



Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Counselors, JOM Personnel, Title VI Personnel, Teachers, Parents, & Students

FROM: Oklahoma Council for Indian Education

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society & Scholarships

The Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society (OISHS) application is enclosed. Nominated students must have a cumulative 3.9 GPA or above. The GPA can be attained through weighted or unweighted calculation. Students must use grades through the previous semester (Fall 2017) for their nominations. Membership is annual. **Students must meet qualifications, submit the nomination information, and pay a \$12.00 membership fee each year.** Students who meet the definition of Indian under the Title VI Indian Education Program may qualify in addition to those students who possess tribal membership or a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB).

The Oklahoma Council for Indian Education sponsors three scholarships. To apply for the scholarships, students must be members of the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society. The established scholarships are for one year and are \$1,000 each. The three scholarships are: 1) John Sam Memorial Scholarship for high school seniors only; 2) Alice Tonemah Memorial Scholarship for education majors (high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate college students); and 3) Marlene LeClair/Helen Wright Scholarship for high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate college students.

Students may apply for more than one scholarship, but each application must be complete. Supporting documents must be duplicated for each scholarship application. Scholarship recipients will be asked to update their portfolios for nomination for the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) scholarships.

Submit OISHS nomination information and scholarship application(s) to:

Oklahoma Council for Indian Education
Attn: Lucyann Harjo, Norman PS Indian Education Program
4100 North Flood
Norman, OK 73069
Email: Lharjo2@norman.k12.ok.us

If you have questions or need more information, call: 405-366-5809.

Deadline: Postmark by March 9, 2018. No exceptions.



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NOMINATION CRITERIA & INSTRUCTIONS

The Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society (OISHS) was established in the fall of 1989 to recognize outstanding American Indian student leaders. Membership is open to high school students in grades 9 through 12 and undergraduate and graduate level college students. To date, the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society has inducted 13,999 students. The purpose of the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society is to recognize and honor Oklahoma Indian students who achieve the highest standards in academics, leadership, service to tribe and community, and moral character.

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1. **ACADEMIC ENROLLMENT:** The nominee must be enrolled in a minimum of four (4) regular courses in an accredited secondary school (grades 9-12) within the State of Oklahoma or be enrolled for a minimum of six (6) hours in an accredited institution of high learning within the State of Oklahoma.
2. **TRIBAL IDENTITY:** The nominee must be "Indian" as defined by **Title VI, Indian Education** or **provide other supporting tribal documentation**. A copy of student's Title VI form, tribal ID, CDIB or letter certifying enrollment from Indian Education Director will suffice.
3. **SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT:** The nominee must have a cumulative **3.9 GPA** average or above. This GPA can be calculated as either weighted or unweighted. High school freshmen and college freshmen must use the previous semester grades for their nomination (Fall 2017).
4. **SERVICE/LEADERSHIP:** The nominee must participate in one or more school, community, or tribal events that demonstrate leadership skills and volunteer service.
5. **CHARACTER:** The student must be nominated by the local Indian Education staff, school administrator, teacher, counselor, parent or guardian, or other community members who can affirm the student's high standards for ethics and moral character.
6. **INDIAN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:** The nominee must show participation in Indian cultural activities sponsored by Title VI, Johnson O'Malley, tribal functions or activities, or other tribal organizations. **The nominee must list specific examples. Listing "JOM" or "Title VI" will not be accepted.**
7. **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:** The student must meet qualifications, apply for membership, and pay the \$12.00 membership each year by money order, cashier's check, credit card or purchase order. **NO CASH or PERSONAL CHECKS will be accepted. Failing to pay membership fee by proper means will make your application incomplete. There is no refund on membership fees.**

OISHS Checklist of Requirements:

- ___ Tribal Membership/CDIB/Title VI Form/Statement of Title VI eligibility
- ___ Cumulative 3.9 GPA with transcript (official or unofficial)
- ___ List Service and Leadership Activities
- ___ List Indian Cultural Activities
- ___ **\$12.00 Membership Fee (Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE. Money Order, Cashier's Check, Credit Card or PO Only)**
Payable to Oklahoma Council for Indian Education

An induction ceremony and reception will be held at the Choctaw Casino Resort April 26, 2018. Reservation forms and more information will be sent with OISHS membership confirmations.



