

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION PROGRAM

Cvcke' Enheromka (My Mother's Gift) Scholarship

Scholarship Description

"From the beginning, one is blessed with the potential, opportunity, and desire to seek a better tomorrow. That blessing may be enhanced and matured through the pursuit of an education. As one journeys through life, the goals we establish for ourselves can sometimes be challenged by the crossroads of life. Our pathways can be obstructed by work considerations, family obligations, finances, health, etc. Accordingly, this scholarship is dedicated to the memory of my late mother, Mahaley Tarpalechee Jones, a full-blood fluent speaking Mvskoke (Creek). Due to my mother's life's journey, she was only able to attend the first and second grades. During the 1920's, family obligations, chores or a lack of means often took precedence over education. However, as a Mvskoke (Creek) mother, she recognized the importance and value of education, as three of her children graduated from an institution of higher learning or trade school. Although she received only two year of formal schooling, she would become our greatest teacher for my brothers and me. As one who has experienced crossroads and detours in my own educational journey, I lovingly dedicate this scholarship to the memory of my late mother Mahaley Tarpalechee Jones to benefit a Mvskoke (Creek) citizen that shares the same humble giving spirit of my mother, who always put family first before her own needs."
– Floyd Jones

Amount of Scholarship Award **\$500.00**

Purpose and Application of Funds

"This scholarship was established to encourage and assist a non-traditional student to reclaim the opportunity of higher education." This scholarship will financially assist a Muscogee (Creek) Nation student that might not have the financial means to further his/her 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 non-traditional student who is attending an institution of higher education or a technical/vocational trade school.

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.