



NCA 13-191

CLASSIFICATION: #18. EDUCATION

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REPEALING MCNCA TITLE 18, §2-403, ENTITLED "Guidelines" AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW TITLE 18, §2-403, ENTITLED "Guidelines" FOR THE POST-GRADUATE 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 Higher Education Department is requesting changes to update the Post-Graduate Program award policies and amounts.

B. The Post-Graduate Program 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 an education beyond a Bachelor's degree.

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

SECTION TWO. REPEALER. MCNCA Title 18, Chapter 2, §2-403, ENTITLED "Guidelines" is hereby repealed.

SECTION THREE. NEW LAW. The following new law shall be codified in Title 18, Chapter 2 §2-403 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, 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

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of Laws; and (3) to note in said pocket parts any editorial correction of minor clerical or grammatical errors in the following new law:

§ 2-403. Guidelines

The Post-Graduate Program shall operate within the following guidelines:

A. Purpose: The Post-Graduate Program is established to provide financial aid opportunities for members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to further their education beyond a Bachelor's degree for a Master's, Doctoral or Professional Degree/Certification.

B. Eligibility Requirements:

1. The applicant (student) must be an enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Citizen and possesses a Citizenship card.
2. The student must be accepted by an approved college or university.
3. The student must have earned a Bachelor's degree.
4. The student must be pursuing a Master's or Doctorate degree as full-time or part-time graduate student at a nationally accredited college/university in the U.S.
5. If not already attending graduate school, must apply to the graduate program.
6. Must submit the following and attach with the original application:
 - a. Copy of Creek Tribal enrollment card;
 - b. recent photo;
 - c. education degree plan (course requirements);
 - d. copy of transcript with Bachelor's degree earned;
 - e. letter of acceptance to the graduate program; and
 - f. class schedule.
7. The student must maintain a 3.0 GPA or meet required grading system by the university standards.
8. The student must provide a grade report or transcript at the end of each term.
9. The student must provide a class schedule for each term.
10. Awards will be mailed to student's home address.

11. Amount of award will be determined by the credit hours enrolled: Full-Time 9 hours or more at \$250 per credit hour; Part-Time less than 9 hours at \$250 per credit hour. Total amount of awards will not exceed \$4,500 per academic year. Awards will be processed twice per academic year. Awards are limited to 2 years (4 semesters/quarters) for a Master's degree; Limited to 3 years (6 semesters/quarters) for doctoral candidates.

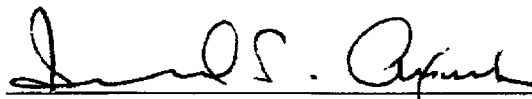
Masters and PhD Program = \$250 per credit hour

Number of Hours Enrolled	Award Amount Per Semester	Maximum Award Per Academic Year
9	\$2,250	\$4,500
6	\$1,500	\$3,000
3	\$750	\$1,500

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 8th day of August, 2013.

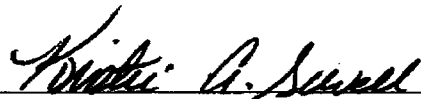
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has hereto attached his signature.



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

CERTIFICATION

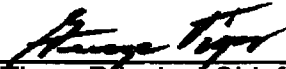
I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of Eighteen members with **Fifteen** members attending this meeting on the **8th** day of **August, 2013** and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein 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 **12th** day of **Aug**, **2013** to the above Law, **NCA 13-191** authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.



George Tiger, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

