



NCA 23-031

CLASSIFICATION: #35. SOCIAL SERVICES/PUBLIC ASSISTANCE/DONATIONS

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 35, CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED "SCHOOL CLOTHING PROGRAM"

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

SECTION ONE. NEW LAW. The following new Law is hereby enacted:

Section 1-101. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:

A. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program amount of assistance for students through the 5th grade has not been amended since before 2005.

B. The prices for goods and services have increased significantly over the years.

C. The School Clothing Program will need additional funding to reflect the increased amounts beginning Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION ONE. AMENDMENT. This amendment shall be codified in Title 35, Chapter 6, of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; provided that for purposes of codification of said amendment and its inclusion in pocket parts of 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 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:

CHAPTER 6. SCHOOL CLOTHING PROGRAM

§ 6-101. Eligibility

A. The student for whom the application is submitted shall be currently enrolled as a Muscogee (Creek) Citizen as evidenced by an original enrollment card or the submission of a membership detail document verified by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Board which indicates the student is eligible for a citizenship and will has been issued a roll number.

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B. Public and Private Schools. Student must be at least three (3) years old and enrolled in any Certified Head Start or private school program or the student must be at least four (4) years old and enrolled in a public school or private school program and no higher than the twelfth (12th) grade.

1. Proof of enrollment must be provided for all students as evidenced by documentation from school officials on school letterhead, including the official seal of the school or by submitting the Muscogee (Creek) Nation School enrollment verification form.

C. Home School. Student must be between the ages of five (5) and eighteen (18). However, in the event that a student tests out before he/she turns eighteen, the student shall no longer be eligible to participate in the program.

1. Proof of enrollment must be provided for all students as evidenced by documentation of accredited curriculum and the signing of an Affidavit by the individual providing the education stating that the student is home schooled, or textbook receipts, homeschool enrollment form, and curriculum etc. The Affidavit shall be provided by Social Services to the applicant. Turning in a false affidavit may result in the applicant being prosecuted under the laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and will result in the student(s) not being eligible for services under the program.

D. College and Technical Schools. Students must be twenty-four (24) years of age or younger, enrolled full-time in a college or technical school, and pursuing an undergraduate education/certification.

1. Proof of enrollment must be provided by student as evidenced by documentation from the college or technical school registrar on school letterhead, including the official seal of the college or technical school.

§ 6-102. Accountability

The applicant must return signed receipts in the amount of ~~Two~~**Three** Hundred and No/100 Dollars (~~\$2~~**3**00.00) per student for students through the fifth (5th) grade, ~~Two~~**Three** Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (~~\$2~~**3**50.00) for students in sixth (6th) grade through twelfth (12th) grade and ~~One~~**Two** Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (~~\$1~~**2**50.00) for students in a college or technical school for school clothing purchases no later than ninety (90) days from the issuance date of the check. If receipts are not submitted or receipts submitted do not the amount distributed, the student will not be eligible the-next program year.

§ 6-103. Administration/Distribution of grants

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A. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Social Services Department shall administer the School Clothing Program.

B. School Clothing payments will be distributed as follows:

1. One (1) payment of ~~Two~~**Three** Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$~~2300.00~~) shall be allowed per student per program year for students through the fifth (5th) grade.
2. One (1) payment of ~~Two~~**Three** Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$~~2350.00~~) shall be allowed per student per program year for students in sixth (6th) grade through twelfth (12th) grade.
3. One (1) payment of ~~One~~**Two** Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$~~4250.00~~) shall be allowed per student per program year for students twenty-four (24) years of age or younger in a college or technical school.

C. Grants will be available **if receipts were not submitted the previous program year due to** for catastrophic loss (Natural Disaster, Domestic Violence or Homeless).

D. Grants will be available on a first come, first serve basis until all funds are expended. Once funds are expended, no waiting list(s) shall be developed to carry into the next program year. All previous waiting lists shall be disregarded.

E. Three Hundred Six ~~Forty-One~~ Thousand, ~~Forty-Seven~~ **One Hundred Fourteen** and No/100 Dollars (\$~~30641,047114.00~~) of the total appropriation shall be allocated for administrative costs. Any funds remaining after administrative costs are expended shall be utilized for the School Clothing Program.

§ 6-104. Application period

The application period for the School Clothing Program shall be for the program year with the beginning and ending dates to be determined by the Social Services Department.

§ 6-105. Appropriation

The sum of ~~Two~~ **Four** Million, ~~Eight Hundred~~ **Sixty-Four Thousand, One Hundred Fourteen** and No/100 Dollars (\$~~24,8064,047114.00~~) is hereby appropriated from funds designated by the Controller's Office for the Implementation of this Act.

§ 6-106. Authorization

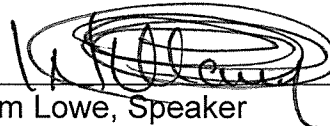
The National Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief to expend the sum of ~~Two~~ **Four** Million, ~~Eight Hundred~~ **Sixty-Four Thousand, One Hundred Fourteen** and No/100 Dollars (\$~~24,8064,047114.00~~) from funds designated by the Controller's Office for the School Clothing Program. This appropriation shall be included in the Comprehensive

Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018~~24~~ and annually thereafter. Funds shall carry forward until fully expended.

SECTION TWO. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall become effective January 1, 2024 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 20th day of May, 2023.

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



William Lowe, Speaker
National Council
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

CERTIFICATION

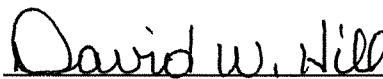
I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of Sixteen members with **Fifteen** members attending this meeting on the 20th day of May, 2023 and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted 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.



Alicia Stroble, Recording Secretary
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

APPROVAL

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature on this 23rd day of May, 2023 to the above Law, **NCA 23-031** authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.



David W. Hill, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation