

## 2020 American Indian Elders Conference August 17-21, 2020

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Emphasizing the importance of the future and those who will live through it, this statement seeks to address the lessons that can be learned from the past. Striving to prevent the next generation from making the same mistakes as its predecessors.

We want this collection of your letters to highlight those events in your life that have inspired you every day. Things that you want the next generation to know. The history of “you” and your life, what would you have them remember to make their life better, and continue to strengthen our language, culture, and history. We have a rich history and want to be sure it is carried forward.

NICOA is asking that every elder write a letter to the next generation, giving them living knowledge of what they can do better, how they can learn from your mistakes and lifelong adventures. A personal handwritten letter to the next generation will be a strong, heartfelt way to ask them to carry on the culture, language and histories of our tribes.

Attached to this request is a release of your written letter to allow NICOA to put your handwritten document, along with a transcribed copy in a book for publication. You can ask to be anonymous, but we want the next generation to know about *you*. Share what you have accomplished, where you came from and what you wish for them.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl J Archibald, at (505) 292-2001, or email [carchibald@nicoa.org](mailto:carchibald@nicoa.org). We will be collecting these letters until December 31, 2020 and beyond. Please consider adding your knowledge to the next generation — you have a lot to offer.

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## Consent to Participate in Letters to the Future Generation(s)

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