



**MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
TRIBAL GRANT – TRIBAL INCENTIVE – BIA SCHOLARSHIP  
INFORMATION SUMMARY**

## **Undergraduate Tribal Grant & BIA Scholarship Application Dates**

- **Applications available March 1 – June 1 for FALL Semester**
- **Applications available Nov. 1 – Dec. 15 for SPRING Semester**

(Students need only to apply once. Continuing students need to submit required documents to continue on the program).

### **Tribal Funds Grant**

Tribal Funds Grants will be awarded to enrolled citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation attending an accredited college or university with no blood minimum quantity required. Funding for this grant does not require Pell-eligibility. Undergraduate students are eligible for this grant. The award amount will be determined by the number of hours in which the student is enrolled up to a maximum of 18 hours per semester. Award rate = \$125.00 per credit hour.

#### **Grant Requirements for Tribal Funds Grant:**

- Completed Application
- Copy of Muscogee (Creek) Tribal Citizenship Card
- Official College Transcript (if previously attended college)
- Summary of Education Plan or Degree Plan/Plan of Study
- Class Schedule
- Program Scholars must have a banking account. Tribal Grants will be distributed as direct deposits.

#### **Eligibility Criteria for Tribal Funds Grant:**

- The student will be required to submit a copy of their schedule prior to each semester.
- The student will be required to submit an official transcript at the end of each semester.
- **Official Transcripts due by the January 31<sup>st</sup> – Fall Semester; June 30<sup>th</sup> – Spring Semester**
- The student must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- The student will be funded up to 10 semesters or 150 credit hours, whichever comes first (The student's attempted credited hours accumulated prior to program enrollment are counted towards the 150 attempted credit hours/10 semesters threshold).

### **Tribal Incentive Grant**

The Tribal Incentive Grant Program will award citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation who meet the grade point requirements at an accredited school. Undergraduate students attending college with a GPA of 3.0 or better during the semester are eligible for this program. Students are eligible for two incentives per Academic Year. The MCN Higher Education Department will review Official Transcripts to determine eligibility for the incentive. Official Transcripts must be received by the deadline. Tribal Incentive Grant is distributed as direct deposit.

#### **Eligibility Criteria for Tribal Incentive Grant:**

- Undergraduate students earning a 3.5 to 4.0 GPA are eligible to receive \$700;
- Undergraduate students earning a 3.0 to 3.499 GPA are eligible to receive \$350;
- Be in good standing while on the tribal grants programs. If a student is on probation or suspension, the student will be INELIGIBLE for the Incentive Award.
- Student must earn the credit hours funded for the semester.
- Student must submit an official transcript from their institution
- **Official Transcripts are due by the following dates:**
  - **FALL TRANSCRIPTS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>**
  - **SPRING TRANSCRIPTS ARE DUE BY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>**



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## **BIA Scholarship**

The Muscogee Nation Higher Education Program will expend funds through self-governance to award educational grants to Muscogee (Creek) tribal citizens, with no minimum blood quantum required, attending accredited institutions of higher learning. Funding for this grant is limited to Pell-eligible undergraduate students only and funding is determined by financial needs established by the student's college/university.

### **Grant Requirements for BIA Scholarship:**

- Completed Application
- Copy of CDIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood)
- Copy of Muscogee (Creek) Citizenship Card
- Summary of Education Plan or Degree Plan/Plan of Study
- Class Schedule
- Letter of Acceptance from College/University
- Official College Transcript (if previously attended college)

### **Eligibility Criteria for BIA Scholarship:**

- Student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours. Part-time students enrolled in at least 9 credit hours, may be considered.
- Student must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

## **Summer Session Funding**

- Students must be receiving the degree that summer semester or the following semester to be considered for Tribal Grant summer funding.
- Students must submit a letter from their academic advisor of the graduation date and class schedule of summer enrollment to be considered for summer funding.
- Summer funding depends on the availability of funds.
- Total funding cannot exceed the Maximum Award Amount for the Academic Year (\$4500).

## **Higher Education Program Probation/Suspension**

Students not earning the credit hours in which funded and/or not meeting the GPA requirements will be placed on probation or suspension for the Tribal Grant and/or BIA Scholarship. Please review the Student Handbook for details.

## **Official Transcripts**

Official Transcripts ONLY will be accepted to determine eligibility for all grants and scholarship awards. Official Transcripts can be hand-delivered in a signed & sealed envelope by the institution, sent by the institution through the mail, or by the institutions e-script process.

[Refer to the Higher Education Undergraduate Student Handbook for more details.](#)

For any questions, please contact the Department of Higher Education at (918) 732-7661, [highered@muscogeenation.com](mailto:highered@muscogeenation.com)



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***TRIBAL GRANT AWARD AMOUNTS***

***MAXIMUM AWARD PER ACADEMIC YEAR***

***FULL TIME (12 hrs. or more) \$4500; PART TIME (less than 12 hrs.) \$2750***

***Chart is based on funding for Fall and Spring Semesters only does not include summer funding. Half credit hours will not be considered in the award amounts. (Example: student has 12.5 credit hours; the award will be considered for 12 credit hours.)***

<b>Number of Hours</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Number of Hours</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
18	\$2250	9	\$1125
17	\$2125	8	\$1000
16	\$2000	7	\$875
15	\$1875	6	\$750
14	\$1750	5	\$625
13	\$1625	4	\$500
12	\$1500	3	\$375
11	\$1375	2	\$250
10	\$1250	1	\$125

<b><i>BIA SCHOLARSHIP Student Status</i></b>	<b><i>Max Award Amount Per Semester (Based on Financial Need Analysis)</i></b>	<b><i>Max Award Per Academic Year</i></b>
<b>Dependent Student</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Independent Student</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Head of Household</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Part Time Student</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>