



Indigenous American Students' Residency Status for Tuition

The Kansas Legislature enacted a provision to allow particular students enrolling at a public institution of higher education in Kansas to have residency status for the purpose of paying tuition. This provision is in place from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with anticipated annual renewal through the Legislature.

Students

Students who are enrolled as a member of the following Nations are eligible for residency status at Kansas public institutions of higher education, regardless of the location of their residence:

The Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas;
The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation;
The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska;
The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, or
The following Indigenous Nations with historical connections to Kansas territories:

The Apache Tribe of Oklahoma;
The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma;
The Cherokee Nation;
The Chippewa;
Comanche Nation of Oklahoma;
The Delaware Tribe of Indians;
The Kaw Nation of Oklahoma;
The Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma;
The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma;
The Oneida Nation;
The Osage Nation
The Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma;
The Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma;
The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians;

The Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians;
The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians;
The Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians;
The Bay Mills Indian Community;
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians;
The Michigan Bands of the Ottawa/Odawa;
The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma;
The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma;
The Quapaw Tribe of Indians;
The Shawnee Tribe;
The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco and Tawakonie) of Oklahoma; and
The Wyandotte Nation

Institutions

Each state university, municipal university, community college or technical college in Kansas is directed by the Legislature to consider the Indigenous American students noted above as Kansas residents for the purpose of tuition.

With this being a new policy, it is anticipated that the list of Nations with historic ties to Kansas will be refined in subsequent years. If you are a Native Nation with historic ties to the Kansas land base, please contact Elaine Frisbie with the Kansas Board of Regents with your information and accompanying documentation articulating your Nation's history in Kansas by email at efrisbie@ksbor.org.