MICHIGAN INDIAN TUITION WAIVER APPLICATION

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS

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TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT – Please print clearly in ink or type. An incomplete application may result in a denial and may extend processing time. Please provide copies of items marked with an asterisk (*) in red.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

NAME: Last First Middle Maiden

MAILING ADDRESS: Street City State Zip

CONTACT INFO: Phone # Cell phone # Email address:

BIRTHDATE __/__/__ SOCIAL SECURITY # XXX-XX-____ Drivers Lic/State ID#_____

Are you a Michigan resident? Y N If yes, have you resided in Michigan for the last 12 consecutive months? Y N

APPLICATION REQUEST (complete either new student or returning student box)

New student
Enrolling at (school) _____ **OR**
Dual enrolling at (schools) _____ and _____.

Continuing student
_____ Changing/updating personal information only **OR**

Transferring my MITW from _____ to _____.
OR
Dual enrolling at (schools) _____ and _____.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of institution: _____

Have you been accepted at your enrolling institution? Y N If yes, enter your student ID # if available: _____
Expected degree: ___ Certificate ___ Associates ___ Bachelors ___ Masters ___ Doctorate ___ Medical ___ Law

Enrollment Information: Semester/Term: _____ 20 ____ Are you a dually-enrolled high school student? Y ___N ____

TRIBAL INFORMATION - Please provide name and address of the U.S. Federally Recognized Tribe in which you are enrolled.
Tribe: _____ Please provide your Tribal Enrollment (ID) #:_____ *
Address: _____

1. I declare that the information provided on this form is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.
2. I agree that this information may be shared with my enrolling institution, my Tribe and may be used for statistical purposes by the MITW program.
3. I declare that by signing this form I have lived in Michigan for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the date on this application and that I am currently a Michigan resident.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT:

NAME _____

BIRTHDATE ___/___/___

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT # _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY TRIBE – Please print clearly in ink or type

I hereby certify that the above named applicant is ¼ (one quarter) or more degree of Native American blood quantum according to the available Tribal and/or Federal records.

AND

I hereby certify that the above named applicant is an enrolled citizen of this Tribe, which is U.S. Federally Recognized.

Certifying Official's Name: (Signature) _____ Date: _____

Certifying Official's Name (print):_____

Title: _____

Name of Tribal Nation: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

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STUDENT: To apply for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW), you must:

- **Complete** the Student Sections of the MITW Application on pages 1 and 2. Be sure to attach copies of the required items {with asterisks (*) and noted in RED}.
- **Submit** the MITW application and all required documents to your Tribal Enrollment Department, requesting certification (on page 2).
- **Ensure** that your entire application, including the Tribally-certified section and accompanying documents are submitted to MDCR for verification. Typically, your Tribe will submit to MDCR after they complete their section of the application; however, they may return the documents to you. It is your responsibility to ensure the documents are submitted. **All signatures on the forms must be original; electronic signatures are not accepted.**

To be eligible for the MITW:

- You must qualify for admission at one of Michigan's public colleges or universities **AND**
- You must be ¼ or more Native American blood quantum as certified by your Tribal Enrollment Department **AND**
- You must be an enrolled citizen of a U.S. Federally Recognized Tribe as certified by your Tribal Enrollment Department **AND**
- You must be a legal resident of the state of Michigan for no less than 12 consecutive months.

You must provide the following documentation with your MITW application:

- A photocopy of your Michigan Driver's License or State-issued Michigan ID card **AND**
- A photocopy of your Tribal ID.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY: MITW status does not determine your residency status at your institution. Your institution may require additional documentation as proof of residency or to determine your length of residency in Michigan.

TRIBAL CERTIFICATION (page 2): You must submit this application to your Tribal Enrollment Department for certification and signature. **The Tribal Enrollment Department is certifying that you, the student, are ¼ or more Native American blood quantum and are an enrolled citizen of a U.S. Federally Recognized Tribe.** The Tribal Enrollment Department may submit this form and the accompanying documents on your behalf to MDCR for verification.

STUDENT STATUS: The statute does not limit tuition waiver eligibility based upon full/part-time status, degree track, academic performance, or similar criteria – and such information will not affect MDCR verification.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS REQUESTING MITW TRANSFER/DUAL ENROLLMENT:

- If you have never applied with MDCR, complete the entire application, filling in the 'new student' box. Obtain tribal certification, and submit all documents to MDCR according to the instructions.
- If you have previously applied and been verified by MDCR, complete only the Student Section of the application, filling out only the 'continuing student' box. The transfer/dual enrollment section must be completed, but Tribal Certification does not need to be obtained.

TRIBE: Complete the Tribe Section of the MITW on page 2, certifying whether the student is a Tribal citizen **AND** is ¼ or more degree of Native American blood quantum. Send completed application form **with original signature** and accompanying documents to MDCR using the address at the top of this page.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS: Upon receipt of a MITW application, MDCR will review it for the required information. If complete, MDCR will prepare a verification letter, which will be sent to both the student and the institution(s). If MDCR determines it is unable to verify a student's eligibility for MITW, it will send the student a letter stating the reason(s) for the denial.

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