

# **Educational Enrichment Program**

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## **Purpose:**

The Educational Enrichment Program is established to allow enrolled Mille Lacs Band members and first generation descendants an opportunity to pursue educational opportunities outside of a college/university experience. The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (MLBO) recognizes that "Education is Life" and that not all opportunities for personal development, training, and education happen in colleges and universities. The Enrichment program is designed for those other valuable opportunities.

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

Students must be an enrolled Mille Lacs Band member or have the ability to prove a biological parent is an enrolled member.

*Enrollment will be verified. For your enrollment number or status you may contact the Enrollments Office (320) 532-4181.*

The student must be 18 years of age or older or a minor pursuing an adult education opportunity. Minor may also attend opportunities that are endorsed by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, or those which the MLBO is a partner to the organization.

- **CALL the Higher Education office FIRST, to verify if the proposed activity is allowable.**

## **How the Program Works:**

The Educational Enrichment Program is limited to **one award** every **MLB Fiscal year (October 1- September 30)**. The award is a maximum amount of \$500, depending on the cost or fee associated with the activity/class. Only the exact amount of the activity/class will be paid unless the activity/class is more than \$500. The amount awarded is in the sole discretion of the Scholarship committee and/or Commissioner of Education. The Educational Enrichment Program is first come first served until funds are expended for the fiscal year.

- If "Verification of Completion" form is not sent back to the Higher Education Office, it will result in **repayment through an Assignment of Per Capita Distribution or Promissory Note.**
- **No Reimbursements will be given.**
- **You must apply at least two weeks prior the activity.**

- **In addition, no outstanding bills from previous years will be paid.**
- Enrichment Awards will only pay for registration and/or required supplies for activities, trips, and classes.
- Educational Enrichment will not pay for hotels, meals, or transportation. Computers, class rings, senior/family pictures, school uniforms, instruments, or any other school supply will not be eligible. College tuition or college related expenses including book reimbursements or application fees are not eligible to be funded.
- Athletic memberships to gyms or fitness clubs will not be paid including any Martial Arts. In addition, any sponsorship for various team sports (golf, bowling, volleyball, etc.) will not be covered by this program.

### **Application Process:**

1. Complete the ***Educational Enrichment Program Application***.
2. Complete an ***Assignment of Per Capita Distribution Form*** if you are a Mille Lacs Band member or ***Promissory Note Form*** if you are a first generation descendant.
3. Send the above completed forms with the appropriate ***justification information including cost and contact person*** for the activity/class you would like to attend.
4. After attending the activity/class, you must contact the Higher Education Office so that a ***Verification of Completion Form*** can be sent/given to you.

### **Allowable Education Enrichment activities\*\***

- 1) Community Education Classes.
- 2) Non-degree and/or non-credit (College/Tech School/University) activities, training and classes.
- 3) Educational or culturally related trips, camps, or activities.
  - A parent/guardian attending a camp, field trip, etc. with their child
  - Educational Tours/Trips
  - Workshops or seminars
  - Training not associated with a college/tech school or university

\*\*Keep in mind for the above allowable activities, only the registration fee will be paid.