



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



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.

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Resolution Adopting the Oneida Trust Scholarship Fund Policy and Procedures

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; and

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

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1 of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and

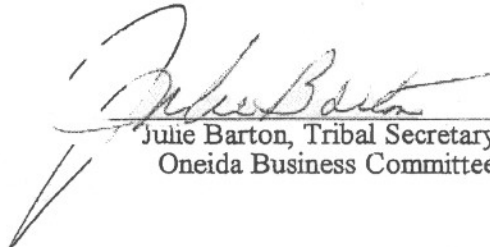
WHEREAS, the Oneida Trust and Scholarship Fund was created to provide financial assistance scholarships to assist eligible Oneida Tribal members in securing higher educational opportunities;

WHEREAS, many higher education institutions require pre-requisite classes and entrance examinations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Trust and Scholarship Fund be revised to provide financial assistance to eligible students for the purposes of fulfilling entrance requirements to gain admission to post secondary learning institutions.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum. 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 21st day of March, 2001; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not be rescinded or amended in any way,


Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

Oneida Trust Scholarship Fund
Policy and Procedures

Article I. Statement of Purpose

- 1-1. The primary purpose of this fund is to establish a trust resource for providing financial aid scholarships to assist eligible enrolled Oneida Tribal members in securing higher educational opportunities based on established criteria.
- 1-2. The General Tribal Council delegated the responsibility of developing a plan for the unused Individual Indian Monies held within the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee. That plan became the Oneida Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund.
- 1-3. The Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee recognizes that protection of the Oneida Tribe's future depends on the continued effort to assist tribal members in attaining their goal of higher education. It is essential that financial assistance be considered in the over all plan to attain the highest degree of education possible.
- 1-4. The Oneida Trust Committee respectfully requests that all recipients of the Oneida Trust Scholarship Fund keep in mind the prospect of returning to the Oneida Tribe to share their acquired knowledge, experience, and education to benefit the Oneida Tribe as a whole.

Article II. Eligibility and/or Qualifications

- 2-1. Eligibility and/or qualifications shall consist of three basic principles:
 - (a) Enrolled members in the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.
 - (b) Students must be seeking entrance requirements in the form of required classes or entrance college exams in order to become officially accepted into a post secondary learning institution. The applicant must have applied for admission or been accepted into an accredited college or university, or privately owned, operated, and recognized institution.
 - (c) Any and all scholarships will remain dependent on the student being in good standing with the Oneida Higher Education Department and/or the post-secondary institution. A 2.0 grade point average for undergraduates and a 3.0 for graduate students where applicable.
- 2-2. The Oneida Trust Scholarship Fund shall be limited in nature and contributions to the Oneida Higher Education Office shall only be made for the amount approved by the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee dependent upon the guidelines in Article 5 of this document.

Article III. Selection

- 3-1. Awards will be based on the order of receipt of applications until the available funds are exhausted.
- 3-2. Applications will be based on availability of funds.

Article IV. Application Process

- 4-1. Applicants must apply each semester/term and be approved prior to the start of the course(s) or exam. Applicants whose application is received after this time period will be considered under Article 3-1.
- 4-2. Submit all required paperwork twenty (20) calendar days prior to the scheduled start date to ensure timely processing.

Article V. Guidelines

- 5-1. The following guidelines are established to assist with the determination of the financial award:
 - (a) Expenditures of the Oneida Trust Scholarship Funds shall be a resource of last resort.
 - (b) All traditional resources must be expended, unavailable, or depleted. This is a limited resource assistance not to exceed \$1,000 per school year.
 - (c) If for any reason there is an unexpended surplus of the allocated annual fund and there are no applicants whose requests for assistance were denied the Higher Education Office may increase the annual \$1,000 limit. The disposition of this additional expenditure shall be based on academic achievement, need, and a precondition that other qualified students' needs have been satisfied.
 - (d) The Trust Scholarship is considered taxable income to the recipient. It is the student's responsibility to determine the tax consequences. The Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin is not liable for any tax consequences which may result to the recipient from the distribution of scholarship funds.
 - (e). The final decision to make an award is the responsibility of the Oneida Higher Education Office.

Article VI. Appeal

6-1. In the event a student wishes to appeal, the following procedures shall be followed:

- (a) Any applicant that has been denied funding may file either personally or through a representative an appeal for reconsideration of funding.
- (b) The appeal shall be filed with the Oneida Higher Education Director. The appeal shall be in written form and provided to the Director within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of notification of denial.
- (c) If an agreement cannot be reached by the applicant and the Higher Education Director, the applicant may file an appeal with the Education Review Committee within ten (10) calendar days of receiving the decision from the Higher Education Director. The decision of the Educational Review Committee shall be final.

6-2. The Education Review Committee shall consist of the Area Manager of Education and Training, Oneida Trust Department Director, and one member of the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee.

- (a) In the event a conflict of interest occurs within the Education Review Committee a designee shall represent the conflicted body.

Article VII. Budgetary and Reporting Responsibilities

7-1. Expenditures are based on the Trust annual disbursement, 50% of total return (interest, dividends, capital gains) earned shall be dedicated to the funding of the Trust Scholarship and 50% of the total disbursement shall be reinvested in the principal.

