

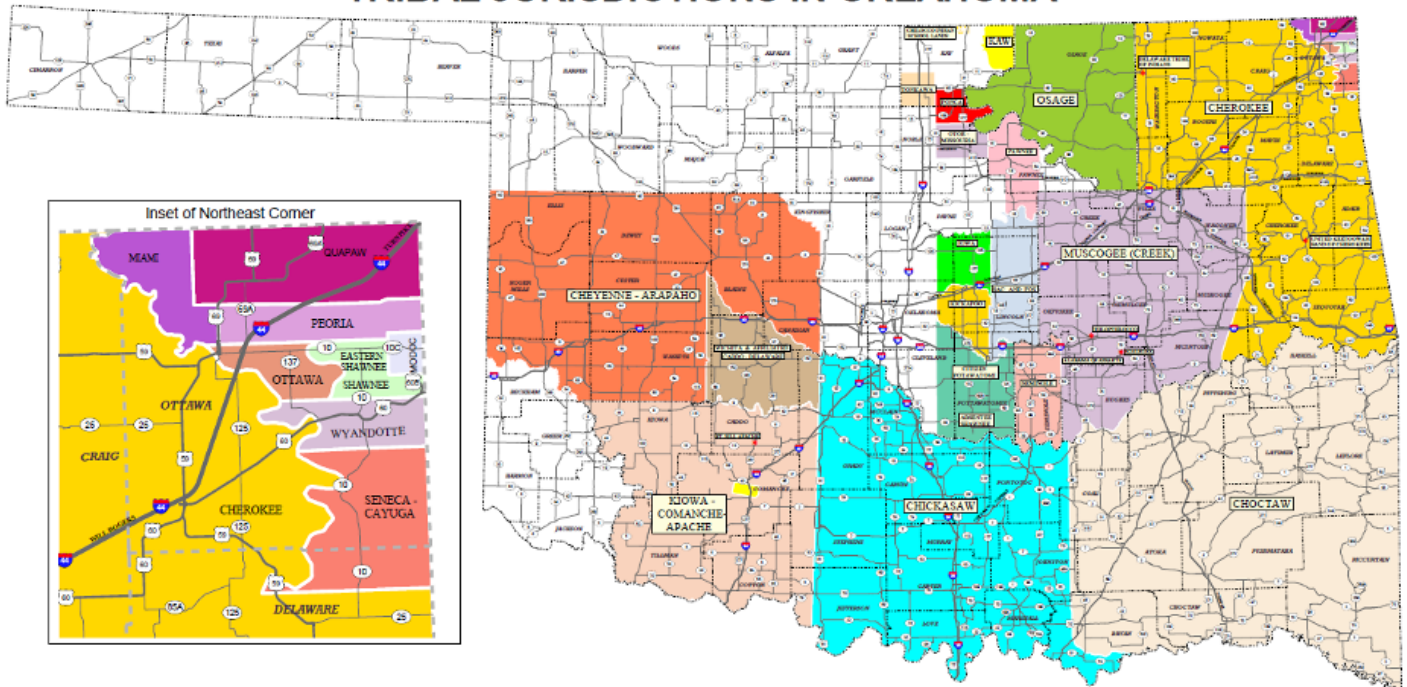
**COLLEGE & CAREER
RESOURCES FOR
INDIGENOUS
STUDENTS
IN OKLAHOMA**



A QUICK LOOK GUIDE

There are 39 Indigenous Nations in Oklahoma. Many offer resources to support their students' transitions to college and careers.

TRIBAL JURISDICTIONS IN OKLAHOMA



Tribal Jurisdictions in Oklahoma Map
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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The purpose of this quick look guide is to connect Indigenous students in Oklahoma to resources available through Indigenous Nations and organizations to fund and support their college education and career readiness.

Students, families, high school teachers and counselors, and university advisors and faculty can use this guide to locate resources offered by the 39 Indigenous Nations in Oklahoma, as well as organizations which support Indigenous students.

To create this guide, Courtney Tennell, a Cherokee doctoral student at the University of Oklahoma, worked to contact each Indigenous Nation in Oklahoma. This guide is not an exhaustive list and it does not replace information directly from the Nations.

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Courtney Tennell with Dr. Kari Chew, 2021



Absentee Shawnee Tribe

Shawnee, OK

www.atribe.com/education

800-256-3341

The long range goal of the Education Department is to provide programs necessary to assist eligible enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal members in acquiring the education, training, and job skills necessary to achieve educational goals at all levels and to gain or enhance employment. Programs serve tribal members from pre-K through doctorate degrees. The Tribal Youth Program serves youth ages 11-17 years old.

Academic (PK-12) Program

Assists with academic related expenses. A portion of funds can be used for school related athletic program expenses. The program has a maximum funding limit for the academic year.

Johnson O'Malley Program

Assists tribal members only within nine school districts: Tecumseh, Bethel, Earlsboro, Wanette, Asher, South Rock Creek, Macomb, Dale, and Little Axe.

Zahn Program

Established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses and awards two incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates. Program has a maximum amount of funding for graduation expenses.

Big Jim Youth Award Program

Annual incentive for High School Seniors for Academic Achievement and Athlete of the Year. Deadline for application submission is March 31st of each year.

Job Training Adult Education Program (JTAEP)

Assists tribal members with vocational training at accredited vocational institutions. Program has a maximum funding limit for the calendar year or per program.

Higher Education Incentive Award Program

Funds for undergraduate degrees, one associates or bachelors degree, at any accredited college or university. Funding levels are determined based upon grade point average and full time or part time status.

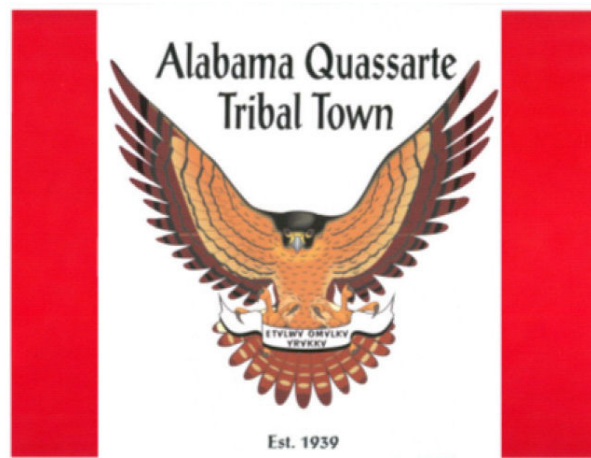
Graduate Scholarship Program

Funds for one masters degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund for one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full time and part time status.



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Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town

Wetumka, OK
alabama-quassarte.org
405-452-3987

Citizens of the Alabama-Quasartee Tribal Town are eligible for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Grant Program Scholarship. Information on this program and applications can be found at <https://www.bie.edu/document/bie-higher-education-grant-program-scholarship-information-packet>

For more information on specific programs available through Alabama-Quasartee Tribal Town, call 405-452-3987 or visit <http://alabama-quassarte.org/>

See the page in this guide titled 'Scholarships for Indigenous Students' for a list of scholarship opportunities available to all Indigenous students, regardless of tribal affiliation.



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Apache Tribe of Oklahoma

Anadarko, OK
apachetribe.org
405-247-9493

Citizens of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma are eligible for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Grant Program Scholarship. Information on this program and applications can be found at <https://www.bie.edu/document/bie-higher-education-grant-program-scholarship-information-packet>

For more information on specific programs offered by the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma including Vocational Rehabilitation, call 405-247-9493 or visit apachetribe.org

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Caddo Nation of Oklahoma

Binger, OK

<https://mycaddonation.com/higher-education>

(405)656-2344

This program provides scholarships for the maximum of ten (10) terms, anywhere in the United States.

Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled members of the Caddo Nation, possess a high school diploma or GED, must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Participants who are in default of a student loan are not eligible for this program unless a payment agreement has been arranged. Previous account balances cannot be funded through this program.

Program Requirements

Participants are required to complete 12 hours per semester with a Grade Point Average no lower than 2.0, which is a C-average. Those who fail to meet these requirements will be placed on probation and their scholarships subject to termination. Scholarship amounts vary according to unmet need (as determined by the Federal Student Aid Program), and range between \$500.00 and \$3000 per term.

