

Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa Meskwaki Tribal Court



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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 these student leaders to further their education and become strong advocates for their tribal people with a future interest in a law related career such as advocates, attorneys, judges, court clerks, paralegals, probation officers, law enforcement officers, social worker, and any other law related positions. Preference is given to applicants who express interest in a law-related career; **HOWEVER, students in ALL AREAS OF STUDY** are encouraged to apply.

The Meskwaki Tribal Court has established one (1) single-time scholarship for \$500.00. Meskwaki students graduating from Meskwaki High School or South Tama High School are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Eligibility

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

Criteria for Selection

1. Applicant must be an enrolled member or descendant member 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** (2 or 4 year program).
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.

Procedure

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 10th.**

Please hand-deliver or mail application to:

**Meskwaki Tribal Court Scholarship Committee
Meskwaki Justice Center
307 Meskwaki Road
Tama, IA 52339**

If you have any questions, please call the Meskwaki Tribal Court at (641)484-9300.

2. **ESSAY.** As a part of the application, Applicants must complete a 300-400 word typed essay, double spaced, 12-point font, on what the Applicant envisions their future accomplishments will be, how his/her goals may relate to a future interest in a law-related career, and how the Applicant plans to serve the Meskwaki community or impact the future of the Meskwaki Nation. The winning Applicant's essay may be published in part in the Tribal Court's publications or may be published in an announcement in the Meskwaki Tribal Newsletter.
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:** Please submit a suitable photo of good quality for use in tribal newsletter and other Tribal Court publications. **Note:** Photo is optional and does not reflect on 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.

APPLICATION FOR MESKWAKI TRIBAL COURT SCHOLARSHIP

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

Meskwaki Name:

Clan Affiliation:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Date of Birth:

Telephone:

Tribe / Enrollment#:

Father's Name:

Meskwaki Name (if applicable):

Mother's Name:

Meskwaki Name (if applicable):

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

Current High School Grade Point Average:

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

Date you plan to enter your post-secondary program:

Intended Area of study:

WRITTEN ESSAY MUST BE ATTACHED:

Please attach a **300-400 word** typed essay, 12 point font, which explains:

1. What the Applicant envisions their future accomplishments will be;
2. How his/her goals relate to a future interest in a law-related career; and
3. How the Applicant plans to serve the Meskwaki community or affect the future of the Meskwaki Nation.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION, STATEMENT, AND APPLICANT SIGNATURE PAGE

THE APPLICANT BELOW STATES 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 **Court Administrator by July 31st.**

▶ 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.

Applicant's Signature

Date

IF APPLICANT IS UNDER AGE 18, PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE 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

*****END*****