

2011 - 2012 “Ghigau” (beloved woman) Scholarship Program

Scholarship Overview

The “Ghigau Scholarship” is an annual scholarship program that awards 1 \$500.00 scholarship to a Cherokee student attending a college or university in the United States, Canada, or other Indigenous community.

The scholarship is given in honor of the Cherokee Tribe and to celebrate the family of Dr. Lisa Byers and her children, Brady and Halle (all Cherokee tribal members). The scholarship is also a way of supporting the education and capacity-building of the Cherokee student population.

Scholarship Requirements

1. The Ghigau Scholarship will be given to a Cherokee tribal member/student who is into or registered at a college or university (preferably studying Social Work or American Indian Studies).
2. The scholarship is a 1-time award of \$500.00. The recipient and non-awardees are encouraged to re-apply in the following year (fall 2012).
3. The nominee must be an enrolled tribal member of the Cherokee tribe.

4. Preference will be given to those who are returning to their tribe or village following their college graduation.

Application Process

Please submit the following by **December 31, 2011** (late or emailed applications will not be reviewed):

Letter of interest, name, contact information, college major, academic level (Freshman, Sophomore, Graduate Student, etc.), and plans following graduation from college to:

Dr. Michael Niles (Wakshe)
4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64507
Department of Political Science, Social Work, & Sociology
Email: mniles@missouriwestern.edu
ATTN: Ghigau Scholarship Selection Committee

The finalists for the scholarship will be interviewed and awardees notified by **March 10, 2012**. The scholarships will be given out at an informal ceremony at the **MWSU Department of Political Science, Social Work, & Sociology – Indigenous Early Intervention Alliance**. Details of the ceremony will be provided at a later date.