All students must submit an application at the beginning of the academic year (Fall Term). If the applicant will be attending the same school for the academic year, it is not necessary to submit a new mid-year application, but an Official transcript showing grades for the Fall term, and a Verification of Enrollment for the Spring term will need to be submitted before the applicant will be considered for a Spring term scholarship. If there are significant changes, such as transferring to another school, a new mid-term application will be required.

Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis for completed applications. This means that ALL required documentation to accompany the application has been submitted to the Caddo Nation Education Department. Scholarship amounts vary and are based on unmet need according to the Financial Needs Analysis form that is completed by the school's Financial Aid Office.

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The Cherokee Nation

Tahlequah, OK

<https://cherokee.org/all-services/education-services/college-resources/>
(918) 453-5000 ext. 5341 | collegeresources@cherokee.org

Concurrent Enrollment Scholarships

High school students who are concurrently enrolled and receiving college credit may apply for the concurrent scholarship offered by the Cherokee Nation College Resource Center.

Concurrent education scholarships are offered to citizens of the Cherokee Nation who are high school juniors or seniors and are taking required general education courses, at a college or university, while still in high school. Tribal citizens must also have permanent residence within the Cherokee Nation or contiguous areas. Residency restrictions apply, see the complete map under the "Downloads" section. No private or proprietary institutions qualify.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Scholarships

The Cherokee Nation recognizes and awards scholarship funds to Cherokee Nation citizens who are named Valedictorian/Salutatorian for their graduating high school class. High schools located within the Cherokee Nation scholarship service area and contiguous counties are eligible.

Higher Education Scholarships, Undergraduate and Graduate

Citizens of the Cherokee Nation actively pursuing a higher education degree may apply to receive educational scholarships payable directly to an accredited college or university. Some scholarships may have restrictions, such as students with multiple tribal lineages may only receive assistance from one tribe. Students must be working towards an Associates in Arts or Science, Associates of Applied Science in Nursing ONLY, Bachelors, Masters, or Doctorate degrees. Students may receive assistance with one Associates Degree, one Bachelor's Degree, one Master's Degree, and one Doctorate Degree.

Cherokee Language Teacher Training Program

The Cherokee Language Teacher Training Program is designed to create certified Cherokee language teachers. Applicants must be attending Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK pursuing a bachelor's degree in education and an Oklahoma state teaching certification in elementary education, early childhood education, or Cherokee language. After completing the first academic year of the Program, the students will sign a contract committing their services after graduation to the Cherokee Immersion Charter School or at one of the Cherokee Nation's cooperative satellite programs in public schools in the fourteen county-area.

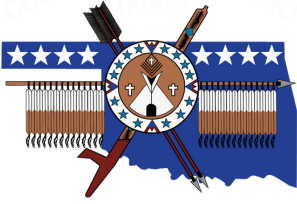
Stole Program

The Cherokee Nation College Resource Center rewards students striving to complete continuing education goals and academic success. The Stole program is available for college students who are currently graduating and are Cherokee Nation citizens. The program offers the opportunity to receive graduation stoles for one Associate (Art, Science or Applied Science -Nursing), Bachelors, Masters, or Doctoral Degree. Under this program citizens will receive one graduation stole per degree level.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Concho, OK

Higher Education Phone: 405-422-7646 Fax: 405-422-8211

<https://cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov/project/higher-education/>

Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education Scholarships are available to enrolled tribal members throughout the U.S. Application deadlines are June 1st for Fall term; November 1st for Spring term; and April 1st for Summer term.

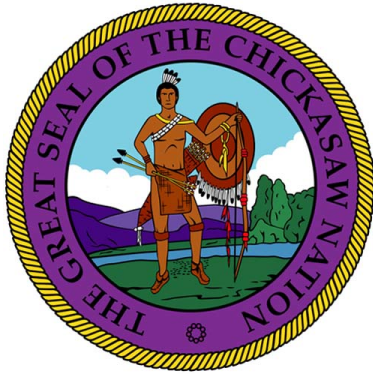
Applications should be mailed to the address listed on website. The applications can be printed from the Cheyenne and Arapaho website. Other services available to students include:

- Full and part-time scholarships, which includes students who may be incarcerated
- College Prep Workshops at local high schools, including Riverside Indian School
- Concurrent college class assistance for textbooks and fees (tuition is paid by OK)
- ACT information, test dates and application fees assistance
- High School Graduation assistance of \$100 to be used for graduation expenses
- Back to College events and student meetings at local colleges
- Incentive Awards for college students who complete full-time status with Grade Point Averages (GPA) of 3.00-3.49 (\$100), 3.50-3.99 (\$150) and 4.00 (\$250)
- Incentive Awards for attainment of Degrees: Associates (\$300), Bachelors (\$400), Masters (\$500) + a Pendleton, Doctorate Degrees (\$1,000) + a Pendleton.
- Fall Conference: A 'High School to College Prep' workshop is held each fall to present a variety of programs to students.
- Junior-Senior Christmas Event
- Spring Conference
- OCIE Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society
- Annual Graduation Banquet
- Back to College Events

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[Executive Office](#)



The Chickasaw Nation

Ada, OK

www.chickasaw.net/Services/Higher-Education-Grants-Scholarships-Incentives.aspx

(580) 421-7711

Several grants and programs are available to Chickasaw students.

Higher Education Grants

The higher education grant may be awarded to undergraduate, graduate or doctoral students who maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher each semester.

General Scholarship

A general scholarship is available to Chickasaw students who take three or more credit hours each term and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. Awards are based on enrollment and classification, and an incentive is available based on GPA.

A **Fee Assistance Grant** and **Textbook Grant** are also available.

Oklahoma State University (OSU) Center for Sovereign Nations

Native American students attending OSU have access to the OSU Center for Sovereign Nations.

Learn more at [OSU Center for Sovereign Nations](#).

Chickasaw Nation Recruitment and Retention Program

Chickasaw citizens attending the University of Oklahoma, the University of Central Oklahoma, Murray State College or Oklahoma Community College have access to on-campus partners to aid them in their academic success. Learn more on the [Chickasaw Nation Recruitment and Retention Program](#) page.

School-to-Work Program

Eligible Chickasaw participants have the opportunity to receive a stipend while pursuing a full-time college or vocational program and complete on-the-job training in a specified degree field.

On-the-job training provides school-to-work students with specific types of employment opportunities related to their course of study.

Additional Scholarship information can be found here

<https://www.chickasaw.net/cn/Education-and-Career-Links.aspx>



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The Choctaw Nation

Durant, OK

www.choctawnation.com/tribal-services/education/post-secondary

580-924-8280 x2292

Through the Choctaw Nation's **Higher Education Program**, any tribal member of the Choctaw Nation actively pursuing a higher education degree is eligible to receive assistance in the form of a scholarship or grant payable directly to an accredited college or university.

Other programs include:

Career Development

The Choctaw Nation Career Development Program provides career counseling, tuition assistance, academic remediation, and employment services.

Choctaw Nation College Connect

The biennial Choctaw Nation College Connect creates the opportunity for colleges, universities, and select Native American education organizations from across the country to connect with Choctaw high school, undergraduate, and graduate students.

College Clothing Allowance

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma offers a one-time college clothing allowance to registered Choctaw tribal members throughout the United States who are working toward a minimum of an associate degree.

College Freshman Year Initiative (FYI)

The goal of College Freshman Year Initiative (FYI) is to create a community among Choctaw students, their college campus, and our staff. There are Choctaw First-Year Experience Coordinators on the campuses of Southeastern Oklahoma State University-Durant, Carl Albert State College-Poteau, and Eastern Oklahoma State College-Wilburton to closely assist Choctaw students.

School of Choctaw Language

The Chahta Anumpa Aiiikhvna promotes and preserves Choctaw language, history, and culture.

Technology Allowance Program

The Choctaw Nation offers a one-time technology allowance of \$500 to Choctaw tribal members throughout the United States who are currently attending an accredited college or university.

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act

The Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) prepares youth and unskilled adults for entry into the labor force and provides job training to economically disadvantaged individuals and others facing serious barriers to employment, who are in special need of such training to obtain productive employment.



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Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Shawnee, OK

<https://www.potawatomi.org/blog/service/department-of-education/>

Phone: 405-695-6028 | college@potawatomi.org

College Partnerships

The CPN strategically partners with select universities to support the educational endeavors of Tribal members.

