

Benny Tonce Memorial Scholarship

2022 Leech Lake Tribal College

Purpose: To provide a scholarship to one (1) deserving Leech Lake Tribal College Student with an interest in Indigenous leadership and studying and preserving the Ojibwe language.

Award Components: One (1) **\$1000** scholarship will be awarded to a current LLTC student that will be returning as a full time student at LLTC for the Fall 2022 semester.

In Memory of Benny Tonce: On September 25, 2009 longtime LLTC instructor, mentor, and friend Benny Tonce passed from this life. Benny had been with the college since its inception in 1990 and was an encyclopedia of knowledge and wisdom about the Anishinaabe language and culture. He touched many lives in his nearly 20-year tenure here and will be greatly missed.

Application Information:

1. DEADLINE for applications is **Friday April 29, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (no exceptions)**.
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
5. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you. You may also pick up a paper copy of this application in the LLTC Student Services Office.
6. Recipient of this scholarship will be announced at the LLTC Graduation ceremony on May 14th, 2022
7. If you have any questions about the application, please call or stop by the LLTC Student Services Office.

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student for the Fall 2022 semester upon evidence of enrollment at the Leech Lake Tribal College and satisfactory academic standing.

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be enrolled as a full time student at the Leech Lake Tribal College for the Fall 2022 semester.
2. Applicant must have a GPA of 2.5 or Higher.
3. Applicant must have a demonstrated interest in Indigenous leadership and studying and preserving the Ojibwe language.
4. Additional consideration will be given to a student that has demonstrated community involvement on the reservation or in Indian Country.

Application Process: Applicant must submit the following items:

1. **Completed application form** (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. **Two (2) letters of recommendation** from choice of teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individuals with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement.
3. An official and recent **school transcript** with cumulative grade point average.
4. **Personal Essay.** Typed, double-spaced on a separate WORD document. Minimum 2 pages).

Submit the completed application in person to the Leech Lake Tribal College Financial Aid Office or Student Services Office:

Deadline for the application is **Friday, April 29, 2022, 4:00 p.m.** No late applications will be accepted!

The Leech Lake Tribal College

Benny Tonce Memorial Scholarship Application 2022

Please type or print your answers. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____
4.	I will be attending Leech Lake Tribal College Fall 2022: Yes: _____ No: _____ Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to receipt of funds.
5.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript required
6.	Name and City of High Schools attended:
7.	Please list Ojibwe language, culture or Ojibwe history courses that you have taken in college.
8.	Do you plan to transfer and attend a four year school after graduating from Leech Lake Tribal College?
9.	What Specialty/Major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?

10.	What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?
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11.	List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school or college:
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12.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:
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Personal Essay

Please answer the following questions:

Why are you a deserving recipient of the Benny Tonce Memorial Scholarship? Discuss the importance of the Ojibwe Language and History, the importance of developing Indigenous leadership skills grounded in Anishinaabe values and how your career plans and aspirations will benefit Ojibwe people.

Submit your response as a separate document that has been typed and double spaced. Minimum 2 pages.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Leech Lake Tribal College.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, I must provide proof of enrollment/registration at the Leech Lake Tribal College for the Fall 2022 semester before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Furthermore, if selected as a recipient of this scholarship, I agree to submit 2 thank you letters per year (one per semester) to the donor(s) of this scholarship.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____ Date: _____

REMEMBER

The deadline for this application to be received in the LLTC Financial Aid Office or Student Services Office is:

Friday, April 29, 2022 4:00 p.m. No exceptions!