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OISHS NOMINATION FORM

Deadline: Must be postmarked by March 9, 2018. No exceptions.

Student Name: _____

(Type or print your name as you would like for it to appear on your certificate and in the OISHS program.)

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Student Phone Number _____ Student/Parent Email _____

Tribal Affiliation(s) _____

(Copy of student's Title VI form, tribal ID, CDIB or letter certifying enrollment from Indian Education Director)

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____ Grade Classification _____

(Transcript must be attached.)

Nominator _____ Nominator Title: _____

Nominator E-Mail _____ Nominator Phone #: _____

School Name _____

School Address/City/State/Zip _____

School Phone # _____ School Fax # _____

These activities are REQUIRED to be considered for OISHS. Incomplete packets will not be reviewed or accepted. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

Service/Leadership _____

Indian Cultural Activities _____

(List specific examples. Listing "JOM" or "Title VII" will not be accepted.)

Signature of Nominator _____ Date _____

Return complete nomination packet to:

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JOHN SAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM For High School Seniors Students

Name _____ M _____ F _____
(Type or print in ink.)

Address _____
Address City/State Zip Code

Phone # _____ Tribal Affiliation(s) _____

School Name _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Activities and/or Organizations _____

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

The scholarship award is \$1,000.00 and is a one time scholarship. Payment will be made in the fall of 2018 when confirmation of enrollment and attendance at a university or college is received.

Checklist of Eligibility Documentation Criteria:

1. ___ Completed Application
2. ___ Official School Transcript
3. ___ Student Letter of Intent (a 200 – 500 word letter from the student stating intended college, field of study, future plans, and what influenced their choices.)
4. ___ Recommendation letter (school staff, Title VI, JOM, Tribal Leader, Community Leader, etc.)
5. ___ Copy of CDIB, Tribal membership Card/Letter, or statement of meeting Title VI eligibility
6. ___ Letter from school official documenting legal address (if not on official transcript)
7. ___ Copy of Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society Application (must be a member of OISHS)

***If you are applying for multiple scholarships, you must provide multiple copies of the above listed documentation. The OISHS Scholarship Committee will not make copies to create application packets. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH ALL ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS
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ALICE TONEMAH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

For High School Seniors or Collegiate Students Majoring in Education

Name _____ M _____ F _____
(Type or print in ink)

Address _____
Address City/State Zip Code

Phone # _____ Tribal Affiliation(s) _____

School Name _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Activities and/or Organizations _____

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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MARLENE LeCLAIR/HELEN WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP **APPLICATION FORM** **For High School Seniors and Collegiate Students**

Name _____ M _____ F _____
(Type or print in ink)

Address _____
Address City/State Zip Code

Phone # _____ Tribal Affiliation(s) _____

School Name _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Activities and/or Organizations _____

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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Payment Information

PAYMENT BY PURCHASE ORDER:

Please provide as much information as you can below to help with the billing process. You do not have to send a copy of the purchase order at the time the applications are due. We will send you an invoice if you indicate you will be paying by purchase order.

School Name: _____

School Billing Address: _____

Route/P.O. Box/Street & Number

City/State

Zip Code

School Phone Number: _____ School Fax Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Purchase Order #: _____ Purchase Order Amount: _____

Number of Students _____

Please attach a list of the students whose payment is included in this purchase order.

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PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD:

Credit or Debit Cards are acceptable

Name on Credit Card: _____

Credit Card Type: _____ Credit Card #: _____

Credit Card Expiration Date: _____ 3-digit code on back of CC: _____ Zip code: _____

Email address you would like receipt sent to: _____