

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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



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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SPECIAL RESOLUTION # 7-24-02-A

Amendment to the Education Resolution #8-12-96-A

WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the duly recognized governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin,

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee may be delegated duties and responsibilities by the Oneida General Tribal Council and is at all times subject to the review powers of the Oneida General Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council has responsibility for the health, education, and welfare of the Oneida people, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council has expressed concern for the well being of the Oneida people to the Seventh Generation, and

WHEREAS, the United States government continues to abrogate the Oneida Treaty of 1838, and continues to breach its trust responsibility to the Oneida Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has severely cut educational programs for American Indians and tribal governments in its attempt to balance the federal budget, and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin does not provide adequate funding to Indian tribes for educational purposes, and

WHEREAS, Oneida students are required to apply for Pell Grants as part of their financial aid request in order to determine eligibility for scholarship assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Oneida Tribe, and

WHEREAS, numerous students have been denied full scholarships or no scholarship at all because of family income, and

WHEREAS, the income guidelines of the federal government, which have been adopted by the Oneida Tribe, place an undue burden and hardship on Oneida students and families, and

WHEREAS, the education of Oneida members is a top priority of the Oneida people, and mandates that the Oneida people invest in the future well being of the Oneida Tribe, and the Oneida Tribe wishes to encourage its youth to be successful in high school in anticipation of going on to colleges and vocational schools, and

WHEREAS, there are professional doctoral students who are currently in good academic standing but are on probation with the Higher Education Office because their grade point averages are below 3.0 and stand to lose their scholarship, and

WHEREAS, the investment in our members is an investment in the future of the Oneida Tribe;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida General Tribal Council hereby directs the Oneida Business Committee to provide scholarships to Oneida students who are enrolled tribal members, and who are enrolled in a full or part time accredited vocational program, college or university up to a maximum amount of \$20,000 per year because not all schools require the same amount, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida General Tribal Council hereby directs the Oneida Business Committee to provide said scholarships commencing in the fall semester of 1996, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Oneida students who are enrolled tribal members will be awarded scholarships regardless of their family income, and provided that they are accepted into a post secondary education program, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Oneida students enrolled in a vocational or undergraduate program will be required to maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average in order to maintain the scholarship, and students enrolled in a graduate program will be required to maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average in order to maintain the scholarship, however, the Higher Education Office is allowed to utilize a school's grading policies for those professional doctoral degrees where a grade point average below 3.0 is an acceptable average to remain in good standing, and

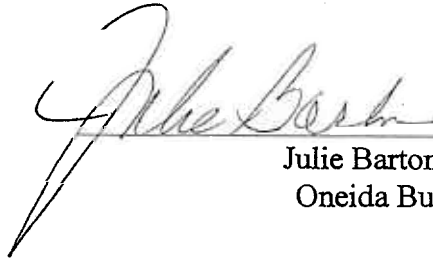
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Oneida students are required to fill out a higher education application and go through the Pell Grant process, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Oneida students are required to submit a progress report to the Tribe either on a quarterly basis or on a semester basis depending upon what system the institution uses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee is hereby responsible for enacting future amendments relating to the scholarships, with notification provided to the General Tribal Council, at the first opportunity, either at the Annual or Semi-Annual Meeting, whichever is sooner.

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. 5 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 24th day of July, 2002; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 4 members for; 0 members against; 0 member not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee