



# ABENAKI NATION OF MISSISQUOI

*St. Francis/Sokoki Band*

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## **The Chief Leonard “Blackie” Lampman Scholarship**

Whenever I am asked about my late grandfather, Chief Leonard “Blackie” Lampman, the first thing that comes to mind is his passion for caring for the people of the Abenaki.

From a very young age, it was instilled in myself and my many cousins that family was of the utmost importance—and the definition of family was vast—mother, father, brother, sister, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins—and this last was probably the vastest. There was no division of the first, second, third. Family is family.

My grandfather also believed that in order for generation after generation to care for their community, and ultimately family, that education was key. He believed that all from the very youngest of our community to those who are wise elders should have an opportunity to learn. It was this belief that caused my grandfather to champion one of the very first public kindergartens in the state of Vermont and advocate for Abenaki youth to reach for the stars in gaining post-secondary education.

When my grandfather passed in 1987, my family looked for a way to continue to support the beliefs that he held onto strongly. From this, the Chief Leonard “Blackie” Lampman Scholarship was born. It has brought our family great joy over the years to see the Abenaki youth that have taken this small token and used it to pursue dreams—among which we have seen educators, social workers, scientists, and amazing health care providers, just to name a few!

I have no doubt that my grandfather looks down with pride at how far the Abenaki community has come in educating our future tribal leaders.

Best of luck to all graduating seniors!

Crystal M. Lampman

MVU Class of '97 & Lyndon State College '02

Granddaughter, Tribal Member, Executive Director Franklin County Caring Communities



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## **The Chief Leonard “Blackie” Lampman Scholarship - Award Information**

The Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi will award a scholarship of \$1,000 to all Abenaki high school seniors at Missisquoi Valley Union High School and around the United States who has been accepted to a four-year college, community college, or trade school. This scholarship award will be paid directly to the recipient and must be used for college expenses, such as tuition and books.

To apply for and be considered for the scholarship, eligible students will submit an application, including a 250-word-minimum to 500-word-maximum essay answering the question, *“What is one special memory you have learned from your elders about your Abenaki heritage?”* Essays will be read by the scholarship committee, which is a panel of Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi community members.

This scholarship will be provided directly to the student with half of the scholarship being awarded prior to the start of the Fall 2023 semester, and the second half of the scholarship provided upon completion of the first semester. Before funds are dispersed, students will need to send proof of enrollment for the first and subsequent semester to [info@abenakination.com](mailto:info@abenakination.com).

The due date for the application and essay will be *May 1, 2023*. The application and essay can be emailed to [info@abenakination.com](mailto:info@abenakination.com) or mailed to the Tribal Office at 100 Grand Ave, Swanton, VT 05488. Applications are also welcome to be dropped off at the Tribal Office on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, at 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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Maquam Bay of Missisquoi

100 Grand Ave, Swanton, VT 05488

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

College Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please submit this application along with your essay.*

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*Questions about the application process may be directed to  
[info@abenakination.com](mailto:info@abenakination.com).*