

2008
G.C. & Ruth Whitmore Memorial Scholarship
Eligibility and Application Procedures

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✚ The Memorial Scholarship is for enrolled members of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation (OBSN).
- ✚ Applicants must be current high school seniors or college students (freshman, sophomore, junior or senior) working toward an accredited degree and enrolling/enrolled in a two year or four-year college or university.
- ✚ Applicants must be enrolled as full-time students and at least a college freshman by the fall of 2008 semester. However, applicants who are presently attending a college/university must have been enrolled during the fall of 2007 semester.
- ✚ An applicant(s) who receives the scholarship once will not be eligible to receive it again.

APPLICATION, SCREENING AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

- ✚ All applicants must submit a complete application package postmarked no later than **March 14, 2008**.
- ✚ It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the application package is complete and on time. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered or acknowledged. *Fax or email applications or documentations will not be accepted.*
- ✚ The scholarship committee will make a decision based on academic achievement, American Indian activities, extracurricular activities, volunteer service/community involvement, awards and honors, references, and essay. An interview with the applicants will also be part of the selection process.
- ✚ Applicants will be notified of their final status by mid-May. Winner(s) will be notified by an award letter.
- ✚ The winner(s) will be formally announced during the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation Spring Pow Wow in June 13-14, 2008.

MAILING INFORMATION:

- ✚ Place all of the required materials, unfolded, in the same 9"x12" (or larger) envelope.
- ✚ **Please: No Staples, No Paper Clips, No Folding.**
- ✚ Mail the complete application package to:

OBSN Tribal Office
PO Box 356
Mebane, North Carolina 27302-0356

- ✚ ***Make sure your application package is postmarked no later than March 14, 2008.***
- ✚ If you have questions, please contact Wanda Whitmore-Penner, Scholarship Chair, at 910.875.3110 (evenings)/email: osaponi@hotmail.com or the OBSN Tribal Office at 910.304.3723.

PLEASE CHECK THE BOXES TO ENSURE YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE IS COMPLETE:

- This G.C. & Ruth Whitmore Memorial Scholarship Application Form:** A photocopy of application form is acceptable.
- Proof of your status as an enrolled member of the OBSN** (photo copy of tribal card).
- Recent photograph of the applicant applying for the scholarship.** This will be used in the OBSN Newsletter to announce the winner(s) of the scholarship.
- Official high school or college transcript; whichever applies.** Please cross out your social security number if it is not needed.
- Copy of ACT, SAT or other examinations scores:** This is required for applicants who are high school seniors; optional for all other applicants.
- Three written letters of recommendation:** one (1) from a community leader (i.e. pastor, Boy/Girl Scout Leaders, one (1) your counselor/advisor, and one (1) from a teacher or professor (*All reference letters must be individually enveloped, signed and sealed by the reference source*). Family members or a member of the OBSN Tribal Council are not acceptable references.
- Essay:** Typed, double-spaced, essay not exceeding one page on the topic: *“How can American Indians live in the modern world without losing their cultural identity?”* This essay should be inclusive of your college plans and goals.
- List and briefly describe:** awards, honors, volunteer service/community involvement, extracurricular activities and involvement of any American Indian activities (i.e. pow wows, fundraisers, community events).
- Optional:** On a separate sheet of paper (typed and double space and 500 word limit), write a brief statement of any financial hardships you may have. Please attach this statement to your application.
- A copy of the admission/acceptance letter from a college or university.** If letter is not available, please make notation and send as soon as possible. No applicant will be awarded any scholarship money until the OBSN has received a copy of the paid tuition/enrollment receipt(s).

Please complete the following. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicant's Name: _____	
Complete Home Address: _____	
City, State, Zip: _____	
Home Telephone: _____	Email: _____
Date of Birth: _____	Place of Birth: _____
College/University (attending or planning to attend): _____	
Field of Study: _____	
<small>(If undeclared please print "undeclared at this time")</small>	
Class Status as of Fall term 2008 (must be at least a college freshman by fall term 2008)	
Circle one which applies: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior	

Certification: I certify that all information included with this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize the OBSN to verify all information.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____