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Hesci Muscogee Nation Scholars!

The Muscogee Nation Scholarship Foundation is excited to announce a new scholarship, the *Aristocrat Cokv Hecv Honors Program*! This Program was created to select and award Mvskoke Scholars that exhibit commitments to tribal leadership, participation, and community service. For our program first-year launch, ten (10) selected applicants will be selected for a \$5,000 scholarship! Please be sure to review ALL DETAILS throughout the application packet.

Scholars will be selected based off their applications and required documentation submission by an independent review committee. Ten (10) scholars for the Program's first scholar class. **In addition to the application, students will need to submit the following required documents:** 1.) Official Transcripts (e-script or paper copy-signed and sealed); 2.) three (3) letters of recommendation (example- tribal leader, professor/academic advisor, and employer); 3.) Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Citizenship Card; and, 4.) Institution enrollment verification (from academic advisor or bursar office). Answers and responses must be typed. Also, applications must be submitted IN FULL; incomplete applications will not be considered and reviewed.

APPLICATION DEADLINE is Monday, January 15th 2024 by 5:00 PM- NO EXCEPTIONS. All applications and required documentation must be received in the Scholarship Foundation office at the Muscogee Nation Complex in Okmulgee. Paper copy applications can be mail to our office and/or submitted by email (scanned, along with the required documents, and sent to Foundation@muscogeenation.com). Please insert "Festival Scholars Application" on your subject line. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

*Please note: official transcripts can be sent by your institution's e-script services. If sending a paper copy of official transcripts, the documents must be signed and sealed by your institution. We will not accept official transcripts that have been opened and unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.

Attached is a copy of the application for the Aristocrat Cokv Hecv Honors Program. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this program, please contact this office at (918) 732-7754. Mvto and Good Luck!

Best Regards,
Pete Coser, Jr., MHR
Director, Scholarship Foundation
The Muscogee Nation

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 taxed deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Aristocrat Cokv Hecv Honors Scholarship Program

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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Hesci! Mvto for your interest into the Cokv Hecv Honors Program. The goal of this scholarship program is to select outstanding Muscogee scholars from our tribal nation, campus community, and classroom that demonstrate leadership, community service, and overall commitment to the Muscogee Nation. In addition to receiving an award, honors scholars will be expected to attend a future conference that will be determined at a later date.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current Full Time Student, enrolled in an accredited college or institution of technology;
- If student selected for another Foundation award, the student is ineligible for the honors program;
- Must be a Muscogee Nation Citizen.

Required documentation for the Honors Program are:

- Completed Application with all required documents submitted;
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Citizenship Card;
- Official Transcript; submitted to our office either by the institution e-script services or by paper copy directly from the institution's bursar office, which must be signed and sealed by the bursar office;
- Next Term Class Schedule; schedule must have the institution's name, credit hours, course listing;
- Student Resume;
- And, three (3) letters of recommendation; the Foundation recommends diversifying your recommendations (ex. Tribal Leader, Academic Advisor or Professor, Employer or a mentor of your choosing).

If Selected, Honors Program Requirements to Receive Award:

- Thank You Letter to Donors;
- Must commit to at least one (1) Zoom visit;
- Attend future conference (pending);
- Commit to at least one (1) volunteer event with the Foundation, OR participate in one (1) MCN cultural event. Must be approved by Foundation Director
- Provide summary to the Scholarship Foundation at the end of term.

<i>Paper Application and Documents Copies Mailed To:</i> Muscogee Nation Attn: Scholarship Foundation PO Box 580 Okmulgee, OK 74447	<i>-OR- Applications and Documents can be scanned (official transcripts– must be sent by mail or e-script)</i> <u>Foundation@muscogeenation.com</u> <u>Subject Line: Aristocrat Cokv Hecv Application</u> <u>Submission</u>
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*Questions? Contact The Muscogee Nation Scholarship Foundation
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Please type your responses to each section

Section 1 Scholar Information

NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

MAILING ADDRESS _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

PRIMARY PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CURRENT STUDENT STATUS _____ GRADUATION DATE _____

FINANCIAL AID REPORTED EFC _____

RECEIVING MCN HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS? _____

APPLIED FOR FAFSA? _____

APPLIED FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS? _____

Section 2 Education Information

NAME OF INSTITUTION ATTENDING _____

INSTITUTIONAL MAILING ADDRESS _____

PROGRAM OF STUDY (MAJOR) _____

GPA? _____ DEGREE TYPE? _____

ATTENDED PREVIOUS INSTITUTIONS? _____

If yes, please list institutions and dates (months, years) attended:

List awards, honors, and scholarships received in the past 5 years:

How will the Aristocrat Cokv Hecv Scholarship help with you? What hidden costs (wi-fi, digital expenses, etc.) have you encountered with your student experience?

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Section 3 Short Answers (You may attach a separate paper for your responses)

- In two to three sentences, describe your career goal(s):
- What are your professional aspirations? What issues within the MCN and/or tribal communities do you hope to address? Please be specific in your topics and projects of interest (example: criminal jurisdiction, taxation, infrastructure, health care, education, etc.). How is your academic track and educational plans helping you achieve these goals?
- Describe your personal journey as a Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen and how it shapes your academic and professional goals

Section 4 Tribal Programs, Activities, Community Service, and Leadership (You may attach a separate paper for your responses)

- List campus and/or community participation (such as clubs, student organizations, student government, volunteerism, church, ceremonial grounds, tribal programs- Summer Youth Employment/Youth Works/Higher Education/Other, etc.). Please list your experiences for the past two years.
- Describe a specific activity or experience that has been important in clarifying or strengthening your educational commitment to the MCN and/or broader tribal community.
- Describe a leadership experience in which you made a difference on campus or in your tribal community.
- (Optional) What else would you like for us to know about you?

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Section 5 Essay (You may attach a separate paper for your responses)

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and MCN tribal citizens have made great impacts on our own Muscogee and US histories at different levels. The *McGirt*, *Indian Country USA*, and *Harjo v. Kleppe* cases have provided a foundation that has positively shaped tribal sovereignty overall. Ceremonial and political leaders provided our Nation a way to maintain our identity as *este-Mvskokvlke*, such as Chitto Harjo, Opethleyahola, and Phillip Deere, Sr. Additionally, the Muscogee Nation has numerous leaders that have contributed different fields of study and popular culture, such as Joy Harjo, Sterlin Harjo, and Will Sampson.

In 800 words or less, select a MCN court case or leader and: 1.) briefly explain the case or leader's impact; 2.) share how the case or leader impacts your field of study; and, 3.) how the case or leader influences your personal, educational, and professional life.