

WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE 2003-06
Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act

SECTION I: PURPOSE

This Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act is hereby enacted to enable present and future generations of Waganakising Odawak to obtain educational opportunities.

SECTION II: DEFINITIONS

- A. "BIA Scholarship" means the portion of unmet need fulfilled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs scholarship program run by the Education Department.
- B. "Educational Institution" means the school, college, university, or organization that is providing the educational opportunity.
- C. "Education Department" means the Tribe's Education Department
- D. "FAFSA" means the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- E. "SAR" means student aid report, either federal or institutional.
- F. "Total Cost of Attendance" means the Total Cost of Attendance calculated or published by the Financial Aid office of the educational institution for which aid is being applied.
- G. The "Tribe" shall mean the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

SECTION III: EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

This Education Assistance Act shall be funded by the Enterprise Fund General Welfare line item of the Enterprise fund with a minimum budget of \$1,000,000.00 per LTBBOI fiscal year except the first year, 2003, which shall be funded with \$500,000.00. The program shall be administered by the Education Department. The program shall fund grants to attend colleges and universities. These grants shall not be used to supplant other funding sources, except student loans.

College Grants:

- A. Priority shall be given to students in second or later year of a multiple year program with first come first served policy for freshmen.
- B. College grants shall be provided for only accredited college or university attendance.
- C. "Total Student Expenses" shall be calculated by the educational institution to include tuition, fees, books, supplies, room & board, transportation, personal, and other expenses, this calculation shall be based on the FAFSA and SAR.
- D. Aid for undergraduate students shall be calculated by subtracting awards and student resources with the exception of family and student contribution from total student expenses (total student expenses – awards – student resources except student and parent contribution) not to exceed \$8,500.00 per year.
- E. Aid for graduate students shall be the lesser of the two following calculations: first by subtracting awards and student resources with the exception of family and student contribution from total student expenses (total student expenses – awards – student resources except student and parent contribution) or \$250 per credit hour which ever is less not to exceed \$8,500.00 per year.
- F. Each grant shall have an annual cap of \$8500 and shall be distributed in two equal installments each semester directly to the student.

SECTION IV. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this scholarship the student must:

- A. Be an enrolled member of the Tribe and;
- B. Be enrolled in the educational institution for which the aid is needed and;
- C. Maintain a 2.0 overall GPA;
- D. Have applied for other available financial aid (i.e. the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, Pell Grant, BIA Scholarship).

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2003

Certification

As Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary, the undersigned certify that this Statute was duly enacted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on June 8, 2003 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of five (5) in favor, two (2) opposed, zero (0) abstentions, and zero (0) absent as recorded by this roll call.

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
George Anthony	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Gerald Chingwa	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Fred Harrington	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Beatrice Law	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Rita Shananaquet	_____	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Janet Shomin	_____	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Alice Yellowbank	<u> x </u>	_____	<i>1</i> _____	_____

Date: June 8, 2003

Gerald Chingwa, Tribal Chairman 

Beatrice A. Law, Tribal Secretary