



# Olea, Solórzano & Austin

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## The 2022 Team OSA Spring Scholarship

Dear Students:

My name is Francisco Olea. I am the COO and one of the founders of Olea, Solórzano & Austin, better known as OSA. On behalf of my partners and I, we thank you for taking time out of your day to read about the scholarship opportunity we are offering.

By now, you're probably barely trying to get back into the groove with your studies. The holidays are always a nice break, but sometimes getting back to classes is tough. It's easy to become discouraged, frustrated, and overwhelmed. Sometimes you feel like quitting, going home, or giving up – especially during this crazy pandemic. However, you must keep in mind that what you're going through is not for yourself, but for the people out there who will one day come to you for help—for the knowledge and skills you are learning now.

The path you have chosen is not an easy one, but it's one that many of us have walked before. As people who have chosen the path of education, we can tell you that learning is not limited to school. There are many things that you cannot learn in a classroom or from reading books, and those things will perhaps be the most important tools in your careers. They are the culture, language, customs, and traditions of your people. Study them. Learn them. Embrace them. From language comes culture, and from culture comes a new way of thinking. That is the kind of thinking we need as Native Nations: the Native way of thinking.

Generations ago, our ancestors sang songs, said prayers, and performed ceremonies so that one day you could do what you're doing now—pursue education. They opened the doors for you and carved the path. Now, your job is a simple, yet challenging one: walk it.

To help you on your journey, the founding members of OSA have created a scholarship opportunity. Details are attached on a separate page. We look forward to receiving your entry.

From the members of Team OSA, we wish you the best of luck in your educational endeavors. Keep doing what you're doing. Indian Country needs you, and OSA is here to help!

Sincerely,

*TEAM OSA*

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## Scholarship Instructions

**Scholarship:** The OSA “Way of Resilience” Scholarship

**Academic Term:** Spring 2022

**Amount:** 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$500; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$250

**Who Can Apply:** Undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who are enrolled in a state or federally recognized tribe.

**Deadline and Closing Date:** February 28, 2022 @ 5:00 pm (AZ time), no late entries accepted.

**Required Information:** Information and essays/videos should be submitted to [Joe.TheWolf.Austin@Team-OSA.com](mailto:Joe.TheWolf.Austin@Team-OSA.com). Include the following information in your email: (1) your name and age; (2) name of the college you are attending (any document showing proof of enrollment, e.g. acceptance letter, course schedule etc.); (3) your year (freshman, sophomore, 1L, graduate student etc.); (4) your major and/or program of study; (5) tribal affiliation (include proof of enrollment – could be a tribal ID, letter, CIB, etc.); (6) email and phone number where we can reach you.

**How to Apply:** Visit our blog at [www.Team-OSA.com/blog](http://www.Team-OSA.com/blog). At the top, there is a piece called “Putting In Work for the Rez,” that was written by Francisco Olea, one of the founders of OSA. Click on that blog entry and read it. Then, submit one of the following:

- (1) **1,000 words or less essay:** the article you read talks a lot about the different motivations for Native students in seeking higher education, and the different paths many take in that journey. How can you, or will you, use your education to create opportunities for the benefit of your tribe, or other tribal communities? How will you use your education and what you’ve learned to create, enhance, or improve learning opportunities in your tribe, or other tribal communities?
- (2) **5 minute or less video:** send us a video or a video link and talk about how you relate to the article. Tell us about what motivated you to seek higher education, and what you’ve gone through if ever trying to return to your tribe along your educational journey. Has it made you more resilient? Has it changed your perspective on things?

Please use Times New Roman font, 12 point, and double space for essays. We encourage you to be creative and express yourself.



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