

MICHIGAN INDIAN TUITION WAIVER APPLICATION
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS
110 W. Michigan Ave., Suite 800, Lansing, MI 48933
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TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT – Please print clearly in ink or type

NAME: Last First Middle Maiden

PERMANENT ADDRESS: Street City State Zip

SCHOOL ADDRESS: Street City State Zip
(if different from above) _____
CONTACT INFO: Phone # Cell phone # Email address: _____

BIRTHDAY: SOCIAL SECURITY # MI DRIVERS LICENSE or MI STATE ID #
____/____/____ ____-____-____ _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Name of institution: _____
Address of institution: _____
Expected degree: ___Certificate ___Associates ___Bachelors ___Masters ___Doctorate ___Medical ___Law
Enrollment status: ___full time ___part time Enrolling semester/term: _____ Year: _____
Have you been accepted at your enrolling institution? ___Y ___N If yes, provide student ID # if available: _____
Have you previously received the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver: ___Y ___N If yes, during what year(s): _____
Are you transferring your MITW? ___Y ___N If yes, from which institution: _____
Are you a Michigan resident? ___Y ___N If yes, have you resided in Michigan for the last 12 consecutive months? ___Y ___N

TRIBAL INFORMATION:

Are you a member of a federally recognized Tribe? ___Y ___N
If yes, identify the Tribe: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ Tribal Enrollment (ID) #: _____

1. I declare that the information which I have provided on this form is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.
2. I agree that this information may be shared with my enrolling institution, my Tribe and may be used for statistical purposes by the MITW program.
3. I declare that by signing this form I have lived in Michigan for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the date on this application and that I am currently a Michigan resident.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY TRIBE – Please print clearly in ink or type

I hereby certify that the above named applicant is ¼ (one quarter) or more degree of Indian blood quantum according to the available Tribal or Federal records,

AND

I hereby certify that the above named applicant is an enrolled member of this Tribe, which is US federally recognized.

Certifying Signature: _____ Date: _____
Certifying Official's Name: _____ Title: _____
Name of Tribal Nation: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

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STUDENT:

In order to apply for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, you must:

- ✓ **Complete** the STUDENT PORTION of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW) Application. (Attached, or on the opposite side of this form.)
- ✓ **Submit** the MITW (and any attached documentation) to your Tribal Enrollment Department for certification.
- ✓ **Ensure** the Tribe certified MITW application form and accompanying documentation is submitted to the MDCR office for verification. This will often be done by your Tribe after they complete their portion of the application, or they return the form to you. In any event it is your responsibility to ensure the completed application and required documentation are filed.

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to be eligible for the MITW, you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be enrolled at one of Michigan's public colleges or universities **AND**
- You must be ¼ or more Native American blood quantum as certified by your Tribal Enrollment Department **AND**
- You must be an enrolled member of a US Federally recognized Tribe as certified by your Tribal Enrollment Department **AND**
- You must be a legal resident of the state of Michigan for not less than 12 consecutive months.

DOCUMENTATION:

You must provide the following documentation with your MITW application:

- A photocopy of your Michigan Driver's License or State issued Michigan Identification Card
- A photocopy of your Tribal ID

PROOF OF RESIDENCY:

Please note, your MITW residency 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 the applicant (you), is ¼ or more Native American blood quantum and is a certified member of a Federally recognized Tribe. The Tribal Enrollment Department may submit this form and accompanying documents on your behalf to the MDCR office 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 MDCR verification.

TRANSFER STUDENTS:

Transfer students must fill out the "STUDENT PORTION" section of a new application indicating the school to which they will be transferring. It will not be necessary to resubmit the "TRIBAL CERTIFICATION PORTION" since MDCR has it on file.

TRIBE:

Complete the TRIBE PORTION of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW) Application by certifying whether the applicant is a Tribe Member **AND** is ¼ (one quarter) or more degree of Indian blood quantum. Please return completed application form and any attachments to Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS:

Upon receipt of a Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW) Application the Department will review it for the required information. If complete, MDCR will prepare a verification letter, which will be sent to both the applicant (student) and the institution as identified on the application. If MDCR determines it is unable to verify a Student's eligibility for tuition waiver, it will send the applicant and institution a letter stating the reason(s) for the denial.