



# Benny Tonce Memorial Scholarship

## 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 who will be returning as a full time student at LLTC for the Fall 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.

**DEADLINE for applications is Friday in April 11th at 4:00 p.m.**

Recipient of this scholarship will be announced at the LLTC Graduation ceremony.

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student for the Fall 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 LLTC for the Fall semester.
2. Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or Higher.
3. Applicant must be currently enrolled in or have a demonstrated interest in Indigenous leadership and studying & preserving the Ojibwe language.
4. Applicant must be an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

*In the event that the above criteria cannot be met, a student may be selected that most closely fits the above criteria.*

Submit the completed application online, email, or in-person to the Leech Lake Tribal College Financial Aid Office/Student Services Office.

Email: [studentservices@lltc.edu](mailto:studentservices@lltc.edu)

Address: Leech Lake Tribal College

ATTN: Financial Aid Office/Student Services

6945 Little Wolf Road NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633



# The Leech Lake Tribal College Benny Tonce Memorial Scholarship Scholarship Application

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial: \_\_\_\_\_

LLTC student ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Personal Essay** (Minimum 2 pages)

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. Please list Ojibwe language, culture or Ojibwe history courses that you have taken in college.***

**Photo:** Please submit a high resolution photo to [studentservices@lltc.edu](mailto:studentservices@lltc.edu). The photo maybe used for thank you cards, social media, internet, marketing materials, TV, newspapers, and other publications. Minimum photo size required is a 4" by 6" at 300pdi.



## 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

