Chief Ellis was elected as the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to a second four-year term on November 3, 2007. He served as Second Chief from January 2000 to December 31, 2004. Prior to that, he served four consecutive two-year terms as a National Council Representative from the Okmulgee District.

August 2007, he was appointed to serve a three-year term on the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission by Governor Brad Henry. Another special recognition he received was a personal invitation from President George W. Bush, to visit the White House, for a second time.

Chief Ellis was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Doolie Ellis and Nellie Bruner Ellis of Concharty, Twin Hills Community. He graduated from Twin Hills in 1953, then attended Tulsa Business College, later enlisted in the United States Air Force and then the Oklahoma National Guard. He retired from the International Teamsters Union in 1989 with thirty-five (35) years of service. He married the former Gail Billings of Morris, Oklahoma. He and Gail have five (5) daughters and five (5) sons residing throughout the United States. The Principal Chief Ellis is of the Turtle Clan, his tribal town is Locvpoka, and his church is Concharty Indian Methodist Church.

Chief Ellis has been one of the driving forces in the fight to maintain the JOM programs on a national level. He has assisted the National JOM Association in speaking to Congress and urging Tribal Leaders throughout the Nation to take up the fight for their children’s future.

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Chief Ellis Scholarship Criteria and Application

The National Johnson-O’Malley Association is honored to sponsor the Chief Ellis Scholarship in the amount of $2,500 to a deserving student. This scholarship is given to honor the work of Chief A.D. Ellis not only for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation but for his work in securing JOM funds on a national level for JOM programs throughout the Nation. The scholarship will be announced at the Annual NJOMA Conference in Phoenix, Arizona

Criteria

1. Must be a member of a federally recognized tribe (copy of CIB or tribal citizenship card)
2. Chief Ellis Scholarship application completed and submitted by deadline.
3. A one page types personal statement on your goals and career choice with an emphasis on how the JOM program effected your school achievements.
4. Two letters of recommendation
5. If you are a 2010 graduating high senior you must complete the following:
   a. Submit a copy of your high school transcripts
   b. If selected, you must submit your admission letter before scholarship is released
   c. One of your letters of recommendation must be from your current high school staff
   d. Planning to attend a two or four year college or university
6. If you are a current college student, you must complete the following:
   a. Submit a copy of your college transcripts
   b. You must have maintained a grade point average of 2.75 or higher for the past semester
   c. Must currently be attending a two or four year college or university
National Johnson-O’Malley Association  
Chief A. D. Ellis Scholarship Application

Name: (last) ______________________________ (first)_________________ DOB ___________

Social Security Number: ___________________________ Gender: ___ Male ___ Female

Current Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________________

Permanent Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Phone Number ___________________________ cell number _______________________

Email Address ______________________________________________________________________________

Tribal Affiliation: __________________________________________________________________________

Student Status: (check one) _____ high school senior _____ college student

Check list:

High School Student     or     College Student

___ Copy of CIB or Tribal Citizenship card   ___ Copy of CIB or Tribal Citizenship card

___ Completed Application   ___ Completed Application

___ Two letters of recommendation
   One from your high school administration

___ Copy of High School transcript   ___ Copy of College transcript showing 2.75 or above

___ One Page Personal Statement   ___ One Page Personal Statement

School Information

School you will be (are) attending: ___________________________ State_______

Type of school: _____ University _____ College _____ Jr. College _____ Technical Other

Status while attending: _____ full time _____ part time

My signature below verifies that all of the information contained in this application is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: ___________________________ DATE ______________________

Due Date: October 9, 2009

Submit to: Eleanor G. Thomas, PO Box 1950, Window Rock, AZ 86515