

Educational Enrichment Program

APB Approval

Purpose:

The Educational Enrichment Program is established to allow enrolled Mille Lacs Band members and first generation descendants an opportunity to pursue educational opportunities such as: conferences, school sponsored community education, recertification of professional licenses, school summer camps, educational tours or trips and Mille Lacs Band partnered programming.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. 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.**
2. 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.**
3. If the student is required to fundraise through school or the organization the enrichment program will only fund the amount remaining once verified through the school or organization.

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 \$1000, 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 \$1000. The amount awarded is in the sole discretion of the Scholarship committee and/or Commissioner of Education.

- If "Verification of Completion" form is not sent back to the Higher Education Office, it will result in **denial of program use for the next 5 years.**
- **No Reimbursements will be given unless its verified that the agency will not accept a check.**
- **You must apply at least four weeks prior to 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. **See allowable activities.**

Application Process:

1. **Contact scholarship committee first to find out if your activity is covered.**
2. Complete the **ONLINE Educational Enrichment Program Application.**
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 to the agency for processing.

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 or camps.
 - Educational Tours/Trips
 - Summer camps
 - Ojibwe Language Camps
- 4) Professional certification, exams, license renewal fees.
- 5) Educational or Cultural Conferences registration fees

Examples: WEWIN, NIEA, NIGA, NCAI, RES, NAFOA and MIEA

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