

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Foundation



George S. Coser Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Description

George Sonny Coser, Jr., (1948-2022) was a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Cussetah Tribal Town and the Fox Clan. He was proud to say he was a full-blood Muscogee. He fluently spoke Creek and was a passionate teacher of the language, culture, and history of the Creek people. He sang and danced at Pow-Wows and Stomp Dances and was a member of the Redland Drum Group.

In his life, George committed himself to sobriety and recovery, helping Creek and other Tribal youth and adults heal from the effects of historical and intergenerational trauma. George was a drug and alcohol counselor using language, song, dance, sweat lodge and other cultural practices to build resiliency for those on the journey to recovery.

The George S Coser Annual Memorial Scholarship is being offered by One Fire Associates in honor of George's life and all of his good teachings for love and wellness. The scholarship recipient should demonstrate themselves as a well-rounded average student taking a humanistic approach to education with a commitment to culture and recovery in their community. Scholarship selection is based on creativity in the form of a written project or research effort detailing an interactive community project in the areas of culture and recovery.

Amount of Scholarship Award \$1000 (Fall Only)

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.

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 agree to authorize the Scholarship Foundation Program to publicize the scholarship award if selected;
4. Must demonstrate a commitment to culture and recovery, with a project or research effort detailing and interactive community project.