

# MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION PROGRAM

## Henry Marsey Harjo Scholarship

### **Scholarship Description**

Henry Marsey Harjo, a full-blood Muscogee (Creek) was born in 1862. Harjo's vision was to support and promote Native people. Harjo earned a ministry degree from Bacone College and consequently became a teacher at Bacone. Harjo assisted the Florida Seminoles who had resisted the move to Indian Territory. As a Baptist missionary with the ability to speak the Muscogee (Creek) language, he promoted Christianity among the Florida Seminoles. In 1917, he spoke before the United States Congress about the living conditions of Native people. He further donated land for the expansion of Bacone College and the Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, OK. As owner of the Harjo Petroleum Company in Okmulgee, OK, Harjo continued to support Native people. On July 16, 1932, Henry Marsey Harjo passed away in Tulsa, OK, a distinguished, highly respected, and notable man in either the Native or mainstream communities (Historical Vignettes: Henry Harjo, distinguished Creek Indian, Alice L. and Greg E. Luckhardt).

### **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 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 the welfare of the Muscogee (Creek) people.

### **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.