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American Indian Higher Education Consortium, 121 Oronoco Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

2025 AIHEC National Basketball Tournament

College of the Muscogee Nation

Okmulgee, OK 74447

March 23, 2025 – March 26, 2025

- Tournament Location:** Brock Gym, Dunbar Gym, Mvskoke Dome, Okmulgee, OK 74447
- Lodging:** River Spirit Casino Resort, 8330 Riverside Pkwy, Tulsa, OK 74137
- Team Check-In:** March 23, 2025, 1:00-5:00 pm, Sales Foyer, River Spirit
- Coaches Meeting:** March 23, 2025, 5:00-6:00 pm
- Opening Ceremonies:** March 23, 2025, 6:00 pm -River Spirit Casino Resort, Tulsa, OK
- Pool Play:** March 24 & 25, 2025
- Bracket Play:** March 25 & 26, 2025
- Alternate Gym Location:** Brock Gym, Okmulgee High School & Dunbar Gym, Okmulgee
- Entry Fee:** \$750/team
- AIHEC Athletic Fee Paid:** Yes: _____ or No: _____
- Team Shoot Around:** TBA
- Officials:** TBA
- Tournament Deadlines:**
 - February 21, 2025** -Notice of Intent
 - \$750 Entry Fee

- March 07, 2025**
 - Team Registration Form
 - Eligibility Verification Form
 - Signed Liability Waiver Form
 - Signed Codes of Conduct
 - Scholar-Athlete Award Nominations

All Tournament Deadline Dates will be strictly adhered to, no refunds/no exceptions.
Please send the 2025 AIHEC National Basketball Tournament registration packet materials to the Tournament Director listed below.

Tournament Director Mykalia Frank, Project Manager Email: mfrank@cmn.edu Office: 918-549-2800 Cell: 701-550-7788	Secondary Contact Cheryl Najera, Athletic Director Email: cnajera@cmn.edu Office: 918-549-2800 Cell: 918-210-4794
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Date 1: Sunday, March 23, 2025

Team Check-In (River Spirit Casino Resort)	Time: 1:00-5:00 PM
Coaches Meeting (River Spirit Casino Resort)	Time: 5:00-6:00 PM
Opening Ceremonies (River Spirit Casino Resort)	Time: 6:00-9:00 PM
Team Banquet (River Spirit Casino Resort)	Time: 6:00-9:00 PM

Date 2: Monday, March 24, 2025

Pool Play (Brock Gym, Dunbar Gym, Mvskoke Dome -Okmulgee, OK)	Time: TBA
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Date 3: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Pool Play (Brock Gym, Dunbar Gym, Mvskoke Dome -Okmulgee, OK)	Time: TBA
Tournament Play (Brock Gym, Dunbar Gym, Mvskoke Dome - Okmulgee, OK)	Time: TBA

Date 4: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Tournament Play (Brock Gym, Dunbar Gym, Mvskoke Dome - Okmulgee, OK)	Time: TBA
Championship Games (Mvskoke Dome -Okmulgee, OK)	Time: TBA
Awards Ceremony (Mvskoke Dome -Okmulgee, OK)	Time: TBA



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Host Hotel River Spirit Casino Resort,
8330 Riverside Pkwy
Tulsa, OK 74137

Blocked Rooms Room Blocks March 23 – March 26, 2025, under AIHEC Basketball

<p>- River Spirit Casino Resort, 8330 Riverside Pkwy Tulsa, OK 74137</p> <p>Reservation: 888-748-3731</p> <p><u>Deadline to Reserve: March 07, 2025</u></p>	<p>100 Double Queen Rooms 100 King Rooms \$129.00 per night per room</p> <p>Check-In: March 23 Check-Out: March 27</p> <p><u>Code: AIHEC 2025 Tournament</u></p>
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Okmulgee, OK