University Partnerships

Oklahoma Baptist University and Citizen Potawatomi Nation signed a collaborative agreement to provide a corporate online MBA program for CPN tribal members. Program participants are selected by CPN leadership and screened by OBU. This program is open to 10 active students and students are subject to committee review before being placed on a waitlist. To accommodate working adults, the MBA is as flexible as possible. Course requirements are completed in a unique 100-percent online environment. OBU faculty supervise, coach, and collaborate with students as they participate in the growth and development of their education. To learn more about this program, please contact the Oklahoma Baptist University College of Graduate & Professional Studies admissions team at 405-585-4603 or the CPN Education Department at 405-695-6028 or college@potawatomi.org.

Scholarships

The CPN Department of Education now administers the consolidated CPN Tribal Scholarship via a user-friendly, online Education Portal. The CPN Department of Education will administer the CPN Tribal Scholarship, a consolidated version of what was previously the Tribal Rolls, Housing, and Higher Education Scholarships. The Tribal Scholarship Program provides financial assistance for payment of tuition for Tribal members pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees at accredited, not-for-profit institutions. Enrolled CPN tribal members who complete the application by the deadline and meet criteria will be eligible to receive up to \$2,000 (full-time status) or \$750 (part-time status) per semester.

Tribal Scholarship Deadlines

Fall Scholarships

- Application opens: July 15 at 8 a.m. CT
- Application closes: Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. CT

Spring Scholarships

- Application opens: Nov. 15 at 8 a.m. CT
- Application closes: Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. CT

Summer Scholarships

- Application opens: March 15 at 8 a.m. CT
- Application closes: June 15 at 5 p.m. CT

Potawatomi Leadership Program

The Potawatomi Leadership Program educates, informs, and encourages qualified Potawatomi students, within the Tribal membership at large, to develop a more accurate perception of the Tribe and its operations. The Potawatomi Leadership Program provides an opportunity for a group of high-achieving Citizen Potawatomi Nation college students to participate in an annual summer internship. The six-week program educates promising young Tribal members from around the world about CPN's government, culture, and economic development. At its core, the PLP strives to cultivate talent from within CPN to ensure that younger generations are prepared for a role in the future governance of their Tribe.

Vocation and Technical Scholarship Assistance

For students pursuing a vocational degree or technical license, scholarship assistance is available through the CPN Workforce and Social Services department. Students may contact WSS at 405-878-3854 to learn more about this opportunity.

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Citizen Potawatomi Nation



Comanche Nation

Lawton, OK

<https://comanchenation.com/departments/career-educational-programs/higher-education>

Phone: 580-699-7218 Fax Number: 580-492-4017

College Scholarship Program

The Comanche Nation Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to Comanche students who are attending accredited institutes such as colleges/university and who is pursuing a Bachelors/Masters/Doctorates Degree or two-year program. To qualify for the scholarship the student must be an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, be approved for admissions by an accredited college, be in need of financial assistance and give reasonable assurance they will be successful in completing a four-year college degree program.

Job Placement & Training Program

The JP&T program is designed to assist eligible tribal members attending long-term/full-time training in programs offered by the state vocational schools approved by the tribal/federal contract. The JP&T program offers financial assistance & vocational counseling for a school period of at least nine (9) months, not to exceed twenty-four (24) months. To qualify for the long-term training program, students must be an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, 18 years of age or older, high school graduate or GED/certified, obtain a current photo ID, and provide all requested documents required to complete an application. The Direct Employment program provides financial assistance to tribal members who retain new and permanent employment. The Relocation program provides financial assistance for tribal members who must relocate for permanent employment. Stipend checks may be provided for student who meet the application requirements. To qualify for the Direct Employment/Relocation program, students must be an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, 18 years of age or older, a high school graduate or GED/certified, obtain a current photo ID, be unemployed for 6 weeks, obtain permanent employment, cannot have applied for assistance within the last 6 months or received assistance from the DE program or the BIA within the last 3 years, and must provide all requested documents required to complete an application. The Associate in Applied Science is a program for students seeking a 2 year degree in an applied sciences field. Emphasis is placed on courses which enable the student to focus on specialized academic interest which allows for immediate employability upon graduation. To qualify for the scholarship, a student must be an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, be approved for admissions by an accredited college, be in need of financial assistance, and give reasonable assurance they will be successful in completing a college degree program. The amount for the scholarship is dependent upon the number of credit hours the student is enrolled in and is offered to qualified applicants.

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[Comanche Nation Higher Education](#)



Delaware Nation

Anadarko, OK

<https://www.delawarenation-nsn.gov/family-social-services/#HEP>

Office: (405) 247-2448 Fax: (405) 247-5942

Higher Education Program

This program is for enrolled Delaware Nation citizens that are interested in obtaining an undergraduate (Associates or Bachelors) degree from an accredited institution. The maximum award per semester \$1,250 (check mailed to the school). The deadline for the school year (fall-spring) is July 15th. The deadline for the spring semester is November 15th. All supportive documents must be received within the first 2 weeks after classes start. Any submissions after will not be eligible for that semester. Requirements:

- Must be an enrolled Delaware Nation Citizen
- Must complete a Higher Education application along with required supportive documentation
- Must submit a copy of Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB card)
- Must submit a letter of intent (this letter must be written by the applicant)
- Must submit a letter of admission from the college
- Must submit a copy of class schedule
- Must submit a college/High School transcript
- Must submit a copy of student aid report (SAR)
- Must complete a financial need analysis (this form is in the application packet and it is to be completed by the financial aid office of the college they will attend)

Lenape Wise Program

This program is for students that are enrolled in college part time, summer semester or enrolled as a post graduate student. The maximum award per semester is \$1,000 (check is mailed to the school).

Application must be submitted 30 days prior to start date. Requirements:

- Must be an enrolled Delaware Nation citizen
- Must submit an application with supportive documents
- Must maintain a 2.5 GPA per semester
- Must submit grades at end of each semester
- Must notify Social Services immediately if withdrawal from any class is submitted to college

College Financial Assistance Program

The program's main focus is to offer financial support to a student needing transportation costs, books expenses, lab expense, food, or what is deemed necessary for the student to reach their academic goals. The maximum award per semester is \$500.00. Application must be submitted 30 days prior to start date. Requirements:

- Must be an enrolled Delaware Nation Citizen
- Must submit a Higher Education application before CFA application is considered
- Must submit an application each semester funds are needed.
- Must be enrolled in 12 credit hours and maintain a 2.5 GPA per semester

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Delaware Tribe of Indians

Bartlesville, OK

<http://delawaretribe.org/services-and-programs/educational-assistance/>

Main Phone 918-337-6590 | Fax 918-337-6591

Trust Fund Higher Education Scholarship

Delaware Tribal members attending college are eligible for scholarship funding. Currently, full-time students may apply for \$600 per semester for up to eight semesters. Semesters do not have to be consecutive. Part-time students may apply for \$300 per semester for up to 16 semesters. Applicants must submit all required documentation. Students must maintain a 2.7 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester attended (high school, college, etc.). Students must reapply at the end of each semester. Award is made directly to student to insure that it does not interfere with their financial aid package at the institution. Scholarships will not be awarded for the summer semester. Scholarships are subject to funding availability.

Fall scholarship applications will be accepted from June 1 through July 31, spring from December 1 to January 31.

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Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Wyandotte, OK

<https://estoo-nsn.gov/education/education-program/>

Phone: 918-666-2435 | Fax: 888-972-1834

Funding for education is a tremendous benefit that the Tribe provides for its members. Each tribal member receiving benefits has a responsibility to review the guidelines and use the scholarship funds wisely. Students are responsible for submitting all required documents. Prior to approving a Scholarship Application, the Education Department must receive the following:

Student Scholarship Process

Below you will find the step-by-step procedures of how the paperwork/scholarship process flows in our department to help you better understand how everything will work regarding your scholarship.

