

**Student Research Award Application Form**

**Title of Project:** Integrating Native Americans into Society

**Name(s) of student researcher(s):** Jeff Swett

**Faculty mentor/researcher:** Gabe Mydland (name)

 (signature)

- A. Description of Project: Describe the nature and objectives of the project, the problem or issue it addresses, and other intended outlets:** The objective of this project is to first find the possible barriers holding back the Native American population from an improved lifestyle and to propose a solution to solve this troubling problem. This not only addresses a pressing need in our society, but it also is the proposal I wish to address when I apply to be a Truman Scholar.
- B. Research Plan: Describe the proposed research activities and the anticipated methodology.** I plan on using internet research, library research, social worker input, and personal interviews to try and locate the source of the problem. To find a possible solution, I plan on contacting social workers across the state along with incorporating my network of contacts.
- C. Timeline: Identify the time commitments of student(s) to complete the research project.** The final proposal must be written and ready for submission

by February 6, 2006.

**D. Resources: Identify any special facilities, equipment, or material needed for successful completion of the project and the anticipated availability or additional costs for each item. None**

**E. Resume(s): Include previous experiences, coursework, course projects, knowledge, and skills relevant to the project.**

Objective	To apply for the Student Research Award.
Related Skills	research background, communication, leadership, pride in my work, learn quickly, precise, patient, persistent, open-minded
Education	<p>Dakota State University Anticipated Graduation: Spring 07'</p> <p>Seeking BS in Business Management and Mathematics. I am a MACSTECH scholarship recipient along with DSU Champion 1<sup>st</sup> year Scholarship and DSU Montgomery Valedictorian Scholarship, National Dean's List, President's List, selected as "10 to watch" student, Academic all DAC-10</p> <p>Intended Coursework includes: Math Modeling, Management for Information Systems, Finance, Marketing, World Literature, Business Stats II</p> <p>Platte Public High School Dist. 11-3</p> <p>Graduated in 2003 as Valedictorian with 4.0 G.P.A., 97.75% average, and Highest Honors. Also received these honors or awards: KSFY Scholar of the Week, Academic All-State Basketball, D.A.R.E. Role Model, National Honor Society, State Cross Country Qualifier, Boys State Nominee, Academic All-State Cross Country, State Track Qualifier, State Track Team Champion, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team Brain Brawl, and State Basketball Qualifier.</p>
Work Experience	<p>Title: Resident Assistant Tutor Intramural Referee Webcast Team Dakota State University: 2005-present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learned time management skills</li> <li>• Learned how to work well with other people</li> <li>• Learned how to be patient when dealing with others</li> </ul> <p>Title: Financial Representative Northwestern Mutual: 2004-2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used phoning to acquire appointments</li> <li>• Learned how to communicate well with others</li> <li>• Learned how to motivate self</li> </ul> <p>Title: Farmhand Rich Swett: 1999-2003 Duane Pederson: 2003 Marvin Kroupa: 2002-2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked well with other people</li> <li>• Caught on quickly to various jobs</li> <li>• Used persistency to finish various tasks</li> </ul> <p>Title: Tutor 2002-2003 School Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practiced patience</li> <li>• Improved proofreading skills</li> <li>• Utilized communication skills</li> </ul>
Leadership Positions	<p>President: National Honor Society, Freshman Class, Vice President: Senior Class, South Dakota Junior Simmental Association Team Captain: Basketball, Track, Cross Country, Brain Brawl, Academic Olympic</p>