



NCA 13-291

CLASSIFICATION: #18. EDUCATION

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CREATING A NEW MCNCA TITLE 18, §2-404, ENTITLED "Doctorate Degree Program" TO ASSIST MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZENS PURSUING DOCTORAL DEGREES UNDER THE EXISTING POST-GRADUATE PROGRAM

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

SECTION ONE. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:

- A. There is a need to provide additional assistance to Muscogee (Creek) students who are enrolled in doctoral level courses.
- B. The Post-Graduate Program currently awards students the same rate amounts for pursuing Master's Degrees and Doctoral Degrees.
- C. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation does not have a program designed to promote completion of Doctoral Degrees.
- D. Federal Financial Aid is not available for students in Doctoral Degree Programs and typically all expenses are paid through student loans.
- E. The funding would be used to assist approximately 30-40 students that meet the required criteria and eligibility standards.

SECTION TWO. NEW LAW. The following new law shall be codified in Title 18, Chapter 2 §2-404 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 of Laws; and (3) to note in said pocket parts any editorial correction of minor clerical or grammatical errors in the following new law:

§ 2-404. Doctorate Degree Program

The Doctorate Degree Program shall operate within the following guidelines:

A. Purpose: The Doctorate Degree Program is established to provide financial aid opportunities for members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to further their education.

B. Eligibility Requirements:

1. The applicant (student) must be an enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Citizen and possesses a Citizenship card.

2. The student must be pursuing their first Doctorate Degree as a graduate student at an approved college or university.

3. Must be able to provide a completed application including all necessary documents.

4. Must submit the following and attach with the original application:

- a. Original application;
- b. Copy of Creek Tribal enrollment card;
- c. Signed privacy statement;
- d. Education degree plan (course requirements);
- e. Copy of transcript showing previous degree earned;
- f. Letter of acceptance to the university or program; and
- g. Class schedule.

C. Review Process

The Doctorate Degree Program will operate under the Department of Education and Training to be administered by the Higher Education Administration. Applications will be reviewed to determine program compliance and eligibility.

The Higher Education Administration will pay for tuition, books, and fees that are necessary to complete the degree program. The amount of the award will be determined by the needs analysis completed by the student's educational institution. Upon receipt of the needs analysis, the Higher Education Administration will complete award amount to be sent to the school.

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 23rd day of November, 2013.

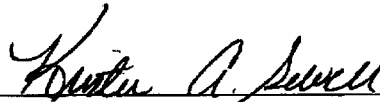
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has hereto attached his signature.



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 Seventeen members attending this meeting on the 23rd day of November, 2013 and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of 16 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 9th day of Dec, 2013 to the above Law, **NCA 13-291** 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

