



NCA 16-012

CLASSIFICATION: #18. EDUCATION

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CREATING A NEW TITLE 18, §2-107, ENTITLED "EMERGENCY VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND" TO ASSIST MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZENS ATTEMPTING TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION

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

SECTION ONE. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:

A. The workforce is a competitive field for many citizens seeking job stability. Encouraging our citizens to return to school would make them more financially stable and self-sufficient.

B. There is a need to establish the Emergency Vocational and Technical Scholarship Fund to assist students facing unforeseen financial circumstances while attending state funded career technical centers including Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology and College of the Muscogee Nation.

C. The Emergency Vocational and Technical Scholarship Fund will help decrease the number of students seeking financial assistance from the National Council by special appropriations.

D. The scholarship fund will assist students to continue their enrollment and to further their education.

E. Separate legislation will appropriate funds to the Emergency Vocational and Technical Scholarship Fund to carry out Fiscal Year 2016.

SECTION TWO. NEW LAW. The following new law 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 of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Codification Committee 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 not in said pocket parts any editorial correction of minor clerical or grammatical errors in the following new law, without further National Council approval:

TITLE 18. EDUCATION
CHAPTER 2. HIGHER EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS
SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§2-107. Emergency Scholarship Fund

The Emergency Vocational and Technical Scholarship Fund is established to provide assistance to Muscogee (Creek) students to pay for debt that is preventing their effort to complete their education.

A. Eligibility Requirements

1. The applicant (student) must be an enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Citizen and possess a Citizenship card.
2. The student must be enrolled in an accredited state funded career technical institution that is recognized by the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium, College of the Muscogee Nation and Oklahoma State University-Institute of Technology.
3. The student must be responsible for providing a letter explaining the reason for financial hardship.
4. Must submit the following and attach with the original application:
 - a. Copy of Creek citizenship card;
 - b. Recent photo;
 - c. Copy of the bill from the school bursar and/or student loan vendor stating the amount owed; and
 - d. Additional eligibility criteria shall be determined by the reviewing committee. Letter of potential acceptance from state funded institution
 - e. Copy of official or unofficial transcript

B. Awards

If approved, students will be eligible for a one-time award up to a maximum of Three Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$3,500.00) per student for supplemental financial assistance depending on the need and availability of funds.

C. Review Process

The Emergency Vocational and Technical Scholarship Fund will operate under the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Employment and Training Administration and will be administered by Employment and Training Administration. A committee shall be formed to review the students' requests and determine eligibility. The Committee will consist of: The Employment and Training Administration Manager, the Higher Education Manager,

the Scholarship Foundation Manager. The voting committee shall have full discretionary authority to approve the use of the emergency funds.

Upon determination of eligibility, the award amount will be sent to the institution in which the money is owed. An award letter will be sent to the student stating the amount of the scholarship. If the student is not approved, a letter will be sent to the student stating the reason for ineligibility.

If the student is ineligible, the student can appeal the decision to the Secretary of Education and Training. The Secretary of Education and Training will determine if there is a change in the decision made by the committee, or if the decision should be upheld.

The decision of the Secretary of Education and Training shall be binding on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Employment and Training Administration and shall summarize the facts in the case, specify the reasons for the decision and identify the supporting evidence. The final decision shall be produced in writing and shall become part of the student's permanent record.

D. Non-Duplication of Services

Citizens receiving the Emergency Vocational and Technical Scholarship Fund from the Employment and Training Administration shall be ineligible for assistance from the National Council as a Special Appropriation.

SECTION THREE. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall become effective immediately 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 27th day of February, 2016.

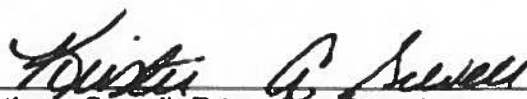
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has hereto attached his signature.



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

CERTIFICATION

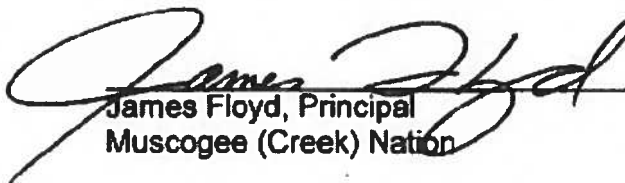
I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of Sixteen members with Sixteen members attending this meeting on the 27th day of February, 2016 and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of 15 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. Sewell, Recording Secretary
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

APPROVAL

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature on this 4th day of March, 2016 to the above Law, NCA 16-012 authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.



James Floyd, Principal
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