<p>Holiday Inn Express & Suites Okmulgee 27800 N. Wood Dr. Okmulgee, OK 74447</p> <p>Reservation: 918-756-0100</p> <p><u>Deadline to Reserve: March 2, 2025</u></p>	<p>18 Double Standard \$107.00 @ night 8 King \$107.00 @ night 8 Double Suite \$121.00 @ night 1 room/4 nights \$107.00 = \$428.00 1 room/4 nights \$121.00 = \$484.00</p> <p>Check-In: March 23 Check-out: March 27</p> <p><u>Code: AIHEC Basketball Tournament</u></p>
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<p>Best Western 3499 N. Wood Dr. Okmulgee, OK 74447</p> <p>Reservation: 918-756-9200</p> <p><u>Deadline to Reserve: February 1, 2025</u></p>	<p>25 Double Queen \$140.99 + 14.97% tax = \$162.10 1 room/4 nights = \$648.40</p> <p>Check-In: March 23 Check-Out: March 27</p> <p><u>Code: AIHEC Basketball Tournament</u></p>
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<p>Days Inn by Wyndham 1221 South Wood Dr. Okmulgee, OK 74447</p> <p>Reservation: Days Inn by Wyndham Okmulgee Rooms & Rates (link) https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/okmulgee-oklahoma/days-inn-okmulgee/rooms-rates?brand_id=DI&checkInDate=3/23/2025&checkOutDate=3/27/2025&useWRPoints=false&children=0&groupCode=GS032325AIH&adults=1&rooms=1&loc=ChIjgbsQ_WEktlcRCLZwzLoYENY&sessionid=1734010023</p> <p>Reservation: 918-304-6077 or 918-758-0660</p> <p><u>Deadline to Reserve: March 7, 2025</u></p>	<p>13 Double Queen Non-Smoking 7 Double Queen Smoking \$70 + 14.8% tax = \$80.36 1 room/4 nights = \$321.44</p> <p>Check-In: March 23 Check-Out: March 27</p> <p><u>Group Name: AIHEC</u> <u>Code: GS032325AIH</u></p>
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Glenpool, OK

Quality Inn
14831 S. Casper St.,
Glenpool, OK 74033

25 Double Queen
\$75.00 + 14.97% tax = \$86.23
1 room/4 nights = **\$344.92**

Reservation: 918-322-5201

Check-In: March 23 Check-Out: March 27

Deadline to Reserve: March 16, 2025**Code: AIHEC Basketball Tournament**

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Glenpool-Tulsa South
12209 S. Yukon Ave.,
Glenpool, OK 74033

33 Double Queen
10 King
\$95.00 + 14.97% tax = \$109.22
1 room/4 nights = **\$436.88**

Reservation: 918-296-7000

Check-In: March 23 Check-Out: March 27

Deadline to Reserve: February 28, 2025**Code: AIHEC Basketball Tournament**

Jenks, OK

Comfort Inn & Suites Glenpool
12119 N. Casper St.
Jenks, OK 74037

15 Double Queen
\$84.00 + 14.97% = \$96.57
1 room/4 nights = **\$386.28**

Reservation: 918-995-2225

Check-In: March 23 Check-Out: March 27

Deadline to Reserve: February 23, 2025**Code: AIHEC Basketball Tournament**

Candlewood Suites Tulsa Hills
163 S. Gateway Place
Jenks, OK 74037

25 Double Queen Beds
\$124.00 + 13.417% tax = \$140.64
1 room/4 nights = **\$562.56**

Reservation Booking Link:

<https://www.candlewoodsuites.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=CW&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=TULCJ&PMID=99801505&GPC=ABT&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

Reservation: 918-518-6800

Check-In: March 23

Check-Out: March 27

Deadline to Reserve: March 1, 2024**Code: AIHEC Basketball Tournament**

Hotel Glenpool
12137 Casper St.,
Jenks OK 74037

20 Double Queen Beds
\$84.99 + 14.97% tax = \$97.71
1 room/4 nights = **\$390.84**

Reservation: 918-518-6000

AIHEC National Basketball Tournament Eligibility

Team Eligibility

Each Tribal College or University (TCU) participating in the Tournament:

1. Must be a regular or associate member of AIHEC and all AIHEC membership dues must be current and paid in full.
2. May only register one men's team and one women's team.
3. Must adhere to the standardize constitution and bylaws.
4. May be denied eligibility for any reason by a majority vote of the AIHEC Athletic Commission.

