

Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

GTC Resolution 1-30-10-A Oneida Higher Education Scholarship and Tiered Funding

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the General Tribal Council adopted resolution GTC-8-12-96A which created the Oneida Higher Education Scholarship for members in vocational, undergraduate and graduate education programs; and

WHEREAS, GTC-8-12-96A, and subsequent amendments to that resolution, require that students maintain particular grade point averages to be in good standing with the school they are attending, complete necessary applications, go through the Pell grant process, and submit progress reports to the Higher Education Department; and

WHEREAS, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to determine eligibility for any financial resources, such as state and federal grants and can help defray the costs to the Tribe in providing scholarships; and

WHEREAS, since 1996, the Oneida Tribe has provided financial assistance to members to attend colleges, universities and technical programs; and

WHEREAS, the General Tribal Council finds that program modifications are needed to ensure Higher Education Scholarships adequately meet the needs of Tribal members pursuing advanced degrees; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2009, the General Tribal Council accepted recommendations presented by the Business Committee which included providing a tiered

system for scholarships for Fiscal Year 2010, establishing a Higher Education Endowment Fund, and addressing the formula for room and board.

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Endowment law specifies that endowments are established by the Oneida Finance Committee, with final approval by the Oneida Business Committee, and managed by the Oneida Trust Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Higher Education Scholarship program shall consist of a tiered system in the following amounts, effective for the 2010-2011 academic school year:

- Vocational or undergraduate degree up to \$20,000 per year.
- Master's degree up to \$25,000 per year.
- Doctorate degree up to \$30,000 per year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that applicants for the Oneida Higher Education Scholarship shall complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to receiving a Higher Education Scholarship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the requirements of GTC-8-12-96A, and the subsequent amendments to that resolution, shall remain in effect.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Oneida Finance Committee shall establish a Higher Education Endowment Fund for future generations that shall be self perpetuating.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida General Tribal Council in session with a quorum of 1,375 members present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 30 day of Feb. 2010. That the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a unanimous vote of those present and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway.

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary Oneida Business Committee