1. Student fills out application located on the tribal website under the Education link.
2. Application is returned to Education Department via mail, email, or fax along with all other paperwork necessary listed on the application.
3. Education Department reviews your paperwork. If any necessary paperwork is missing, we contact student via email or phone to ask for the missing paperwork. At this point student file is placed in pending file until all paperwork is received.
4. Once file is complete and all necessary paperwork is received, Education Department sends an award letter to the school letting them know of scholarship, and amounts, etc. The award letter asks for the school to send official billing after all other financial aid has applied after the schools final drop date. The award letter will put student account on hold at school until payment can be made so that student will not be dropped from classes for nonpayment.
5. Once the final drop date has passed, payment will be made to the school for amount still owed or directly to the student if account balance is zero. At this time other items can be paid for/dispensed such as transportation, grade incentives, computer, etc.

Educational Program Credit Hours Scholarship Limits

- **Non-Credit Classes/Workshops:** \$2000 maximum per year
- **Vocational/ Certificate programs:** Limit of \$24,000 for one year or less and up to \$36,000 for up to two years.
- **Undergraduate:** 1-11 hrs. Up to \$400 per hour per semester. Max undergraduate benefit is \$48,000
 - 12 hrs. Up to \$4800 per semester
 - 13 hrs. Up to \$5200 per semester
 - 14 hrs. Up to \$5600 per semester
 - 15 + hrs. UP to \$6000 per semester
- **Masters:** \$800 per credit hour up to \$7200 maximum per term with unconditional acceptance Paid at undergraduate rates with conditional acceptance* Limit of \$28,800

Scholarship funds may be used for the following at the undergraduate level and above:

- tuition and university fees (payable after final drop date) (tuition waivers are not payable/ reimbursable)
- test fees (except LSAT, MCAT, and other entrance exams)
- required books - supplies (\$10 per credit hr.)
- room & board (if billed through the university)
- transportation (\$50 per on-campus credit hour with a max. of \$600 per term)
- off-campus housing – May be considered for payment if no on-campus housing is available. There is a maximum of \$200 per month, \$1,000 per semester.
- computer- (purchased by the tribe or student after tuition/fees and other school costs are paid for. Student must sign a computer acceptance agreement; limit one per lifetime. Limit of \$900.
- vocational tool reimbursement- list of required tools required from instructor, tool agreement must be signed prior to tool reimbursement.



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[Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Education Department](#)



Fort Sill Apache Tribe

Apache, OK

<https://fortsillapache-nsn.gov/fort-sill-apache-higher-education-grant-program/>

The Higher Education Grant Program is designed for students who plan to obtain an undergraduate degree (associates or bachelors) and/or a Graduated degree from a regionally accredited public college or university. This program is both funded by the Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with separate guidelines for both.

Eligibility, Guidelines, and/or Requirements:

You can apply for a FSA Higher Education Grant If:

- You are an enrolled member of the Fort Sill Apache Tribe.
- You have been accepted as a student with a Regional Accredited College or University.
- You have been applied for financial aid at a college or university.
- Each student must apply for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online.

We base our funding to each student from a completed Financial Needs Analysis (FNA) that is submitted to us by the financial aid office of the School they are attending (the school fills out FNA based on FAFSA).

Full-time students must meet the following requirements for academic progress for continued grant awards:

- All Students must complete 12 or more semester hours per academic term
- All students must achieve and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 grade point scale.

Failure to meet academic standards shall result in a probation period. Failure to meet academic standards for the probation period will result in suspension. Students suspended from the Tribal funding shall not considered for future funding until they, utilize other funding resources, complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per term with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0

Grants shall be paid by the FSA Tribe with a check to the College or University's Financial Aid Office, the school will deduct institutional expenses and then shall disburse any remaining funds to the student in accordance with the disbursement policy of the school

In order to be eligible to receive a FSAHE Grant a **part-time student** must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours and be a degree seeking student. If a person is enrolled between 6 and 11 credits, they are considered part-time students. Must maintain Part-time status and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Part-time students are only allowed funding for books, tuition, and fees.

Priority Dates

FALL TERM—JUNE 15TH | SPRING TERM—OCTOBER 15TH | SUMMER—APRIL 15TH

(If you can't meet the priority date, send in the application when complete along with a letter explaining why it is late. LATE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE FUNDED.)

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[Fort Sill Apache Tribe](#)



Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

Perkins, OK

<https://www.bahkhoje.com/native-services/education-programs/>

Phone: 405-547-2402 ext. 3301 | Fax: 405-547-1093

Higher Education Scholarship Program

Higher education assistance is available nationwide for Iowa Tribal Members who pursue an Associate, Baccalaureate, or Graduate Degree through an accredited two-year college or a four-year university. With proper documentation and application, Iowa Tribal members will receive funding for full-time students who are enrolled in 12 hrs or more and as well as for part-time students who are enrolled in 11 hrs to 6 hrs each semester. This funding is not limited, and is equal to all making deadlines on applications. BIA funding is also available, and is limited to a first come first serve basis.

Adult Vocational Training

The Adult Vocational Training program provides assistance to Iowa Tribal members and other eligible Indians who reside within the Iowa Tribe service area that need vocational education for entry into the work force. Only those applicants who declare and intent to accept and retain full time employment will be selected to receive services

K12 Private Education Program Assistance

The K12 Private Education Program assistance is available nationwide for Iowa Tribal Members who have been accepted into an accredited K12 private school. With proper documentation and application, Iowa Tribal members will receive funding for full-time students who are enrolled in a full time accredited K12 education institution. Scholarships are limited to a first come first serve basis.

Direct Employment Assistance

The purpose of the Direct Employment Assistance program is to assist Iowa Tribal members and other eligible Indians who have a job skill to obtain and retain permanent employment. Applicants must be adult Indians residing within the Iowa Tribe service area and demonstrate a need for employment services. An applicant must be unemployed or underemployed to receive employment services. Only those applicants who declare a desire and intent to accept and retain full time permanent employment at the chosen employment location shall be selected.

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The Kaw Nation

Kaw City, OK

https://kawnation.com/?page_id=145

Phone: (580) 269-1186

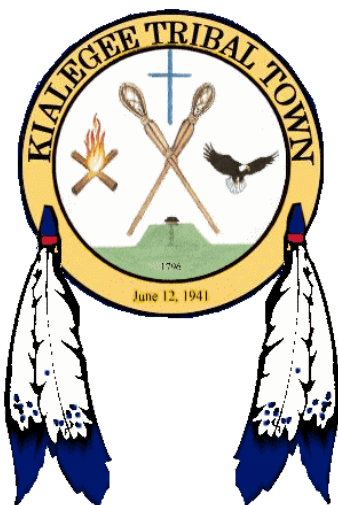
The Kaw Nation Education Department provides the following services to eligible Kaw members and Native Americans:

- **Kaw Nation Higher Education Grant Program** – Assistance to Kaw members who wish to complete a bachelor degree. The student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), be eligible for a PELL grant, work-study, or loans and still show an unmet financial need. Deadlines are JUNE 1 for the fall semester. NOVEMBER 1 for the spring semester. (Summer school assistance also available).
- **Kaw Nation Academic Scholarship Program** – Assistance to Kaw members who wish to complete a bachelor degree program. Although the student does not have to show a financial need, the student must carry a minimum of twelve credit hours and maintain a 3.00 grade point average each semester. Applications are accepted once a year. Deadline is MAY 1. (Limited summer school assistance also available).
- **Kaw Nation Tribal Education Grant** – Assistance to Kaw members who wish to complete a college degree program. Students do not qualify for federal aid (FAFSA) and do not meet the criteria for the academic scholarship program. The student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine eligibility. Deadlines are JUNE 1 for the fall semester. NOVEMBER 1 for the spring semester. (Limited summer school assistance also available).
- **Kaw Nation Graduate Program** – Assistance to Kaw members who wish to complete a graduate degree program. Students must apply through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be eligible for other types of assistance such as loans. Deadlines are JUNE 1 for the fall semester. NOVEMBER 1 for the spring semester. (Summer school assistance also available).
- **Kaw Nation Tribal Graduate Program** – Assistance to Kaw members who wish to complete a graduate degree program. Assists working students whose resources exceed school expenses. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine eligibility. Deadlines are JUNE 1 for the fall semester. NOVEMBER 1 for the spring semester. (Limited summer school assistance also available).
- **Adult Vocational Training Program** – Assistance to Kaw tribal members and Native Americans who live within the Kaw Nation service area who wish to complete a one to two year (associate/applied science degree/certification) program. Native American students who reside within the Kaw Nation service area will be given first priority. Kaw students outside the area may be assisted provided they meet eligibility requirements. Students must apply and be eligible for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to qualify.

