

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION PROGRAM

James R. Floyd Health Care Management Scholarship

Scholarship Description

Chief James R. Floyd is the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the fourth largest Tribe in the Nation with more than 80,500 citizens. James grew up in Eufaula, Oklahoma. After completing his Associates Degree at OSU in Oklahoma City he started his professional career with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribe, working first in Environmental Services. He became the manager of Health Services, then Director of Community Services. In these positions he implemented the tribe's first food distribution, social services, burial assistance, and school clothing allowance programs. Chief Floyd managed the first tribal-owned hospital in the United States at Okemah, and negotiated the transfer of the Okemah, Eufaula, Sapulpa, and Okmulgee Dental clinics from Indian Health Service to Muscogee (Creek) Tribal management. Chief Floyd is a strong advocate of higher education.

Chief Floyd embraced and accepted his role as Principal Chief of the Nation's fourth-largest Native American tribe in January of 2016. Throughout his career with the Indian Health Service and the Department of Veteran's Affairs, Chief Floyd has continued to serve Native Americans throughout the United States, while always keeping in mind how his efforts could benefit his own Creek Nation. As a pioneer in Indian Health Care, Chief Floyd has been recognized nationally for establishing outreach to Native American communities. He ensured that the first of these reimbursements agreements was established with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. He also held the first tribal veterans summit at Muskogee. Chief Floyd has a beautiful wife, Carol (Tustison) Floyd and two wonderful children; Jacob Floyd, who completed his Masters at New York University and is a doctoral candidate at Oklahoma State University. Erin (Floyd) Jackson-resides with her husband, Lloyd Jackson, in Tulsa. Erin studied Media Arts and Communications.

Amount of Scholarship Award **\$1000.00**

Purpose and Application of Funds

To promote higher education and strong academics in the field of Health Care, the James R. Floyd Scholarship Foundation has authorized a \$1,000 scholarship to a student pursuing a graduate degree in Health Care Management. This scholarship award can be utilized to pay for the cost of tuition, housing, fees, books, tools, supplies, room and board, meals, testing, or exam fees, transportation, or other incidental cost related to the cost of post-secondary education.

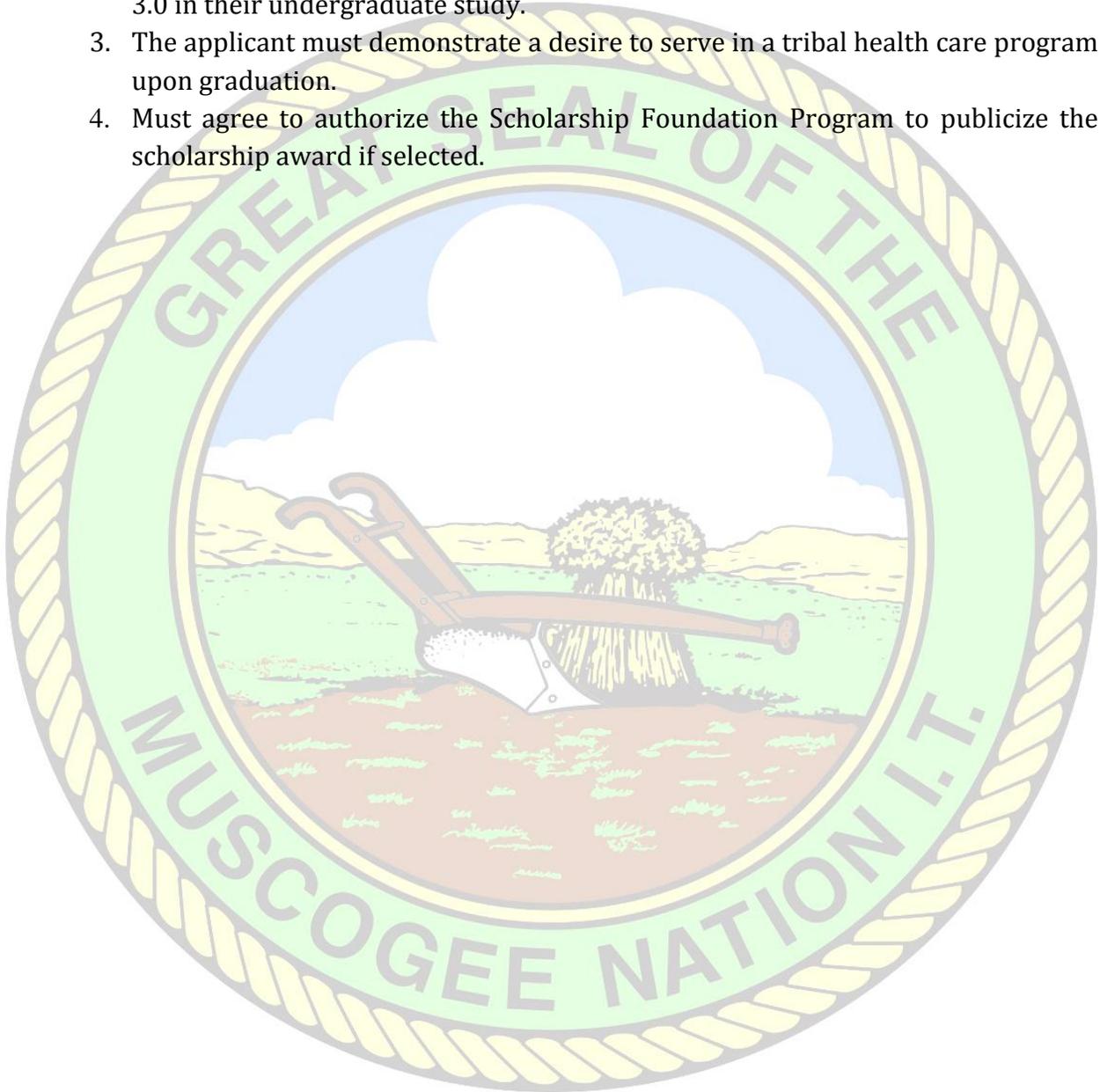
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Eligibility Guidelines

1. Must be an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation or a federally recognized tribe (preference to a Muscogee (Creek) citizen).
2. Must provide proof of acceptance into a graduate degree program in Health Care Management. Must provide official transcript reflecting an unweighted GPA of 3.0 in their undergraduate study.
3. The applicant must demonstrate a desire to serve in a tribal health care program upon graduation.
4. Must agree to authorize the Scholarship Foundation Program to publicize the scholarship award if selected.



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