



MESKWAKI NATION TRIBAL COURT

The Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa

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2024 Meskwaki Tribal Court Scholarship

The Meskwaki Tribal Court has created a scholarship opportunity to assist those Meskwaki students with strong leadership qualities, a commitment to serve the Meskwaki community, and proof of academic excellence to help offset the cost of college tuition, room and board and necessary supplies such as books. The Court encourages all students to further their education and become strong advocates for their tribal people, especially those with a future interest in a law related career such as advocates, attorneys, judges, court clerks, paralegals, law enforcement officers, and any other community safety or social services related positions.

The Meskwaki Tribal Court has established a one-time scholarship for **one \$500.00 scholarship to be awarded to a Meskwaki student graduating from Meskwaki High School or South Tama High School.**

Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship opportunity, the Applicant must be an enrolled member OR descendant of the Meskwaki Nation who is a graduating high school senior during the 2023-2024 academic school year from Meskwaki High School or South Tama High School and pursuing a post-secondary course of study (2 year or 4 year program).

Criteria for Selection

1. Applicant must be an enrolled member OR a descendant of the Meskwaki Nation who is a graduating high school senior at Meskwaki High School or South Tama High School.
2. Applicant must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
3. Applicant must be admitted to an approved college, university, trade and technical school and pursuing any degree of study.
4. Applicant must submit a completed application form and written essay.
5. Preference will be given to applicants who express a future interest in a law-related career with a strong commitment to serve the Meskwaki community, but any chosen fields can apply.

PROCEDURE FOR SCHOLARSHIP

1. **COMPLETED APPLICATION.** Applicants must complete the attached application form and essay and return it to the Meskwaki Tribal Court by 4:30pm on May 15, 2024.

Please hand-deliver, email, or mail applications to:

Meskwaki Tribal Court Scholarship Committee

Meskwaki Justice Center

307 Meskwaki Road, Tama, IA 52339

jco.court@meskwakicourt.org

Questions? Call Meskwaki Tribal Court at (641) 484-9300, ask for Alanna Holiday-Brown, Juvenile Corrections Officer, or email her at the address listed above.

2. **ESSAY.** As a part of the application, Applicants must complete a 300-500 word typed essay, double-spaced, 12 point font (see application form for topics to address).
3. **SELECTION.** Each completed application shall be reviewed and selection of the scholarship recipient will be made by the Meskwaki Tribal Court Scholarship Committee.
4. **PHOTO (optional):** Please submit a photo of good quality for use in tribal newsletter and other Tribal Court publications. Photo is optional and does not affect scholarship eligibility.
5. **AWARD RESTRICTIONS.** Scholarship must be used towards any two or four year course of study at an approved college, university, trade and technical school. Scholarship must be used during the first post-high school year. The recipient may receive the award only once.

NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered.

APPLICATION FOR
MESKWAKI TRIBAL COURT SCHOLARSHIP

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Meskwaki Name: _____

Clan Affiliation: _____

Enrolled or Descendent _____

Other Tribal Affiliation/s _____

Mailing Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Parents/Guardians Names _____

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Current High School _____ Grade Point Avg: _____

Other Notable Clubs/Organizations/Sports Achievements _____

Name and Address of College or University you plan to attend:

Date you plan to enter your post-secondary program: _____

Planned Areas of study: _____

WRITTEN ESSAY *(must be attached to this page and returned to Tribal Court)*

Please attach a **300-500 word** typed essay that addresses the following:

1. Tell us about yourself and why you chose your areas of study.
2. How has your family or cultural background influenced your values and beliefs?
3. How will you make a positive impact in our community with the help of this scholarship and the education you attain?
4. Describe a mentor or role model who has inspired you, and explain why.

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
STATEMENT AND APPLICANT SIGNATURE PAGE

I AM THE APPLICANT AND I STATE THAT:

- ▶ I hereby certify that the information provided on this application form is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- ▶ I plan to be a **full-time student** as defined by the Office of the Registrar of the institution I am attending.
- ▶ I agree to provide a copy of my official registration/acceptance letter to the Meskwaki Tribal Court Scholarship Committee.
- ▶ I consent to the release of information to the Meskwaki Tribal Court Scholarship Committee and other persons as necessary to determine my grade eligibility, budget, and financial need.
- ▶ If chosen to receive the scholarship, I understand that a check in the amount of \$500.00 will be made directly to the Financial Aid Office/Office of the Registrar of the school I am attending.
- ▶ If my plans change, I will **immediately** notify Meskwaki Tribal Court in writing (jco.court@meskwakicourt.org) and the Meskwaki Higher Education Department.

Applicant's Signature

Date

**IF APPLICANT IS UNDER AGE 18
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED:**

In accordance with any applicable right to privacy acts, in order to receive the above information, an authorized signature of a parent or guardian is needed to release this information if the applicant is less than 18 years of age as of the date the application is signed.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

(a copy of the signed document will be provided by Court staff to the Awardee and to Meskwaki Higher Ed. Dept)

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