



Student Application

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT – Please print clearly in ink or type. An incomplete application will result in denial/extended processing time.

Name: Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____ Maiden _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Text? Y N Email address _____

BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ SSN # XXX-XX-_____

Are you a Michigan resident? Y N If yes, have you been a resident for 12 consecutive months? Y N

APPLICATION REQUEST (complete either *new student* or *continuing student* box)

New Student Application

Enrolling at _____ (school name)

OR

Dual enrolling at _____ (school name) **AND**

_____ (school name)

Continuing Student Request

_____ Change/update personal information only

OR

Transfer my MITW from _____ to

_____ (school name)

OR

Dual enroll at _____ (school name) **AND**

_____ (school name)

MICHIGAN INDIAN TUITION WAIVER APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT & POTENTIAL

MI Student Aid; P.O. Box 30462; Lansing, MI 48922; MITW@MICHIGAN.GOV

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

- **Complete** the Student Section of the MITW Application. Be sure to attach a copy (front/back) of your Tribal Enrollment Identification Card (Tribal ID)
- **Submit** the MITW application and all required documents to your Tribal Enrollment Department, requesting certification as indicated in the "To be completed by Tribe" section
- **Confirm** that your entire application, including the section requiring Tribal certification, and all accompanying documents are submitted to MiLEAP for verification. If you are a new student, your Tribe should submit the documents to MiLEAP after they complete their section of the application. However, in the instance that they return the documents to you, you must forward them to MiLEAP via U.S. Mail to the above address.
- **Ensure** it is your documents are submitted. It is the student's responsibility to ensure MiLEAP receives a complete application in order to process and make a determination.
- **All signatures on the forms must be original; electronic signatures are not accepted.**

To be eligible for MITW:

- You must qualify for admission at one of Michigan's public, state-funded colleges or universities **AND**
- You must be $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Native American blood quantum (certified by your Tribal Enrollment Department) **AND**
- You must be an enrolled citizen of a U.S. Federally Recognized Tribe (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 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: 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Native American blood quantum and are an enrolled citizen of a U.S. Federally Recognized Tribe.** The Tribal Enrollment Department should submit this form and the accompanying documents on your behalf to MiLEAP 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 MiLEAP verification.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS REQUESTING MITW TRANSFER/DUAL ENROLLMENT:

- If you are a first time MITW applicant, complete the entire application, filling in the 'new student' box. Obtain Tribal certification and submit all documents to MiLEAP according to the instructions.
- If you have previously applied and been verified for the MITW, complete only the Student Section of the application and fill out the 'continuing student' box. The transfer/dual enrollment section must be completed, but Tribal Certification does not need to be obtained again.

TRIBE: Complete the Tribal Certification Section of the MITW, certifying whether the student is a Tribal citizen **AND** is $\frac{1}{4}$ or more degree of Native American blood quantum. Send completed application form **with original signature** and accompanying documents to MiLEAP using the address at the top of this page.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT & POTENTIAL: Upon receipt of a MITW application, MiLEAP will review it for the required information. If complete, MiLEAP will prepare a verification letter, which will be sent to both the student and the institution(s). If MiLEAP determines eligibility cannot be verified, the office will send the student a letter stating the reason(s) for the denial.