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Kaw Nation



Kialegee Tribal Town

Wetumka, OK

https://kialegeetribe.webstarts.com/contact_us.html

Main Office: (405)452-3262

For more information about specific programs available through Kialegee Tribal Town, contact the main office at (405) 452-3262.

Citizens of the Kialegee Tribal Town are eligible for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Grant Program Scholarship. Information on this program and applications can be found at <https://www.bie.edu/document/bie-higher-education-grant-program-scholarship-information-packet>

See the page in this guidebook titled 'Scholarships Available to Indigenous Students' for a list of scholarship opportunities available to all Indigenous students, regardless of tribal affiliation.

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[Kialegee Tribal Town](#)



Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma

McCloud, OK

<https://kickapootribeofoklahoma.com/ktoedu.html>

Phone: 405-964-5002, 405-964-4204

Higher Education Scholarship

The Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Higher Education College Scholarship Program serves Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Tribal Members exclusively. It provides financial assistance to Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Members who attend a nationally/state accredited college/university. The number of tribal members enrolled in colleges and universities is increasing every year due to the excellent education programs the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma administers. Application Deadline for the Fall Semester is JUNE 30, and deadline for the Spring Semester is November 30.

Required Documents:

- Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma membership verification
- High School Transcript/Diploma or GED Diploma
- Official College Transcript (if previously attended)
- Personal Letter- include introduction, college major, career objective after graduation (minimum 100 words)
- Letter of Acceptance from an accredited college/university
- Class Schedule

Adult Vocational Training

The Adult Vocational Training Program promotes opportunities for self-determination and self sufficiency. The program provides financial assistance to Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Members, as well as other Native Americans who reside within the Kickapoo Tribe Jurisdiction.

Applicant must be enrolled in training to obtain job/trade skill leading to gainful employment. Training Center must be nationally/state accredited. The Incentive Award Program is provided to all Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Tribal Members who successfully complete a nationally/state accredited educational program. An Incentive in the amount of \$1,000 is awarded to Tribal Members who have earned a High School Diploma/ GED Diploma, a Certificate of Completion from long-term Training, Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, or Doctorate Degree. Incentive awards are an immense part of the increasing number of graduates.

Guidelines

- Applicant must be an enrolled Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Member at time of receiving diploma, certificate, or degree
- Application must be submitted within one year of graduation/completion of training
- Applicants are eligible to receive ONE incentive award per level

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Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma Higher Education Grant Program (KHEGP)

806 Wynan Court, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005

<https://kiowatribe.org/higher-education>

Phone: (580) 654-6324 | Fax: (405) 648-7078

Email: highered@kiowatribe.org

The Higher Education Program accepts applications for financial assistance from enrolled Kiowa tribal members. Applicants must be planning to attend or currently attending an accredited institution of higher education to earn an undergraduate or graduate degree. Higher Education staff reviews applicants' documents to ascertain eligibility and submission of all required supporting documentation. Based on available funds, the applicant's financial need and academic standing, grants are awarded to eligible applicants. Grants are always paid directly to the college/university.

Who is eligible for program services?

Enrolled Kiowa tribal members who attend or are planning to attend an accredited college/university. Applications are available through the KHEGP website and available for pickup at the KHEGP Anadarko Office at 806 Wynan Court, Anadarko, OK 73005, and Kiowa Tribal Complex. KHEGP will also fax, mail or email applications upon request. <https://www.kiowatribe.org/higher-education.html>

There are no service area requirements. Applicants may reside anywhere in the world.

Requirements or qualifications for program services.

- Applications must be complete and submitted on time. Due dates are July 1 for Fall, November 1 for Spring, and April 1 for Summer.
- Applicants may be funded as part-time (6-11 credit hours) or full-time (12+ credit hours) students. Exceptions may be made in very specific instances.
- All levels of undergraduate and graduate studies are eligible.
- Students enrolled in traditional classes and online programs are eligible to receive funding.
- Concurrently-enrolled High School students are eligible to receive funding for tuition, fees, and books.
- Incarcerated students are eligible to receive funding for tuition, fees, and books.
- All students are required to maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and complete all hours for which they are funded. If academic requirements are not met, students may be placed on probation or suspension from KHEGP funding.

Students who are approved for funding will receive a grant paid directly to the college/university each semester. Due to changes in grant funding and the number of applicants, the grant award amount may change from semester to semester. Summer funding is always separate and may or may not be available. Funding is based on need and/or merit. Though some restrictions apply, the KHEGP may also assist in paying up to \$2000.00 toward "old debt" owed to a college/university which may have resulted in an account "hold" inhibiting students from either obtaining a transcript or diploma or from returning to finish a degree. KHEGP staff also advises students regarding college admissions, coursework, degree planning, time management, financial aid, applying for scholarships and grants, locating tribal/community/campus resources, college & career readiness, communicating with campus faculty & staff, and occasionally visits students on campus during the semester.

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[Kiowa Higher Education
Grant Program](#)



Miami Nation of Oklahoma

Miami, OK

<https://miamination.com/Scholarships>

Phone: 918-541-2176

The Miami Nation is committed to supporting the education of Myaamia people of all ages through the funding of scholarships and continuing education programs. The Myaamia Scholarship Selection Committee is made up of three Tribal members appointed by the Business Committee and given the responsibility of awarding the following scholarships on behalf of the General Council. Scholarships are awarded by the Committee through a blind application process. All scholarship applications must be fully completed upon submission, or the application will not be considered. Note: All scholarships offered by The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma are for enrolled members/citizens of the tribe only. Scholarships are available only for Spring and Fall semesters. Available scholarships include:

Casino/Economic Development Education Award

- \$2000 per academic year. Student must advise school if full amount should be applied to Fall semester, or if amount should be split between Fall or Spring.
- Pays up to eight consecutive Fall/Spring semesters (4 years)
- Renewable annually. Must submit Spring Application, due April 1.

Josephine Goodboo Watson Memorial Book Scholarship

- \$500 per academic year
- Renewable annually with Spring Application

Tax Commission Continuing Education Scholarship

- Awarded per academic year. Student must advise school if full amount should be applied to Fall semester, or if amount should be split between Fall or Spring.
- Renewable annually. Must submit Spring Application, due April 1.

Crane Award

- \$2000 per academic year (Student must advise school if full amount should be applied to Fall semester, or if amount should be split between Fall or Spring.)
- Submit Spring Application each year, due April 1.

Non-Traditional Scholarship

- \$2000 per academic year (Student must advise school if full amount should be applied to Fall semester, or if amount should be split between Fall or Spring.)

Fresh Start Scholarship

- \$400, one-time award for Fall semester

Vocational or Trade School Scholarship

- \$2000 per academic year (Student must advise school if full amount should be applied to Fall semester, or if amount should be split between Fall or Spring.)
- Renewable annually with Fall Scholarship Application

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[Miami Nation Events](#)



Modoc Nation of Oklahoma

Miami, Oklahoma

<https://modocnation.com/education/>

Phone: (918) 994-1819

Modoc Nation offers a variety of educational services to our members. We offer IEP/504 support consultation and support, mentoring, as well as post-secondary scholarships. If you need other assistance not listed, please contact us to see what we can do to help. Graduation stoles will be available beginning May 2021 for high school and college graduates. Please email or call for more information.

The approved award for applicants is \$ 9,500.00 per semester or \$ 6,333.34 per term for students attending a four year college or university, working toward a bachelor degree. (This award is for a maximum of 8 semesters or 12 terms). To be eligible for funding, a student is required to enroll and pass a minimum of 12 credits and maintain a G.P.A. of 2.0. (In most programs, a student will need to be enrolled in 15/17 credits in order to graduate in 4 years.)

Students who fail to meet the minimum requirements for the scholarship, will be suspended from the scholarship program. If he/she wishes to be reinstated, he/she must enroll; pass a minimum of 12 credits with a G.P.A of 2.0 in a specified semester/term. (This semester/term will need to be accomplished without funding from the Modoc Tribe.)

