

# MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION PROGRAM

## ECKE 'MVNOKECKV (*A Mother's Love*) Scholarship

### **Scholarship Description**

A mother's nurturing love and support we receive during our childhood is critical in shaping who we become as adults. Recognizing this importance, the Ecke `Mvnokeckv: for Single Mothers is a source of empowerment for women who have a vision of pursuing a post-secondary education. The scholarship helps ease the financial burden of single motherhood, enables single mothers to continue their education, and supports the required attention single mothers need to provide for their children. The effort further benefits Muscogee families, communities, and culture. The Scholarship was conceived in recognition of the marriage between Cherrah Ridge, the first woman to serve as Second Speaker of the National Council, and Justin Giles, the first Assistant Director of the Muscogee Nation Museum and Cultural Center.

**Amount of Scholarship Award**                      **\$1500.00**      **(Per Academic School Year)**

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

The purpose of this scholarship is to financially assist Muscogee (Creek) Nation students that might not 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 Single Mother who is attending an institution of higher education, or a technical or vocational trade school.

### **Eligibility Guidelines**

1. Must be an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.
2. Must be a Single Mother with at least one child in the household.
3. Must be currently attending an institution of higher education or enrolled as a first-time entering student.
4. Must demonstrate financial need.
5. 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.