



# Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society

Sponsored by the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education

## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Superintendents, Counselors, JOM Personnel, Title VI Personnel, Teachers, Parents, & Students**

**FROM: Oklahoma Council for Indian Education**

**SUBJECT: Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society & Scholarships**

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The Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society (OISHS) application is enclosed. Please feel free to make as many copies as needed for your students. The student nominated must have a cumulative 3.9 GPA or above. The GPA can be attained through weighted or unweighted calculation. Students must use grades through the previous semester (Fall 2016) for their nominations. Membership is annual. **Students must meet qualifications, submit the nomination information, and pay a \$12.00 membership fee each year.** Students who meet the definition of Indian under the Title VI Indian Education Program may qualify in addition to those students who possess tribal membership or a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB).

The Oklahoma Council for Indian Education sponsors three scholarships. To apply for the scholarships, students must be members of the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society. The established scholarships are for one year and are \$1,000 each. The three scholarships are: 1) John Sam Memorial Scholarship for high school seniors only; 2) Alice Tonemah Memorial Scholarship for education majors (high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate college students); and 3) Marlene LeClair/Helen Wright Scholarship for high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate college students.

**Students may apply for more than one scholarship, but each application must be complete. Supporting documents must be duplicated for each scholarship application.** Scholarship recipients will be asked to update their portfolios for nomination for the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) scholarships.

**The OISHS nomination information and scholarship application(s) must be submitted to:**

Oklahoma Council for Indian Education  
Attn: Lucyann Harjo, Norman PS Indian Education Program  
4100 North Flood  
Norman, OK 73069  
Email: [Lharjo2@norman.k12.ok.us](mailto:Lharjo2@norman.k12.ok.us)

Questions or for more information, call: 405-366-5809.

**Deadline: Postmark by March 10, 2017. No exceptions.**



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## NOMINATION CRITERIA & INSTRUCTIONS

The Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society (OISHS) was established in the fall of 1989 to recognize outstanding American Indian student leaders. Membership is open to high school students in grades 9 through 12 and undergraduate and graduate level college students. To date, the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society has inducted 12,929 students. The purpose of the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society is to recognize and honor Oklahoma Indian students who achieve the highest standards in academics, leadership, service to tribe and community, and moral character.

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1. **ACADEMIC ENROLLMENT:** The nominee must be enrolled in a minimum of four (4) regular courses in an accredited secondary school (grades 9-12) within the State of Oklahoma or be enrolled for a minimum of six (6) hours in an accredited institution of high learning within the State of Oklahoma.
2. **TRIBAL IDENTITY:** The nominee must be "Indian" as defined by **Title VI, Indian Education** or **provide other supporting tribal documentation**. A copy of student's Title VI form, tribal ID, CDIB or letter certifying enrollment from Indian Education Director will suffice.
3. **SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT:** The nominee must have a cumulative **3.9 GPA** average or above. This GPA can be calculated as either weighted or unweighted. High school freshmen and college freshmen must use the previous semester grades for their nomination (Fall 2016).
4. **SERVICE/LEADERSHIP:** The nominee must participate in one or more school, community, or tribal events that demonstrate leadership skills and volunteer service.
5. **CHARACTER:** The student must be nominated by the local Indian Education staff, school administrator, teacher, counselor, parent or guardian, or other community members who can affirm the student's high standards for ethics and moral character.
6. **INDIAN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:** The nominee must show participation in Indian cultural activities sponsored by Title VI, Johnson O'Malley, tribal functions or activities, or other tribal organizations. **The nominee must list specific examples. Listing "JOM" or "Title VI" will not be accepted.**
7. **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:** The student must meet qualifications, apply for membership, and pay the \$12.00 membership each year by money order, cashier's check, credit card or purchase order. **NO CASH or PERSONAL CHECKS will be accepted. Failing to pay membership fee by proper means will make your application incomplete. There is no refund on membership fees.**

#### **OISHS Checklist of Requirements:**

- Tribal Membership/CDIB/Title VI Form/Statement of Title VI eligibility
- Cumulative 3.9 GPA with transcript (official or unofficial)
- List Service and Leadership Activities
- List Indian Cultural Activities
- \$12.00 Membership Fee (Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE. Money Order, Cashier's Check, Credit Card or PO Only)  
Payable to Oklahoma Council for Indian Education

An induction reception will be held in the Oklahoma City Metro area in April or May 2017. Reservation forms and more information will be sent with OISHS membership confirmations.



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## OISHS NOMINATION FORM

**Deadline: Must be postmarked by March 10, 2017. No exceptions.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Type or print your name as you would like for it to appear on your certificate and in the OISHS program.)

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Student/Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(Copy of student's Title VI form, tribal ID, CDIB or letter certifying enrollment from Indian Education Director)

Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Classification \_\_\_\_\_  
(Transcript must be attached.)

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address/City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

**These activities are REQUIRED to be considered for OISHS. Incomplete packets will not be reviewed or accepted. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.**

Service/Leadership \_\_\_\_\_

Indian Cultural Activities \_\_\_\_\_

(List specific examples. Listing "JOM" or "Title VII" will not be accepted.)

Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Return complete nomination packet to:** Oklahoma Council for Indian Education  
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