A student may elect to attend a junior or community college for two years. These semesters/terms will count toward the total maximum number of semesters/terms allowable for a bachelor's degree. To receive a part-time award, (6-11 credits) requires working a minimum of 20 hours a week. (Proof of employment and work hours is required) An applicant would be eligible for a scholarship up to \$ 2,000.00. These semesters/terms would count toward their total allowable semester/term awards.

Members who are enrolled in a vocational training program may be eligible for a scholarship at tuition and fee rates equal, but not to exceed, the costs of programs at Northeast Technology Center in Afton, Oklahoma. Programs will be compared with N. T.C. and funded accordingly. The Modoc Nation will provide funding for one degree or one vocational certificate/degree.

A member, in a graduate program, may be eligible for an award of \$ 2,500.00 per semester/ \$1,666.67 per term. (The Tribe will pay 4 semesters/6 terms for a master's; 6 semesters/9 terms in a J.D. and PhD program and 8 semesters/12 terms in a Medical Doctor Program). All scholarships are tentative and must have Tribal approval. No payment is guaranteed until the check is written.

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Modoc Nation



Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Okmulgee, OK

<https://www.mcn-nsn.gov/services/education-training/higher-education/>

Phone: (918) 732-7727 | Fax: (918) 732-7728

The Higher Education Administers three (3) grant programs for students pursuing an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university. Only NEW APPLICANTS are required to complete an application. If you are currently receiving funding from the Higher Education program you are not required to complete an application each semester. Continuing students need to submit their official transcript from the semester in which they were funded, as well as a class schedule for the upcoming semester to stay eligible for the program.

- Students are responsible for submitting all information required!
- Continuing students need to submit their official transcript from the semester in which they were funded, as well as a class schedule for the upcoming semester to stay eligible for the program.
- We will ONLY accept Official Transcripts; sealed and signed hard copy or your institution's e-script.
- STUDENTS: if your institution is sending an e-script (Electronic Official Transcript) to our office, it must be DIRECTLY sent to your coordinator and/or our office email (highered@mcn-nsn.gov).
- Students are advised to contact their assigned grant coordinator or the Higher Education office for additional questions.

For students attending a Vocational or Technical School, please apply for the Tribal Grant offered through the Employment and Training office: [//www.mcn-nsn.gov/services/education-training/employment-training/](https://www.mcn-nsn.gov/services/education-training/employment-training/)

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Muscogee Creek Nation
Higher Education



The Osage Nation

Hominy, OK

<https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/what-we-do/education-department/higher-education-scholarship>
Office Main Phone: 918-287-5300

Osage Nation Student Handbook

The Osage Nation Scholarships Policies and Procedures are designed to influence and determine all major decisions and actions, and all activities that take place within the boundaries set by them. The ONSPP Student Handbook is published on or before May 15 of each year for the subsequent academic year.

Higher Education Scholarship

The Osage Nation Higher Education Scholarship is available to Osage students pursuing post-secondary education at the associate level or beyond. A wide range of educational choices is supported, including associates, bachelors, masters, and doctoral degree programs at accredited schools. Students must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of a 2.0 and be in good standing to remain eligible for scholarship funding. Students may not receive the Career Training Scholarship and Higher Education Scholarship simultaneously. The annual qualifying application opens on May 15 of each academic year. <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/osage/> (Electronic or request a printable PDF application)

Scholarship America administers the Osage Nation Higher Education Scholarship Program. All inquiries regarding your application status and/or scholarship should be directed to Scholarship America at:
Toll-Free Phone: 855-758-8609, Email: OsageNation@scholarshipamerica.org

Internship

The Osage Nation Education Department supports Osage students participating in a degree or certification program through the provision of our Internship Program. This program is designed to provide Osage students with work experience in their chosen field of study to better prepare them to enter the workforce upon graduation.

Stole/Commendations

Stole/Commendations are available to Osage students who will participate in higher education commencement ceremonies after successful completion of a degree program.

Career Training Scholarship

The Osage Nation Career Training Scholarship is available to Osage students enrolled in a program that awards a certification or licensure at a state or nationally accredited training facility. Students must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of a 2.0 and be in good standing to remain eligible for scholarship funding. Students may not receive the Higher Education Scholarship and Career Training Scholarship simultaneously.

Academic Advisor Support Services

The Academic Advisor provides a student-centered approach to academic success and problem-solving in the challenges of transitioning to higher education. If you are in need of assistance, please contact the Education Department.

Certification and Licensure Testing Program

Assistance is provided to Osages nationwide for the cost of one certification or licensure test fee that is needed to gain viable employment. This could include but is not limited to bar exam, CPA, CNA, CLEET, EMT, real estate license and teacher certification.

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Otoe-Missouria Tribe

Red Rock, OK

<https://www.omtribe.org/what-we-do/education/education-programs/higher-education/>
Phone: 580-723-4466 x209 | highered@omtribe.org

The Otoe-Missouria Tribe understands that education is a very vital part of our existence in today's world, not only in our own tribal community but in the society as a whole. It is important for an individual to have opportunities that allow them to function effectively in today's society. It is important for the maintenance and upholding of our culture and the future successes of our tribal community. Therefore, education is top priority and as it is very evident in today's society that we need the knowledge and abilities to effectively function. We hope that our various educational programs and services of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe provide our commitment to the future successes of our community and tribal members.

The Higher Education program or scholarship program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to Otoe-Enrolled tribal members that are pursuing a Bachelor's Degree at any accredited institution of higher learning. Each applicant must satisfy all Federal (BIA) requirements as specified in the application packet in order to determine eligibility. Please be aware that this is not an entitlement program and students will remain eligible if all requirements and compliance is maintained. The following are the eligibility requirements for the Higher Education Program.

Eligibility requirements are:

1. Be a member of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma. Students must provide CDIB.
2. Be admitted for enrollment to an accredited institution of higher education.
3. Have a financial need as determined by the eligible institution's financial aid office according to the U.S. Department of Education Formula.
4. Must apply for all available financial aid.
5. Application must be FULLY completed by deadline dates. (Fall Semester – July 15, Spring Semester- January 15, Summer Semester – May 15 (Seniors Only)

The following documents must be submitted:

1. Completed application form.
2. Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)
3. Letter of Acceptance from an eligible institution.
4. High School Transcript or GED.
5. Transcripts from previous term of attendance
6. Financial Need Analysis Form – this must be completed by the Financial Aid of eligible institution indicating an unmet need.
7. Letter of intent
8. Class Schedule

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[Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians](#)



Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma

Miami, OK

Phone: 405-605-6051, x313

Students can receive a BIA Higher Education Grant.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be an enrolled member of the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma. Students must provide proof of membership, e.g., tribal enrollment card, or letter from the Tribe
- Be admitted for enrollment to an accredited institution of higher education.
- Have financial need as determined by the eligible institution's financial aid office according to U.S. Dept. of Education standard formula.
- Apply for all available campus-based financial aid.

Applications and information available at:

<http://www.ottawatribe.org/higher-education-grant/>



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

Pawnee, OK

<https://pawneenation.org/higher-education-program/>
Education Director Phone: (918) 762-3227 Ext. 224
education@pawneenation.org

Higher Education

The Higher Education program or scholarship program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to enrolled members of the Pawnee Tribe that are pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution of higher learning. Applicants must satisfy all Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs requirements as specified in the application packet in order to determine eligibility.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Be a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. Students must provide a proof of tribal membership.
2. Be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education.
3. Have a financial need as determined by the eligible institution's financial aid office according to the U.S. Department of Education's formula.
4. Must apply for all available financial aid.
5. The completed application must be submitted by the deadline.

The following documents must be submitted:

- Completed Application Form
- Tribal Membership Verification
- Letter of Acceptance from an Eligible Institution
- High School Transcript or a General Equivalency Diploma (GED)
- Transcripts from the previous term of attendance
- Financial Need Analysis Form - this must be completed by the Financial Aid department of an eligible institution indicating an unmet need
- Letter of Intent
- Class Schedule
- Selective Service Verification is required for all males

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Peoria Tribe of Oklahoma

Miami, OK

<https://peoriatribe.com/service/scholarships/>

Phone: 918.540.2535

The Peoria Tribal Education Program gives tribal members financial assistance in meeting their higher education goals. Eligibility requirements include a 2.5 GPA, full-time or part-time enrollment in an accredited college or vocational training institution, and enrollment in the Peoria Tribe. There are no financial guidelines and the scholarship is paid directly to the student as long as all criteria are met. Applications may be obtained from the Peoria Tribal Office or by downloading the application from the above website.

