



TOKNAWA VNICKV FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS CMN TUITION WAIVER/GRANT APPLICATION

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For Non-Muscogee citizens who are enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe, the College of the Muscogee Nation (CMN) Tuition Waiver/Grant may award up to \$1500.00 toward a CMN student's OSUIT Bursar balance to pay toward the cost(s) of CMN coursework, required textbooks, fees, on-campus housing, meal plans, and other CMN educational expenses. Although CMN does not process or administer Federal Financial Aid students applying for the CMN Scholarship are required to submit the FAFSA in order to determine his/her eligibility for the scholarship. Students in a degree seeking program at OSUIT may be eligible for federal and state grants through the U.S. Department of Education.

Please see Eligibility Requirement 3 below for further instructions on completing the FAFSA. After submitting your completed FAFSA, you will receive an award letter from OSUIT Student Financial Services. On the OSUIT award letter, there will be ESTIMATES of the grants, scholarships and loans you may be eligible for. If you are a continuing student, there may be an ESTIMATED amount for the CMN Tuition Waiver/Grant based on past awards; however the amount of your CMN Scholarship will vary each semester.

The College of the Muscogee Nation discourages borrowing of student loans, addressed in detail on the final page of this application **Statements of Understanding Relating to Student Financial Aid**. If you have any questions, please refer to our website, www.mvsktc.org or contact the Dean of Student Affairs, Monte Randall at (918) 549-2817 or mrandall@muscogeenation-nsn.gov.

The following criteria are considered:

1. Students must be an enrolled member of a federally-recognized tribe. Students must present an original **Tribal Enrollment Card** to be copied and included in the application (**no CDIB cards**).
2. Students must be currently enrolled in the College of the Muscogee Nation and/or auditing courses through CMN. Students who are enrolled in 6 or more credit hours per semester must have a **CMN Plan of Study** for their degree or certificate program on file.
3. Once per academic year students **MUST** complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. This may be done online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> and sent to OSUIT School Code **003172**. The priority filing deadline for Oklahoma grant funding is March 1. The CMN deadline for filing FAFSA is 2 weeks before classes begin. If you have missed either deadline, please file the FAFSA as soon as possible.
4. Seek funding from the tribe in which you are enrolled.
5. Complete the CMN Tuition Waiver/Grant Application every academic year.
6. Non-degree seeking students taking a class for credit must earn at least 1 credit hour per semester with a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
7. Degree seeking students must make Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), which means that you must earn 70% of all hours attempted with a minimum grade point average of 2.0. (For more information regarding SAP, please the CMN Student Handbook, available online at www.mvsktc.org).
Note: We support academic success. However, we understand that there may be a situation in which there is a need to stop taking a course. In this case, it is necessary to drop the course within the add/drop period (10 business days after the first day of instruction) or withdraw from the course (See the Academic Calendar for "Last day to Withdraw") to avoid problems with scholarship and financial aid eligibility.

*Application for the CMN Tuition Waiver/Grant does not guarantee applicant will be awarded a tuition waiver. If there is a zero-balance on a student's OSUIT Bursar account after other financial aid grants and scholarships have been applied, a CMN Tuition Waiver/Grant will not be awarded. Likewise, if the balance on a student's OSUIT Bursar account is less than \$1,500 after other financial aid grants have been applied, the CMN Tuition Waiver/Grant will be only for the balance that remains.

Incomplete applications cannot be processed and will be returned to the applicant.



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1. Last Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____ First: _____ Middle Initial: _____

2. Permanent Address: _____ Phone: _____

3. Name of Parent/Guardian (If dependent): _____ Phone: _____

4. Student ID Number: _____ - _____ - _____

5. E-mail address: _____

6. Name of federally-recognized tribe: _____ Tribal Enrollment Number: _____

7. Date you contacted your tribe for funding: _____ Name of Tribal Contact: _____

8. Address of Tribal Contact: _____

9. Gender: Male _____ Female _____

10. Will you live on campus? Yes _____ No _____

11. Date FAFSA was filed and sent to School Code 003172: _____

12. Check all that apply: AUDIT: _____ New Student: _____ Concurrent Enrollment: _____ Transfer: _____

13. Name of High School: _____ or GED completion date: _____

14. List all Higher Education institutions where you have previously completed coursework, and dates attended:

15. CMN Degree or Certificate Program: _____

16. OSUIT Degree or Certificate Program: _____

17. Career Goal: _____

18. Are you a member of Phi Theta Kappa? _____ When did you become a member? _____



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The goal of the CMN Office of Financial Aid/Scholarships is to ensure that students receive financial aid to meet their documented financial need and to make students aware of financial aid issues that may affect their continued enrollment. Therefore, these **Statements of Understanding** are to provide students information relating to the packaging of financial aid.

A student’s financial aid package cannot exceed their Cost of Attendance budget set by OSUIT. A situation where financial aid exceeds the cost of attendance results in an *over-award*, and OSUIT will make corrections to the financial aid package by reducing the amount of financial aid offered to the student.

STATEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING RELATING TO FINANCIAL AID

1. I am required to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov and send it to OSUIT if I am a degree-seeking student and/or enrolled in 6 or more credit hours. The Federal School Code for OSUIT is 003172.
2. If additional funding received causes my award package to exceed my cost of attendance, it could result in a reduction in my financial aid for future semesters.
3. In the event my award package cannot be reduced in future semesters, I will be responsible for paying back the financial aid.
4. I will not be able to register for the next semester if I have a balance due on my account.
5. The College of the Muscogee Nation will not be responsible for repaying this balance by using CMN Tuition Waiver/Grant money or any other means.
6. If my financial need increases due to hardship, I will make an appointment with the CMN Office of Financial Aid/Scholarships to provide documentation and discuss my options.
7. I am responsible for reporting additional financial resources to CMN and OSUIT as soon as I become aware that I will receive the financial aid.
8. The CMN Tuition Waiver/Grant will be credited to my OSUIT Bursar balance for CMN Expenses after all other forms of financial aid grants and scholarships have been applied.

“I hereby certify that the application information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. A College of the Muscogee Nation Representative has reviewed this information with me. I understand all of the conditions and I agree to fulfill all of the requirements listed in this application. I understand if I fail to meet any of these conditions and/or requirements it may result in the loss of the CMN Tuition Waiver/Grant.”

 Student Printed Name Date

 CMN Representative Date

 Student Signature

 Student ID Number

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH YOUR
 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD.**