Coach Eligibility

All coaches participating in the tournament:

1. Must sign the AIHEC Coach's Code of Conduct (Form Included).
2. Must be designated by the TCU president, cannot be a student of the TCU, and must be present during the games in which their teams are competing.

Player Eligibility

All student-athletes participating in the tournament:

1. Must sign the AIHEC Student-athlete's Code of Conduct (Form Included).
2. Must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 semester/quarter credits with I) a cumulative G.P.A. of a 2.0 II) a G.P.A. of at least a 2.0 in the last term prior to the semester/quarter of the tournament, and III) the student must be considered in good academic standing at their institution. The cumulative G.P.A. shall not be calculated further than 10 academic terms in the past. The student athlete must also be making satisfactory progress toward a degree program.
3. Length of eligibility at AIHEC Tournament will be 4 years at a 2-year institution or 5 cumulative years at a 4-year institution regardless of institution, tribal or mainstream. Verification will occur in the registration forms of the individual AIHEC-sanctioned sports.
4. First-term student-athletes must submit a grade check form (use AIHEC First-term Student-Athlete Grade Check Form). Note: Faculty Signatures and Dates must be within 14 days of the start of the AIHEC Tournament.
5. There is no age limit for student athletes to compete. Students under the age of 18 years old must have written parental consent to compete.
6. A student athlete may represent the institution while enrolled as a graduate or professional student or while enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate degree at the same institution.
7. A student athlete cannot be a full-time TCU employee.
8. Students must maintain amateur status in the specific sport in which he/she is competing. If an agent or 3rd party participation results in a contract for a student athlete at any time during their collegiate career, the student athlete will forfeit their amateur status and will not be permitted to participate in any AIHEC-sanctioned sporting event.
9. Transfer student athletes must have been deemed academically eligible at their previous institution(s) prior to attending and participating in athletics at the transfer institution. The transfer student athlete must reestablish academic eligibility to participate in the transfer institution's AIHEC-sanctioned athletic program (use the AIHEC Transfer Eligibility Form).
10. Student athletic eligibility is based on college enrollment and standing and does not require the student to be American Indian.
11. Student athlete eligibility must be verified by the Registrar and a Representative of the institution designated by the president.

Any suspected violations of student eligibility should be reported to the AIHEC Athletic Commission prior to the start of AIHEC-sanctioned sporting events. The AIHEC Athletic Commissioners will determine if any TCU or student athlete is in violation and whether or not a penalty needs to be assessed. If the commission determines that a student athlete is in violation of the AIHEC student athlete eligibility, the student athlete will be removed from participation in all AIHEC-sanctioned events until they are eligible. Any Tribal College or University that continues to permit the participation of a student athlete in violation of the AIHEC student athlete rules of eligibility will be disqualified from any ongoing AIHEC-sanctioned events.



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Notice of Intent to Participate

Deadline: February 21, 2025

Tribal College or University: _____

Women's Basketball Team: _____

Coach(es): _____

Email: _____ Phone: (o) _____

(c) _____

Men's Basketball Team: _____

Coach(es): _____

Email: _____ Phone: (o) _____

(c) _____

Authorized School Official* Name: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

Authorized School Official Signature: _____

Date: _____

Athletic Fees

AIHEC Entry Fee is \$750.00 for each team participating in the AIHEC National Basketball Tournament.

Make payable to:

College of the Muscogee Nation

2170 Raven Circle

Okmulgee, OK 74447

*Fees are non-refundable.

