)
2. Atagi-Outstanding Program (Ginger Jones)
3. Bienville-Outstanding Program (Lisa Mills)
4. Birmingham Territory-Contributions
5. Broken Arrow-Outstanding Events, (Noccalula Falls and Moundville in collaboration with Canoe Creek C.A.R.)
6. Cahawba-Contributions
7. Captain William Bibb-Outstanding Program, Contributions
8. Chief Colbert-Outstanding event, (Okakapassa)
9. Coweta Town-Contributions
10. D'Iberville-Outstanding Program (Carolyn Phillips, Molly Hitchcock)
11. Fort Bowyer-Contributions
12. Gunter Mountain-Outstanding Program (Amy Mitchell)
13. Hunt's Spring-Outstanding Program, Outstanding Library Event, Contributions
14. James Gadsden-Outstanding Program
15. John Coffee-Outstanding Program, Contributions

Continued:

16. Josiah Brunson-Outstanding Library Event
17. Lieutenant Joseph M. Wilcox-Outstanding Program
18. Lily of the Cahaba-Outstanding Programs in Schools (Mary Woodard)
19. Maple Hill-Outstanding Program in Schools (Kitty LaBay)
20. Marble Valley-Outstanding Programs (Judith Arthur and Jean Vaughn)
21. Martha Wayles Jefferson-Contributions
22. Needham Bryan-Contributions
23. Old Federal Road-Outstanding Program
24. Peter Forney-Outstanding Program (Debra Hughey)
25. Pickens County-Outstanding Program
26. Princess Sehay-Outstanding Program, Contributions
27. Stephens-Outstanding Programs, Contributions (Judy Blackwell, Bettye Moore, Anita Pahman)
28. Tohopeka-Contributions
29. Tristen de Luna-Outstanding Programs (Vonya Alexander-Williams, Gabrielle Waldrop)
30. Twickenham Town-Outstanding Library Event
31. Zachariah Godbold-Outstanding Indian Minutes

# American Indian Committee Scholarships and Grants

- **Three outstanding scholarships** are available for college-bound youth with proof of Native American ancestry. Students can learn about the scholarships at [dar.org/national-society/scholarships/American-Indian](http://dar.org/national-society/scholarships/American-Indian). The application process is now online, and students will complete and submit the application electronically using the online portal. Details can be found by using the new DAR online system at the following link [dar.academicworks.com](http://dar.academicworks.com). Please make this information available to schools in your chapter's area. Grants are also available for certain specific needs. **(THE PORTAL IS NOW CLOSED, BUT WILL REOPEN FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS IN NOVEMBER, 2020.)**
- **Adopt a Camper** contributions may also be made, providing camper sponsorships.

# American Indians Committee Pins



Daughters or chapters are encouraged to make contributions of any amount to the two funds through the [Development Office](#), or by calling (800) 449-1776, and using form [DEV-1003 Donations and Contributions form](#).

The Friends of American Indian Scholarship Fund provides scholarships awarded to Native American college, university or technical school students of any age, tribe or state at the undergraduate or graduate level.

The American Indian Fund goes beyond the scholarship needs to provide funding for Bacone College, Chemawa Indian School, Indian Youth of America Summer Camp, as well as to provide financial assistance for grants, student needs, and educational programs and opportunities. A \$200.00 donation entitles the donor to purchase the pin.

A second donation to the same fund entitles a member to purchase the "Best Friend" pin.





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## 2020-21 Goals

- Continue support of NSDAR American Indian schools, camps and funds.
- Continue expansion of “Alabama’s Native American Historic Sites Trail.”
- Expand chapter visits and programs through zoom.
- Research needs of Native American communities in Alabama as a result of Covid19 and economic effects of pandemic.
- Continue support of “2020 Indian Minutes.”  
<https://dar.org/sites/default/files/members/committees/indians/pdf/AI-1006%202020.pdf>
- Support Native American Heritage Month (November) with local proclamations.  
<https://dar.org/sites/default/files/members/committees/indians/pdf/AI-WP-2000%20Proclamation%202020.pdf>
- Continue support of AI scholarships with notification to Alabama schools/students of information and deadlines.  
<https://dar.org/search/site/american%20indian%20scholarships>