

# MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION PROGRAM

## Bill S. Fife Scholarship

### **Scholarship Description**

Bill S. Fife served one term as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and six terms as Okfuskee District Representative to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council as well as Director of the Division of Tribal Affairs and as Secretary of the Nation. He further served as Interim President and Executive Vice President of Bacone College in Muskogee, OK in addition to serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Fife also served on numerous boards and committees for national, tribal, state, and local organizations. Additionally, Fife served as Tribal Administrator for the Alabama-Quassarte and Thlopthlocco Tribal Towns. Fife is a Vietnam Veteran and holds a Master of Science Degree in College Teaching and Institutional Administration from Northeastern OK State University in Tahlequah, OK. Fife and his late wife, Mary Nell Poe Fife, raised two children, Jeff and Cinda, and have four grandchildren.

### **Amount of Scholarship Award**

**\$500.00**

### **Purpose and Application of Funds**

The purpose of this scholarship is to financially assist Muscogee (Creek) Nation students that might not otherwise have the financial means to further their education. This scholarship award can be utilized to pay for the *required* cost of tuition, fees, books, tools, supplies, testing or examination fees, transportation, or other incidental required cost related to the cost of the post-secondary education institution. This scholarship is to be awarded to a Muscogee (Creek) Nation student who is attending an institution of higher education, a technical or vocational trade school, and interested in tribal government.

### **Eligibility Guidelines**

1. Must be an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.
2. Must be currently attending an institution of higher education or enrolled as a first-time entering student.
3. Must demonstrate financial need.
4. Must agree to authorize the Scholarship Foundation Program to publicize the scholarship award if selected.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Foundation Program is a tribal government non-profit program qualified under Section 7871 (a) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. This status is only afforded to federally recognized tribes.

All contributions to the Scholarship Foundation Program are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.