7-2. The annual disbursement shall be valued by the Oneida Trust Committee during the month of January. The amount shall be derived from the Trust Scholarship Portfolio per the Investment Policy, which is designed to maintain the principal as perpetual. The Trust contribution shall be paid to the Higher Education Office in July.

- (a) Semi-Annual reports shall be provided to the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee by the Oneida Higher Education Office by October 1 and April 1 of each year.
- (b) Information shall be detailed in order to allow the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee to prepare semi-annual reports to the Oneida General Tribal Council on expenditures of the fund.
- (c) Semi-annual reports shall include information on awards from the Higher Education Office to the Oneida Trust Committee and the report shall consist of the scholarship award amount, school, major seeking, and status with no identifying information of the recipient.

7-3. The Oneida Higher Education Office shall:

- (a) Provide notification to the General Tribal Membership through the Tribal newspaper and Oneida Higher Education brochures that the Oneida Trust Scholarship funds are available.
- (b) Provide the Oneida community and interested individuals with a brief outline of the policies and procedures.
- (c) Utilize and develop internal systems which will assure there are standard application forms which contain a statement stressing the contents of the Policy Statement, insure that requests are of last resource nature, standardize a student signature sheet to indicate the student understands and agrees to the rules of the program and develop other internal controls as needed.
- (d) Maintain case files of all requests and disposition of same.
- (e) Maintain minutes of all meetings that provide disposition of all requests.

Article VIII. Management

8-1. Management and authority of the Oneida Trust Scholarship Fund remains the responsibility of the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee.

8-2. Management of the allocated scholarship portion of the Oneida Trust Scholarship fund shall be delegated to the Oneida Higher Education Office. No Higher Education Office administrative charges are authorized from the Oneida Trust Scholarship Fund.

8-3. Management shall include:

- (a) Internal guidelines
- (b) Standardization of Forms
- (c) Draw down of funds by the Oneida Trust Committee for scholarship allocation.

IX. Students in Default

9-1. Students who are in default with previous student loans will not be eligible to receive this Scholarship Fund until all accounts have been remedied with proper documentation.

X. Policy Review

10-1. The Oneida Higher Education Office and the Oneida Trust Committee shall jointly review and update this policy in the month of July on an annual basis as requested. Any changes shall be in writing, requiring official action by the Oneida Trust Committee, and shall not be on a case by case basis. The purpose for restrictions would be to assure that the limited resources are expended consistent with this policy.

10.2 In the event a conflict arises as to the guidelines for the Oneida Trust Scholarship, the guidelines as stated in the current Oneida Higher Education Office handbook shall take precedence.

Chairperson, Oneida Trust Committee

Date

Education and Training Area Manager

Date

Original approved by Oneida Trust Committee on 09/25/1990
Revision approved by Oneida Trust Committee on 04/11/2000

Presented for Public Hearing on: October 19, 2000

Approved by the Legislative Operating Committee on: March 19, 2001

Presented to the Oneida Business Committee for approval on: March 21, 2001

Oneida Trust Scholarship Fund Application

Purpose: *The primary purpose of this fund is to establish a trust resource for providing financial aid scholarships to assist eligible enrolled Oneida Tribal members in securing higher educational opportunities based on established criteria. The purpose includes but is not limited to offering financial aid assistance to individuals who are seeking entrance requirements in the form of required classes or entrance college exams in order to become officially accepted into a post-secondary learning institution.*

Last name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____ (Maiden): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Birth Date: _____ Telephone Number: _____
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Name & Address of College/University: _____

Major or Program seeking: _____ Degree seeking: _____

Are you in default with student loans? Yes No

➡ Please attach an official letter from the college/universities indicating what requirements you needed in order to become officially accepted.

Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer						
Course Name	Course Number	Credits	Tuition Cost	Book Cost	Start Date	End Date

The Trust Scholarship is a resource of last resort:

- a. For what other funding resources have you applied? _____

- b. Are you eligible for other funding resources? _____

The Oneida Trust Committee respectfully requests that all recipients of the Oneida Trust Scholarship Fund keep in mind the prospect of returning to the Oneida Tribe to share their acquired knowledge, experience, and education to benefit the Oneida Tribe as a whole.

If approved, explain how you plan to share your educational knowledge and experience to benefit the Oneida Tribe. Acceptance of these funds does not guarantee employment with the Tribe.

I certify the above information and attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If granted assistance, I will use it only for educational expenses and purposes. Any false information may jeopardize my chances of securing financial assistance. I also agree that by signing this document, I release the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin from all liability on account of any claim I have or may have, or that my heirs, executors, or personal representatives may have, against the Tribe because of personal injuries sustained by me as a result of my involvement with the Oneida Trust Scholarship fund.

Applicant Signature

Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TRIBAL ENROLLMENT OFFICE:

I certify that the above named individual is _____ degree Oneida, his/her enrollment # _____ according to the Oneida Tribal Enrollment.

Tribal Certifying Official

Date