Submit all registration forms, team liability waiver and photo release forms, team photographs, and scholar athlete nominations by **March 07, 2025**, to **Mykalia Frank or Cheryl Najera**



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2025 AIHEC National Basketball Tournament Women's Final Roster Registration

Tribal College or University (Abbreviate):		AD/Coach/Contact:	
Address:		City:	
State:	Zip:	Cell Phone: ()	Office Phone: ()
Alternate Contact:		Alt. Phone: ()	
E-Mail(s):			
Team Name:		Division:	Men or Women:
<p>Please include the following with the Final Roster Registration form before March 07, 2025:</p> <p>1. Student-Athlete Eligibility Verification Form from College Registrar and signed by College Official 2. Team Liability Waiver Form (Included) 3. Team Photograph 4. Scholar Athlete Award Nominations</p>			
<u>Player Name (First & Last):</u>	<u>Scholar Athlete Eligible(Y/N)</u>	<u>Email:</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
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<u>Head Coach:</u>			
<u>Asst. Coach:</u>			

I certify that the above players meet all eligibility requirements and are eligible to participate in the AIHEC National Basketball Tournament. Head Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit all registration forms, team liability waiver and photo release forms, team photographs, and scholar athlete nominations by **March 07, 2025**, to **Mykalia Frank or Cheryl Najera**



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Men's Final Roster Registration

Tribal College or University(Abbreviate):		AD/Coach/Contact:	
Address:		City:	
State:	Zip:	Cell Phone: ()	Office Phone: ()
Alternate Contact:		Alt. Phone: ()	
E-Mail(s):			
Team Name:		Division:	Men or Women:
<p>Please include the following with the Final Roster Registration form prior to March 07, 2025:</p> <p>4. Student-Athlete Eligibility Verification Form from College Registrar and signed by College Official</p> <p>5. Team Liability Waiver Form (Included)</p> <p>6. Team Photograph and Scholar Athlete Award Nominations</p>			
<u>Player Name (First & Last):</u>	<u>Scholar Athlete Eligible(Y/N)</u>	<u>Email:</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
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24.			
Head Coach:			
Asst. Coach:			

I certify that the above players meet all eligibility requirements and are eligible to participate in the AIHEC National Basketball Tournament. Head Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit all registration forms, team liability waiver and photo release forms, team photographs, and scholar athlete nominations by **March 07, 2025**, to **Mykalia Frank or Cheryl Najera**



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2025 AIHEC National Basketball Tournament First-Term Student-Athlete Grade Check Form

This form **must** include faculty signatures and must be dated ***no more than*** 21 days before the first day of the AIHEC National Basketball Tournament (**March 23, 2025**).

Name of Student-Athlete: _____

Tribal College or University: _____

<u>College Course</u>	<u>Current Grade</u>	<u>Faculty Signature</u>	<u>Date</u>

Note: Please include current class schedule with this form. Any other supporting documentation may also be included to verify player eligibility.



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Student Athlete Transfer Eligibility Form

Dear Sir/Madam:

_____ has transferred/inquired from _____ to _____
(Student Full Name) (Institution) (Institution)

and is interested in participating in intercollegiate athletics. In accordance with AIHEC rules, **The Athletic Director/Designee signs and gives permission for athlete to transfer to another college/university. (Fall Term)**

Dates of Attendance to
(MM/DD/YYYY) (MM/DD/YYYY)

Did he/she participate (practice) in intercollegiate athletics at your institution?

Yes No Sport(s) _____

Did he/she compete (game or scrimmage) in intercollegiate athletics at your institution?

Yes No Sport(s) _____

How many seasons of eligibility have been utilized? _____

How many semesters of full-time attendance (12 or more credits during the semester) were utilized? _____

Would this student have been eligible had he/she remained at your institution (circle one)?

Yes No

Was the student under disciplinary suspension at your institution (AIHEC Article III, Section 4)?

Yes No

Did this student-athlete transfer to your institution from another two-year or four-year school?

Yes No

Institution(s). _____

(Athletic Director/Designee)

(Signature)

(Institution)

(Date)



Coaches Code of Conduct

As a tribal college athletic coach ...

I am a representative of a tribal college community, a culture, and an entire Tribal College Movement.

I have the opportunity to shape a student's character, goals, and skills through their desire to participate in athletics.

I believe a student's education is completed through the beneficial influence of a challenging, fair, and ethical athletic program.

I understand that game results are momentary, while the skills gained from participation last a lifetime.

I will promote a mutual respect, fairness, integrity, honor, and maintain the best interest of the student as the highest priority.

I will guide and monitor the moral, mental, and physical well-being of the student.

