



PRESS RELEASE

NTGCR Selects 2018 Scholarship Recipients

Green Bay, WI – February 1, 2018 – The National Tribal Gaming Commissioners/Regulators Scholarship Committee has announced the recipients of the NTGCR Spring 2018 Tribal Scholarship and Jess Green Scholarship awards for Native American students.

This semester's NTGCR Spring 2018 **Tribal Scholarship** recipients are **Mr. Sean Lawrence**, a member of the Lummi Tribe, and **Mr. Garit Frye**, a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

Mr. Sean Lawrence is currently attending Arizona State University where he plans to pursue a Masters of Business Administration. He currently works for his tribe, and serves as their Gaming Commission Chairman. After graduation, he plans to continue working for, serving and giving back to his tribe.

Mr. Frye is currently attending The University of Oklahoma and plans to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in Philosophy, before pursuing a Master of Jurisprudence degree. After obtaining his Master of Jurisprudence, Mr. Frye plans to either work for his tribe, and help Native American communities by doing pro bono work and fighting for Native American rights.

This semester's **Jess Green Scholarship** award recipient for Law Students is **Portia Skenandore Wheelock**, a member of the Oneida Nation. This scholarship is in honor of the late Tribal Attorney Jess Green (Chickasaw Nation), who paved the way for Gaming in Oklahoma and fought for Native American rights.

Ms. Skenandore-Wheelock is currently in her third year of Law School at Syracuse University. She has also been working towards obtaining a Master's Degree in Public Administration. After obtaining her law degree, Ms. Skenandore-Wheelock plans to work in any capacity she's able in order to protect the sovereignty of Native Americans, both politically and culturally.

The recipients will each receive a \$2,500.00 scholarship to assist with tuition, books, meal cards and living expenses. The applicants were selected based on their academic grade point average, exhibition of leadership, community involvement, written essay, letter of recommendations, accomplishments and professional development.

Information on when the NTGCR Scholarship Committee will begin accepting applicants for our regular Tribal Scholarship program and the Jess Green Law Student Scholarship for the 2018 Fall Semester can be found at the organization's website, www.ntgcr.com.

The NTGCR is a non-profit organization consisting of tribal regulatory members and other non-voting affiliate members. The organization is dedicated to providing tribal gaming regulators with education and training. The NTGCR promotes cooperative relationships amongst tribes and may act as a gaming regulatory advisory group to tribal gaming organizations.