

NAT\$VE in the BANK YOUTH SPOTLIGHT:



PHILIP DOUGLAS



Each week, the [National Congress of American Indians](#) and the [Native Financial Education Coalition](#) will cast a spotlight on a Native youth who has answered the [NAT\\$VE in the BANK](#) call. This week, we spotlight **Philip Douglas**, a 15-year-old citizen of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma who lives in Norman, Oklahoma.

Why did you decide to answer the NAT\$VE in the BANK call?

“I heard about the program during a [Generation Indigenous](#) Youth Ambassador conference call, and I thought that it was a good idea for Native youth to learn about financial responsibility.”

What was the most interesting/eye-opening part about opening an account?

“I like the idea of having a safe place to put my money where no else can spend it unless I say so. I received \$600 from my tribe, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, a few months ago and I got out \$100 for school clothes and another \$100 for my trip to attend the White House Tribal Youth Gathering and UNITY Conference in Washington, D.C. this past July. I still have \$400 in my bank account.”

What are your financial goals in life and how do you plan to achieve them?

“I want to be able to buy my own house and buy a car of my choice as an adult. I plan on getting these things by getting a college education and having a good job that pays me enough so I could pay all my bills and put the rest in a savings account.”

How are you going to get your friends to answer the NAT\$VE in the BANK call?

“Any time my friends are talking about their finances and projects outside of school, I’ll mention this program because it will teach them how to be smart with their money. Thank you to NCAI for the opportunity!”

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