I will be a leader and mentor for students.

I will act with the utmost decorum, humility, and courtesy at all times.

My success is in helping students seek their greatest purpose in life.

Therefore, in my role and duty as a tribal college coach, I will carry full responsibility for the safety, growth, and actions of Tribal College students. This is a profound trust.

I sign the AIHEC Athletic Coaches Code of Conduct as a testament to my commitment to tribal college athletics, and as a representative of my tribal college institution, _____ . I value the intent and spirit of the AIHEC Coaches Code and will adhere to the expectations mentioned above.

Head Coach Signature _____ Date _____

Other Personnel Signature _____ Date _____

Other Personnel Signature _____ Date _____



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AIHEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award

The AIHEC Scholar Athlete is an outstanding Tribal College student-athlete who participates in the Annual AIHEC National Basketball Tournament and exhibits academic excellence, a dedication to sportsmanship, and a devotion to their community. Each year, the athletic director or head coach of each tribal college that participates in the AIHEC National Basketball Tournament will nominate a male athlete and a female athlete for the award.

The nominee must meet the award eligibility and must submit an application to their athletic director or coach for consideration. Each year, the athletic director or head coach will submit the application packets of their two final nominees for their Tribal College or University to the AIHEC Athletic Commission prior to the end of the AIHEC National Basketball Tournament. The AIHEC Commissioners will select one male athlete and one female athlete to award as the AIHEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year with a \$500.00 stipend.

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Sport(s) in which you participate: _____

TCU: _____

Home Address: _____

City, Zip Code: _____

As of now, the date you expect to graduate: _____

Area of expected degree: _____

Award Eligibility

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Enrollment** - Student must be fully enrolled as a second-year student or greater and must participate in the AIHEC National Basketball Tournament.
- **3.75 GPA** - Student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75 on a 4.0 scale. You may not round up a 3.7x grade point average for the purposes of qualifying.
- **A.D. or Coach's Signature:** The application must be signed by an Athletic Director or Coach to be considered by the AIHEC Athletic Commission for the award.



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AIHEC Scholar Athlete of the Year Award Application Process

Application Sections:

- **Essay:** Write a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics. Be creative – your athletic director and the AIHEC commissioners may read dozens of essays, and you need to make yours stand out! Write a personal story about sportsmanship; don't give the Webster's definition of sportsmanship.
- **Extra-Curricular and Community Service Form:** Focus on significant community participation and leadership experiences, all athletic achievements, any academic awards, and tribal involvement.
- **Short-Answer Questions:** Use this space to tell us more about how you've personally benefited by staying active – both in college athletics and in non-athletic activities.

Additional Notes:

- Please save the Word document to your computer, type onto the file, then print and give to your athletic director.
- STAPLE the application in this order: three-page application form, Unofficial Transcripts, Essay, and then Recommendations.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered by your athletic director.

Submit this application to an Athletic Director or Coach for signature and submission to AIHEC no later than **March 07, 2025.**



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AIHEC Scholar Athlete of the Year Award Athletic, Extracurricular, and Community Achievements

Name: _____ TCU: _____

On this form, list any involvement in significant athletic activities. When listing leadership positions and awards, please list the most significant awards in the comments area provided.

ATHLETICS

List significant accomplishments, awards received, and leadership positions held:

EXTRACURRICULAR & COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

This includes, but not limited to, student government, music/band, drama, clubs, volunteer work and paid employment.

Organization/Project/Employer/Description

Hours/Week Dates

Organization/Project/Employer/Description	Hours/Week	Dates

List significant accomplishments, awards received, and leadership positions held:



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AIHEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award Short Answer Form

Please answer the following questions:
(Please answer in less than 500 words.)

1. How has participating in tribal college or university athletics prepared you for life outside of the classroom? Please list specific examples or tell a story when necessary.

2. How has participating in extracurricular activities or community service prepared you for life outside of the classroom? Please list specific examples or tell a story when necessary.

Please type your 500-word essay on a separate piece of paper, then staple the entire application package and give to your college or university's athletic director or head coach by April 10th.

A.D./Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tribal College or University: _____ City: _____