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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP READING

An American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) scholarship reading is scheduled for July 30 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the NRCS Utah State Office. This would be a great opportunity for Area and District Conservationist (persons with hiring authority) to learn more about potential hires from a great organization that has outstanding American Indian students. All professionals are encouraged to assist in the scholarship reading.

AISES is a national, nonprofit organization which nurtures building community by bridging science and technology with traditional values. Through its educational programs, AISES provides opportunities for American Indians and Alaska Natives to pursue studies in science, engineering, and technology arenas. AISES' ultimate goal is to be a catalyst for the advancement of American Indians and Native Alaskans as they become self-reliant and self-determined members of society. For more information about AISES go to [www.aises.org](http://www.aises.org). One requirement to be part of the AISES is a 3.0 GPA. Typical students are enrolled to become a biologist, natural resources specialist, environmental scientist, geologist, business manager, archaeologist or engineer.

Any professional may read scholarship applications. AISES does not look at individual qualifications, but focuses on forming partnerships with Science and Engineering-based organizations. A standardized evaluation sheet is used by each reader to score applications, and files are randomly distributed among the readers during the session. Each application has to be ranked three times. If you are interested in the scholarship reading go through proper protocol to get supervisory authorization. Contact Nathaniel Todea ([Nathaniel.Todea@ut.usda.gov](mailto:Nathaniel.Todea@ut.usda.gov)) to notify him of your planned attendance before July 18, 2008. The accompanying photo shows Nathaniel at a thank you kiosk during the 2004 reading in Alaska.



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