

## **Georgetown Tribal Council Educational Housing Scholarships Principals and Policies**

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### **A. Purpose:**

Each school year, Georgetown Tribal Council provides Educational Housing Scholarships to Tribal members enrolled in post-secondary education, vocational or technical training. This scholarship is intended to help students by subsidizing the cost of housing while increasing their chances of success pursuing further education. All scholarship awards are dependant upon grant funding and the total number of qualified applicants; as a result the awards shall vary per semester.

### **B. Qualifications:**

1. Officially enrolled member of Georgetown Tribal Council.
2. Proof of current full-time enrollment in an educational institution.
3. Minimum of 2.0 GPA.
4. High School Diploma.
5. Meet low income criteria, determined by HUD and adjusted to census data of hometown or nearest census area.

### **C. Fund Distributions:**

1. Scholarship funds will be awarded to each qualified applicant with a maximum funding amount of \$1,000 per semester.
2. Grant funds are to be split evenly with 50% allocated for the 1<sup>st</sup> (fall) semester and 50% available for the 2<sup>nd</sup> (spring and summer) semester.
3. To receive funding in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, all continuing Scholarship Recipients shall submit transcripts to demonstrate grades that meet the required GPA.
4. After award distribution, any remaining funds shall be carried over to the remaining semester.
5. Although the scholarship is awarded for the full school year, the scholarship program shall be opened to new students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, with funds split evenly, within the established limits, to new and continuing Georgetown Housing Scholarship Award Recipients.

### **D. Review and Deadline Procedures:**

1. Each semester, one deadline, shall be advertised and open to all students.
2. All applications should be postmarked by the deadline.
3. Applications shall be reviewed by GTC staff to ensure all requirements are met.
4. Should a student overlook a portion of the application, GTC staff will notify the student in writing that he or she has 14 days to reply with all needed documentation.
5. Each school year, the application process begins anew. Despite any previous award, each student requesting funds shall submit a complete application.

E. Probationary Funding:

1. Students must have achieved a 2.0 GPA to receive and continue receiving the Georgetown Housing Scholarship Award.
2. Should a current recipient fail to maintain the required GPA, the Council shall grant funding for a one-time only Probationary Funding period.
3. This Probationary Funding is available once during a student's lifetime and does not apply to the initial application. All first time applicants must have a 2.0 GPA to be considered.
4. Should the student fail to raise the GPA to 2.0, he or she is not eligible for funding until the grades are raised to the required standard. If this student improves his or her GPA to 2.0, the student is again eligible to receive the scholarship. However, this student will not be eligible for Probationary Funding.

F. Additional General Policies:

1. Before the end of the grant period and the return of any unspent funds, the Council shall retain the right to re-scope the grant work-plan and spend funds to best serve the interest of the tribe, within the approved objectives of the granting agency.
2. Tribal Administrator or appointed representative has final approval of scholarship awards.

CERTIFICATION

This policy adopted on September 7, 2006 by the Georgetown Tribal Council through Resolution Number 06-23.