Graduation Stoles for High School & College Graduates

Graduation stoles are presented to Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma High School graduates to keep as a memento. We encourage students to review and adhere to their school graduation policy.

Requirements to receive a High School Graduation Stole:

- The student must be graduating no earlier than 2020-2021
- The student must be graduating within the school year the application is completed
- The student must complete the online application
- A verification letter stating the commencement ceremony date from their school must be submitted.
- Verifications must include student name, high school name, date of the graduation ceremony
- The student must hold a valid Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Tribal Membership and submit a copy of the tribal membership card for verification.
- Verification letter and tribal membership card can be submitted via email: lhickey@peoriatribe.com

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Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma

Ponca City, OK

<http://www.ponca.com/educationandtraining.html>

Ph: (580) 763-0120 Fax: (580) 763-0126

The Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma Higher Education Scholarship Program Application Process

1. Submit the 2-page Application for the Higher Education Scholarship. The Privacy Statement portion of the application must be witnessed and signed and dated.
2. You must be a member of the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma. Submit a Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma Enrollment card.
3. You must write in ink a letter stating why you need a grant; how you plan to use the money, the college major you plan to pursue; and your objectives after graduation from college. Sign and date the letter. No typed letters will be accepted. Mail to:

PONCA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM
DANA KNIGHT SOCIAL SERVICE BLDG.
121 WHITE EAGLE DRIVE
PONCA CITY OK. 74601

1. You must submit a copy of your letter of admission from the college you propose to attend.
2. A copy of your High School Transcript or College Transcript if you have previously attended college. If you have a GED a copy of that Certificate.
3. YOU must request all necessary student aid application from the Financial Aid Officer of the college you propose to attend. This includes PELL, SEOG, OTAG, etc. This can be done on-line at FAFSA.gov If you are under 25 years old you must still provide your custodial parents financial information (unless you are an emancipated minor) and the parent must also apply for a PIN.
4. The Top Portion of the Financial Needs Analysis must be filled and signed and then take to the Financial Aid Office of your college of choice and leave with them. The Financial Aid Officer will fill out the bottom portion.
5. You must enroll in 12 college credit hours per semester in order to qualify for a full scholarship.
6. You must enroll in an accredited College-University pursuing a Bachelor's Degree.

You can pick up an application at the address below or request that an application be mailed to you. Please do not ask for a faxed application. You must turn in the completed application to the Ponca Tribe Education Office at the following address:

Tara Littlecook, DIRECTOR
PONCA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
EDUCATION/TRAINING DEPARTMENT
121 WHITE EAGLE DRIVE
PONCA CITY, OK 74601

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Oklahoma](#)



Quapaw Nation

Quapaw, OK

<https://www.quapawtribe.com/100/Education>

Phone: (918) 542-1853 Fax: (918) 542-4694

Please remember that you must be enrolled in the Quapaw Tribe for one year before you are eligible for Higher Education Programs, per [Resolution 1119111-E \(PDF\)](#), as of January 1, 2012.

Higher Education Guidelines PDF can be found here
<https://www.quapawtribe.com/DocumentCenter/View/6330/Higher-Education-Guidelines-as-of-10-04-17-002?bidId=>

PLEASE CHECK THE TRIBE'S OFFICIAL FB PAGE, O-Gah-Pah, for postings about various scholarships, internships, camps, and other education-related events.

Essays

First-time applicants must complete the "History of the Quapaw Tribe" essay (no exceptions). Returning applicants may choose to complete the Option #1 Essay "Educational Goals & Use of Funding" OR complete the Summer/Fall Alternative essay "Quapaw Pow-wows." (If you complete it for Summer, you cannot use it for your Fall essay.)

Seneca Black Elk Mathews Scholarship

Established in 2012 by the Mathews Family in memory of Seneca Mathews, the endowed scholarship has helped several Quapaw Tribal Members achieve their academic goals at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

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Quapaw Nation - OGahPah



Sac & Fox Nation

Stroud, OK

<https://www.sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov/tribal-member-services/>

Phone: (918) 968-3526, Ext. 2043

College Tuition Assistance

Provides tuition assistance to SFN tribal members who are enrolled in an accredited college or university. Tuition assistance in the amount of \$1,000.00 per semester is available to full-time students and \$500.00 per semester for part-time students. The tuition payment is paid directly to the college or university.

College Textbooks and Supplies Assistance

Provides assistance to purchase books and supplies as needed for college classes. The amount is \$500.00 per semester for full-time students and \$250.00 for part-time students. Payment is paid directly to the student; however, receipts are required at the end of each semester.

College Living Allowance

Each students may receive a cost of living allowance to enable them to attend classes. Examples of how these funds may be used: gasoline, food, babysitter, or any other expense. A full-time student will receive \$800.00 for the fall semester and \$1,000.00 for the spring semester. Part-time students will receive half of the amounts shown. No receipts are required.

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Sac & Fox Nation



Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

Wewoka, OK

[https://www.sno-nsn.gov/getpage.php?](https://www.sno-nsn.gov/getpage.php?name=Higher_Education/_Adult_Education&sub=Tribal%20Services)

[name=Higher_Education/_Adult_Education&sub=Tribal%20Services](https://www.sno-nsn.gov/getpage.php?name=Higher_Education/_Adult_Education&sub=Tribal%20Services)

Phone: (405) 257-7263

Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Higher Education Department

BIA Scholarship

Important dates:

- FALL- OPENS July 3rd; CLOSES September 13th
- SPRING – OPENS January 3rd; CLOSES February 14th

Student will need to download the application on the tribal website only: www.sno-nsn.gov

Mailing address:

Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
Higher Education
P.O. BOX 464
Seminole, OK 74818

Physical address:

Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
Higher Education
630 N. Main St.
Seminole, OK 74868

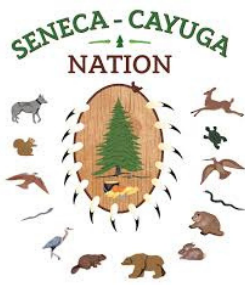
Office contact: (405) 257-7263

Contact person: Clara Keawphalouk, MSHR- Director

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Seneca-Cayuga Nation

Grove, OK

<http://sctribe.com/service/education/>

Phone 918-787-5452 Ext. 6036 | Fax 918-787-6804

Toll Free (866) 787-5452

The Education Fellowship Fund

A maximum of \$1,200 per Fall and Spring semesters or \$600 per summer semester allowable for the educational needs of an eligible Tribal member. To be eligible for the Education Fellowship Fund, an applicant must be an enrolled Tribal Member and must provide proof of enrollment or acceptance of enrollment as a full-time student at an accredited college or university or an accredited trade or vocational school training school.

Incarcerated students shall be eligible for tuition, books, and fees pro-rated per credit hour not to exceed the maximum allowable cost of \$1,200 per Fall and Spring Semesters or \$600 per Summer Semester. Part-time students shall be eligible for tuition, books, and fees pro-rated per credit hour not to exceed the maximum allowable cost per credit hour. Full-time students will receive one-half (\$600) of the Fall/Spring grant award amount at the beginning of Fall/Spring Semester. Upon the Education Department receiving mid-term grades or final grades for the Fall/Spring Semester, the student will receive the second one-half (\$600) of the Fall/Spring Semester grant award amount. A Cap of (200) Two hundred students shall be funded per semester.

For the Summer Semester, a one-time assistance in the amount of \$600 shall be issued upon file completion for eligible students. A Graduate Applicant for the fund must provide proof of enrollment in a minimum of nine (9) semester class hours during the Fall/Spring Semester or proof on enrollment in a minimum of three (3) class hours during the Summer Semester.

Eligibility Requirement for Continued Educational Fellowship funding: Students must maintain no less than a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and provide an official transcript with their renewal applicant package. Applicants with a grade point average below 2.0 will be placed on a probationary period for one semester.

New Student Applications Will Not Be Accepted After:

Fall Semester-July 15 | Spring Semester - November 15 | Summer Semester - April 15

Applicants will be served on a first come, first serve basis.

