



**NCA 13-190**

**CLASSIFICATION: #18. EDUCATION**

**A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REPEALING MCNCA TITLE 18, §2-102, ENTITLED "Higher Education; Tribal grants" AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW TITLE 18, §2-102, ENTITLED "Higher Education; Tribal grants"**

**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 Higher Education Department is requesting changes to update the Tribal Grant award policies and amounts.

B. The Tribal Grant has not been adjusted in several years while college tuition has increased at a rate of nearly five (5) percent per academic year; and, it is important to update the grants to meet the growing needs of Muscogee (Creek) Citizens seeking a college degree.

C. The new law will provide opportunities for students to receive adequate funding while attaining their degree.

D. The tribal grant award may supplement funding received from other sources.

**SECTION TWO. REPEALER. MCNCA Title 18, Chapter 2, §2-102, ENTITLED "Higher Education; Tribal grants" is hereby repealed.**

**SECTION THREE. NEW LAW. The following new law shall be codified in Title 18, Chapter 2 §2-102 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 Codification Committee is hereby authorized: (1) to approve any changes related to the manner in which sections,**

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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 new law:

**§ 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.

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
4. Signed Privacy Statement
5. Program Plan of Study
6. 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.

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H. Full-time students will be awarded: 12 hours and up to \$125 per credit hour per semester/quarter. Part-time students will be awarded: 11 hours or less at \$125 per credit hour per semester/quarter. Total amount 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 term.

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 completes 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.

N. Students must submit documentation from the 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 per student. Students attending junior college are limited to five (5) semesters of funding.

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P. Closing dates for submitting applications are as follows: June 15 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.

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.)

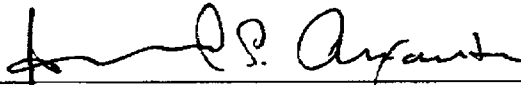
| Higher Education: Tribal Grant<br>Number of Hours Enrolled | Award Amount<br>Per Semester | Maximum Award Per<br>Academic Year             |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 18                                                         | \$2,250                      | <i>(Full-Time Status)</i><br><br>\$4,500       |
| 17                                                         | \$2,125                      |                                                |
| 16                                                         | \$2,000                      |                                                |
| 15                                                         | \$1,875                      |                                                |
| 14                                                         | \$1,750                      |                                                |
| 13                                                         | \$1,625                      |                                                |
| 12                                                         | \$1,500                      |                                                |
| 11                                                         | \$1,375                      | <hr/> <i>(Part-Time Status)</i><br><br>\$2,750 |
| 10                                                         | \$1,250                      |                                                |
| 9                                                          | \$1,125                      |                                                |
| 8                                                          | \$1,000                      |                                                |
| 7                                                          | \$875                        |                                                |

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| 6 | \$750 |  |
| 5 | \$625 |  |
| 4 | \$500 |  |
| 3 | \$375 |  |
| 2 | \$250 |  |
| 1 | \$125 |  |

**SECTION FOUR. 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

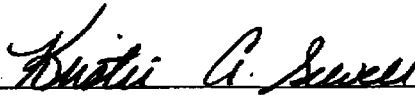
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has hereto attached his signature.



Samuel S. Alexander, Speaker  
National Council  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

**CERTIFICATION**

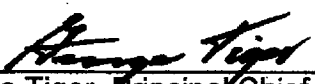
I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of Eighteen members with **Fifteen** members attending this meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013 and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein 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. Sewell, Recording Secretary  
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

**APPROVAL**

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 2013 to the above Law, **NCA 13-190** authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

  
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George Tiger, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

