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## **AILC Bar Review Course Fee Reimbursement Application Guidelines for 2019-20**

### **Eligible Applicants:**

- ▶ Native American law school graduates who have taken or will take a state bar examination upon completion of the bar review course for which reimbursement is requested.

### **Required Documents:**

- ▶ Completed AILC Bar Review Course Fee Reimbursement Application
- ▶ Itemized bar review course receipt
- ▶ Law school transcript with completed J.D. degree and date received. Unofficial transcripts without the completed J.D. degree will be accepted if the applicant has not graduated at the time the application is submitted, but applicant must submit the final unofficial transcript upon graduation.
- ▶ Proof of membership in a state- or federally-recognized tribe. If you are not enrolled, but have a blood quantum of 1/4 or more, please provide that documentation, along with an explanation of why you are not enrolled.
- ▶ Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB). (This is for statistical purposes. If your proof of membership indicates your blood quantum, we do not need a separate CDIB.)

### **Courses Eligible for Reimbursement:**

- ▶ Bar Review courses taken in preparation for a 2019-2020 bar exam will be reimbursed at a rate of 75% of the total review course cost up to a maximum amount of \$1000.
- ▶ The review course must be administered by a commercial enterprise.
  - ▶ This may include a private tutor, but only if the tutor operates a business with a tax identification number that was established for the purpose of preparing law school graduates for the bar examination.
- ▶ Any study materials and software included in the original fee are eligible for reimbursement. However, additional extra study materials, bar application fees, bar exam software, reimbursable costs, etc., are not eligible for reimbursement.
- ▶ Only one review course per examination cycle, and not more than two courses in total, can be reimbursed. Reimbursement for the second course will be considered only if the applicant did not pass the bar examination after the first review course, and only if funds remain after all students have been reimbursed for their initial course.

**Student Responsibilities:**

- ▶ Applicants who receive a reimbursement agree to inform AILC staff of the results and scores of the bar examination, including their MEE, MBE, and MPT scores, where applicable, within 30 days of receiving the results.
- ▶ Any student who does not take a scheduled bar examination as indicated on the reimbursement application form must notify AILC staff at the time of exam deferral with the reason the exam was deferred/not taken as originally scheduled and the rescheduled date of the exam.
- ▶ Applicants who have previously taken a bar examination(s) must submit the dates and test scores of the examination(s). The applicant must include their MBE, MEE, and MPT scores, where applicable, for each exam.

**Attorney Coach Program:**

- ▶ In addition to the Bar Review Course Reimbursement, the American Indian Law Center, Inc. is also offering an attorney coach program to help Native American bar examinees develop a realistic and effective bar preparation schedule and stick to it. The AILC's attorney coaches will not be tutors, but will periodically check in with their examinees regarding bar study progress and goals. We try to match examinees with attorneys in the jurisdiction of the selected bar examination. For more information, email [AILCinfo@law.unm.edu](mailto:AILCinfo@law.unm.edu).