A completed application package for the Education Fellowship Fund Program consists of the following:

1. Completed application form.
2. Proof of enrollment or acceptance of enrollment as a full-time student.
3. Copy of class schedule.
4. Copy of High School Diploma, copy of GED score, or official college transcript of last school attended.
5. Permission of Release of Information signed and dated.
6. Copy of Tribal Enrollment Card.

New Students: Must file a completed application package for the Education Fellowship Fund Program.

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[Seneca-Cayuga Nation](#)



Shawnee Tribe

Miami, OK

<https://www.shawnee-nsn.gov/>

918-542-2441

For more information about specific programs available through The Shawnee Tribe, contact the main office at (918) 542-2441.

Citizens of the Shawnee Tribe are eligible for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Grant Program Scholarship. Information on this program and applications can be found at <https://www.bie.edu/document/bie-higher-education-grant-program-scholarship-information-packet>

See the page in this guidebook titled 'Scholarships Available to Indigenous Students' for a list of scholarship opportunities available to all Indigenous students, regardless of tribal affiliation.

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[Shawnee Tribe](#)



Thlopthlocco Tribal Town

Okemah, OK

tvtown.org

Phone: (918) 560-6198

Full and Part time College assistance is available to Enrolled Tribal Members for Spring and Fall semesters.

- Summer only if credits needed to graduate.
- Amounts for each differ depending on credits taken.

Vocational assistance available.

- Amount differs depending on length of time for schooling/class.

School Clothing Allowance

- School clothing allowance is offered to in state and out of state Enrolled Tribal Members.
- Applications taken from May – Oct.

For more information, contact the Social Services Department at 918-560-6198.

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[Thlopthlocco Tribal Town](#)



Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma

Tonkawa, OK

<http://www.tonkawatribe.com/>

Phone 580.628.2561

Citizens of the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma are eligible for the Bureau of Indian Education Higher Education Grant Program Scholarship. Information on this program and applications can be found at <https://www.bie.edu/document/bie-higher-education-grant-program-scholarship-information-packet>

For more information on specific programs offered by the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma, call 580-628-2561 or visit <http://www.tonkawatribe.com/>

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United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma

4547 S. Whitmore Lane Tahlequah, OK 74464

<https://www.ukb-nsn.gov/education>

Phone: 918-871-2788

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The UKB Education Program provides scholarship opportunities and academic resources to exclusive Keetoowahs in grades K-12, college and vocational school. The UKB Education Program is managed by Interim Director Susan Adair. For more information, call 918-871-2788.

Fees/Licensing education assistance

This application is for students that need assistance for the ACT, SAT or GED, or those in short term programs.

College education assistance

This application is for students who are seeking funding for a college degree at a higher education institution.

Vocational education assistance

This application is for students who are seeking funding for a vocational program such as welding or LPN.

Mandatory W-9 Form

This form is required to be filled out and completed by all students requesting education assistance funding.

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Indians in Oklahoma](#)



The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes

Anadarko, OK

<https://wichitatribe.com/programs/education.aspx>

Telephone: (405) 247-8612 | Fax: (405) 247-5687

Higher Education Scholarship Program

The Higher Education Grant Funding program accepts applications for financial assistance from enrolled Wichita tribal citizens. Applicants must be planning to attend or currently attending an accredited institution of higher education to earn an undergraduate degree. ESD staff reviews applicants' documents to ascertain eligibility and submission of all required supporting documentation. Based on available funds, the applicant's financial need and academic standing, grants are awarded to eligible applicants. Grants are always paid directly to the college/university.

Deadlines:

Fall Semester - July 1 | Spring Semester - November 1 | Summer Semester - April 1

Summer funding is based on available funds. College seniors are priority.

College Graduate Incentive

One-time assistance for College/University Graduates who have completed degree requirements for an Associates, Bachelors, Masters, or Doctorate Degree. Graduate incentive amounts are listed below:

\$150.00-----Associates Degree

\$300.00-----Bachelors Degree

\$500.00-----Masters Degree

\$750.00-----Doctorate Degree

**Amounts are based on the availability of funds and are subject to change.

Adult Vocational Training (AVT) Program

The Adult Vocational Training (AVT) Program accepts applications for financial assistance from enrolled Wichita tribal citizens who reside inside the service area. Applicants must be planning to attend or currently attending an accredited vocational training institution. Training sites may be located within or outside the service area. Training programs may be full-time or part-time, short-term or long-term. Education Services Department staff will review applicants' documents to determine eligibility. Based on available funding and the applicant's financial need, grants are awarded to qualified applicants. Service area requirement.

Direct Employment Assistance (DEA) Program

The Direct Employment Assistance (DEA) Program accepts applications for financial assistance from enrolled Wichita tribal citizens who reside inside/outside the service area. Applicants may request financial assistance after obtaining full-time, permanent, and gainful employment before receiving their first full paycheck. Education Services Department staff will review applicants' documents to determine eligibility. Based on available funding and the applicant's financial need, grants are awarded to qualified applicants.

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Wyandotte Nation

Wyandotte, OK

<https://www.wyandotte-nation.org/community/education/>

Phone: 918-678-2297 ext 6330

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Tribal Scholarships

- Undergraduate Scholarships are awarded to enrolled Wyandotte Tribal members who are attending or will be attending an accredited college or university. The full time student scholarships are in the amount of \$2500.00 per semester, renewable for a total of eight semesters; providing the student continues to meet the guidelines set up by the Education Committee.
- Masters Scholarships are available to enrolled Wyandotte Tribal members who have completed a bachelors degree and are pursuing a more advanced degree. This program has a four semester life span with \$1500.00 awarded per semester effective January 2015.

Adult Vocational Training

AVT assists income qualified students in attending technical schools where the participants will be job ready in two years.

Adult Education

This program is available to tribal members who wish to upgrade or learn new skills to assist in obtaining better job opportunities.



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Wyandotte Nation



Euchee (Yuchi) Tribe

Sapulpa, OK

Euchee (Yuchi) Citizens are eligible for assistance through The Muscogee Nation's Department of Education and Training. For more information on these programs, see the page in the guidebook for the Muscogee Nation, or visit <https://www.mcn-nsn.gov/services/education-training/higher-education/>

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

- American Indian College Fund
- American Indian Education Fund
- American Indian Graduate Center
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Scholarship
- American Indian Services
- Association on American Indian Affairs
- BIE Higher Education Grant Program
- Catching the Dream
- Cobell Scholarship
- Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars, Inc. (The Native American Scholarship)
- International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons, Inc. North American Indian Department/Scholarship
- National Museum of the American Indian Young Native Writers Essay Contest
- National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (Daughters of the American Revolution)
- Native Health Initiative "Education is Ceremony" College Scholarship
- NativeVision Scholarship
- Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association Scholarship (Must be a child an OIGA Employee)
- Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)
- Native American Finance Officers Association Scholarship
- The American Indian Nurse Scholarship Awards
- Native American Journalist Association (NAJA)
- Truman D. Picard Scholarship (Intertribal Timber Council)
- Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Presbyterian Native American Education Grants; Presbyterian Office of Financial Aid for Studies
- The Udall Scholarship

TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN OKLAHOMA

- **Bacone College**- Muskogee, Oklahoma

Bacone College offers bachelors and associate degrees in the following programs:

Accounting, The Bacone School of Indian Art, American Indian Studies, American Indian Ministry, Business Administration, Christian Ministry, Sports Management, Christian Counseling, Elementary Education, Exercise Science, Family Studies: social work, education, Liberal Arts: English, communications, history, interdisciplinary studies, Radiography, and The Renard Strickland School of Tribal Law & Criminal Justice.

- **College of the Muscogee Nation**- Okmulgee, Oklahoma

The College of the Muscogee Nation offers associates degrees and certificate programs in the following programs:

Native American Studies, Gaming, Tribal Services, Criminal Justice, General Studies, Natural Resources, Certificate in Gaming and Certificate in Muskogee Language Studies.

- **Pawnee Nation College**- Pawnee, OK

Pawnee Nation College offers associates degrees and certificates in the following programs:

American Indian Studies with an emphasis in Artistic Studies, Cultural Studies, or Leadership and Management, Leadership & Management & Tribal Administration Program Site for Bacone College offering Bachelor of Arts, Certified Nurse Aide (CNA), Certified Medication Aide (CMA), Medical Coding, and Informational Technology Certificate.

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