

The Office of Indian Affairs hereby submits the following report as required by R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b) and announces its intention to proceed with rule-making by finalizing the September 20, 2020 Notice of Intent, American Indian Scholarship, as promulgated on pages 1289-1290, see attached.

With assistance from the Louisiana Indian Educational Association, the Office of Indian Affairs annually provides awards to Native American students from Louisiana tribes to attend a college or higher education institution of their choice. The awards are funded through proceeds received from the renewal and sale of special prestige license plates for motor vehicles representing Native American culture in accordance with RS 47:463.78. Recipients are selected based on academic and financial need.

The proposed provisions incorporate the scholarship eligibility and review process into the *Louisiana Administrative Code*.

The Office of Indian Affairs did not receive any requests for a public hearing and, accordingly, did not conduct a public hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2). Additionally, the Office did not receive any oral or written comments.

Subject to legislative oversight by either the House or Senate Subcommittees, the board intends to submit a rule to the Office of the State Register for publication for the April 20, 2021 edition of the Louisiana Register.

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