

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION PROGRAM

George & Frances Tiger Scholarship

Scholarship Description

George Phillip Tiger was born on March 22, 1950 to the late Coody and Lela (McNac) Tiger at their family home in the rural Yardeka community near Henryetta, OK. Tiger assumed his role as Principal Chief of the Nation's fourth-largest Native American tribe in January of 2012. Motey Tiger, Tiger's grandfather, was Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation from 1907 to 1917. Tiger's traditional matrilineal descendance makes him a member of the Hickory Ground Tribal Town and the Wind Clan; Tiger is also a member of the Yardeka Indian Baptist Church. Tiger's immediate family includes his wife, Frances, and children Chebon, Greg, Chris, Kenneth, Angela, Molly, Kendra, and Gina; they have seven grandchildren. Formerly, Tiger worked for the Seminole Nation and had a career in news media, serving twenty-eight years as the host of the "Inside Native America" television program in Tulsa, OK. Tiger served on the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for 14 years, including two years as Speaker of the National Council from 2006 to 2007. Tiger is a graduate of Morris High School and attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Haskell Indian Nations University, and Northeastern Oklahoma State University; Tiger currently serves as a member of the Board of Regents for Haskell Indian Nations University. Tiger has served on advocacy boards and committees throughout the United States and Indian Country and is recognized for his efforts and public relations skills.

Amount of Scholarship Award **\$1,000.00**

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 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.

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.