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CLASSIFICATION: #18. EDUCATION

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 18 § 2-102 ENTITLED "Higher education; Tribal grants" and § 2-103 ENTITLED "Higher education; incentive grants"

Be it enacted by the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation:

SECTION ONE. AMENDMENT. The amendments shall be codified in Title 18, Chapter 2 of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; provided that for purposes of codification of said new law and its inclusion in pocket parts for the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Attorney General is hereby authorized: (1) to approve any changes related to the manner in which sections, articles, chapters and sub-chapters are designated in this law in order to be consistent with the format in the Code of Laws published in 2010 by West Publishing Company; (2) to include footnoted references to the legislative history in said pocket parts to the Code of Laws; and (3) to note in said pocket parts any editorial correction of minor clerical or grammatical errors in the following amendment, without further National Council approval:

SECTION TWO. AMENDMENT. MCNCA Title 18, § 2-102 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 2-102. Higher education; Tribal grants

A. The applicant (student) must be an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and provide a Citizenship Card.

B. The student must be accepted by an accredited college or university, including accredited Tribal colleges or universities.

C. The student must submit an original completed application, with all required documents, before an application can be processed. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Applicants will receive a receipt of application notification.

D. Documentation includes:

1. A copy of the Citizenship Card;
2. ~~A written educational plan of educational intent for the use of the award;~~
3. A recent photograph Photo Identification;

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- 43. Signed Privacy Statement;
- 54. Program Plan of Study; and
- 65. Class schedule.

E. The award amount will be based on credit/class hours (verified by school). The student will be responsible for providing verification of enrollment (a class schedule) to the Higher Education Office.

F. The status of the student, as to being full-time or part-time, will be decided by the educational institutions official policy.

G. Continued funding will be based on meeting the GPA guidelines in subsection.

H. Full-time students will be awarded: 12 hours and up to \$125 per credit hour per term (semester/trimester/quarter). Part-time students will be awarded: 11 hours or less at \$125 per credit hour per term (semester/trimester/quarter). Total amounts of awards may not exceed \$4,500 per academic year for full-time students and \$2,750 per academic year for part-time students.

I. After verification of the student's enrollment has been received from the student, the award will be sent to the student's home address. Applicants should contact the Higher Education Office in a timely manner, if your address changes to prevent a delay in receiving funds.

J. The student must provide an official transcript at the end of each year.

K. The student must maintain a 2.5 GPA at the end of each term to remain eligible for the program. Students with a term GPA below 2.5 and at least 1.5 GPA will be placed on academic probation. Those students below 1.5 GPA for the term and those withdrawing without a valid medical reason or other valid reason shall be suspended at the end of the term.

L. Students that drop up to three credit hours during the semester in which they were funded will be placed on probation for the following semester. Students that drop more than three hours will be placed on suspension for the following semester.

M. Reinstatement from suspension will occur after students complete the following semester, without tribal grant, at the required hours and required GPA. The required hours will be determined based on students' previous award amount. Students awarded for full time hours will be required to complete full time hours during the suspended term; while students that were awarded for part time hours will be required to complete part time hours during suspended term.

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N. Students must submit documentation from their academic advisor if required to enroll in a non-credit course (0-level or "P" or "S").

O. The grant awards may supplement those received from other funding sources. Funding will be limited to ~~ten (10) semesters~~ five (5) years per student. Students attending ~~junior college~~ accredited community colleges are limited to five ~~(5) semesters~~ three (3) years of funding.

P. Closing dates for submitting applications are as follows: June 15 1 for fall semester and December 15 for spring semester.

Q. Students in need of summer courses to complete a degree program may be eligible for funding if funds are available. Student must submit a letter from their academic advisor stating the student will receive degree at the end of the following summer session or the end of the following fall semester.

R. The following Award Chart is based upon each applicant approved application: (Chart based on funding for fall and spring semesters only, does not include summer funding).

Higher Education: Tribal Grant Number of Hours Enrolled	Award Amount Per Semester	Maximum Award Per Academic Year
18	\$2,250	<i>(Full-Time Status)</i> \$4,500
17	\$2,125	
16	\$2,000	
15	\$1,875	
14	\$1,750	
13	\$1,625	<hr/> <i>(Part-Time Status)</i> \$2,750
12	\$1,500	

11	\$1,375
10	\$1,250
9	\$1,125
8	\$1,000
7	\$875
6	\$750
5	\$625
4	\$500
3	\$375
2	\$250
1	\$125

SECTION THREE. AMENDMENT. MCNCA Title 18, § 2-103 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 2-103. Higher education; incentive grants

A. The applicant (student) must be an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

B. The student must submit a completed original application, with all required documents before an application can be processed.

C. Documentation includes:

1. A copy of the Citizenship Card; and
2. ~~a written educational plan for the use of the award;~~
3. an official college transcript indicating the term GPA that an Incentive Grant is being applied for; and,
4. ~~a recent photograph.~~

D. Only students attending an accredited college/university or an accredited Tribal college/university, earning a term GPA of 3.0 or better and having applied within forty-five (45) days after the end of the current term will be considered for an the Incentive Grant.

E. All applicants shall be notified within fifteen (15) working days after date of application as to the status of their application.

F. Student's enrollment status, full-time or part-time, will be determined by the college/school's official policy.

G. Full-time student awards for spring and fall semesters trimesters/quarters will be seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) per semester trimester/quarters and full-time student awards for summer semester session will be three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) (not to exceed one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750.00) per academic year) if eligible. Part-time student awards for spring and fall semesters/trimesters/quarters will be three hundred fifty (\$350.00) per semesters/trimesters/quarters and part-time student awards for summer semester session will be one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) (not to exceed eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$875.00) per academic year) if eligible. All awards are based on availability of funds.

H. ~~After official verification of the student's semester enrollment status and GPA, the awards will be mailed to the student's permanent home address.~~

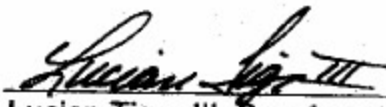
H. Grant awards may supplement those received from other funding sources. Funding will be limited to ~~twelve (12) semesters~~ five (5) years.

I. The Department of Higher Education Scholarship Officer will visit area high schools during the academic year to disseminate program information as office schedule permits.

SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall become effective October 1, 2018 upon proper approval and execution in accordance with the requirements of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution.

ENACTED by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 29th day of September, 2018.

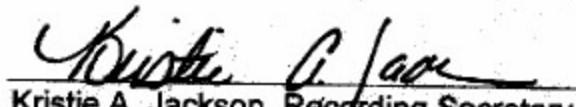
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has hereto attached his signature.



Lucian Tiger III, Speaker
National Council
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of Sixteen members with Fifteen members attending this meeting on the 29th day of September, 2018 and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 against and that said Law has not been rescinded or amended in any way and the above is the signature of the Speaker of the National Council.



Kristie A. Jackson, Recording Secretary
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

APPROVAL

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature on this 5th day of October, 2018 to the above Law, **NCA 18-134** authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.



James R. Floyd, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

