



Indigenous American Students' Residency Status for Tuition

In partnership with the Kansas Advisory Council on Indigenous Education (KACIE) and the Kansas Board of Regents, the 2025 Kansas Legislature enacted a provision to allow certain students enrolling at a public institution of higher education in Kansas to have residency status for the sole purpose of paying tuition. *The provision does not make students eligible for financial aid programs directed to Kansas resident students.* This provision is in effect from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with anticipated annual renewal through the Legislature and can be found in Section 118(e) of 2025 Senate Bill 125.

Students

Students who are enrolled as a member of the following Nations are eligible for residency status for tuition payment at Kansas public institutions of higher education, regardless 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 federally recognized Indigenous Nations with historical connections to Kansas territories with one or more of the following references within the Tribe's name:

Apache;	Miami;	Ponca;
Arapaho;	Missouria (including Otoe-	Pueblo;
Caddo;	Missouria);	Quapaw;
Cheyenne;	Modoc;	Sac and Fox (including
Cherokee;	Muscogee (Creek, including	Meskwaki);
Chickasaw;	Yuchi, Euchee or Uchee);	Seminole;
Chippewa and Ojibwe	Nez Perce,	Seneca-Cayuga;
(including Bay Mills);	Omaha;	Shawnee;
Choctaw;	Oneida;	Stockbridge-Munsee
Comanche;	Osage;	(Mohican);
Delaware;	Otoe;	Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Iowa (Ioway and Baxoje);	Ottawa (Odawa);	(Wichita, Keechi, Waco and
Kaw (Kanza);	Potawatomi (Pottawatomi);	Tawakonie)
Kickapoo;	Pawnee;	Wyandotte
Kiowa;	Peoria;	

Institutions

Each public institution of higher education in Kansas is hereby directed to consider the Indigenous American students noted above as Kansas residents for the purpose of tuition payment. In addition, state universities should note that state law provides any person who has attended Haskell Indian Nations University and who is on a Tribal membership roll maintained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs is to be considered a resident of Kansas for the purpose of tuition and fees (K.S.A. 76-731).

It is anticipated that the list of Nations with historic ties to Kansas will need ongoing refinement. If you are a Native Nation with historic ties to the Kansas land base, please contact Elaine Frisbie with the Kansas Board of Regents via email at efrisbie@ksbor.org providing your information and documentation articulating your Nation's history in Kansas.