



## CHEROKEE NATION Ga Du Gi Award



The Cherokee Nation Ga Du Gi Award is established to honor individuals, families, or groups who put the Cherokee People first by engaging in an act or actions, which protect, preserve, and promote the well being and legacy of the Cherokee People. The Ga Du Gi Award recognizes those who ensure the social and cultural vitality of the Cherokee People, our communities, and our Nation. It is intended to celebrate the drive of those who significantly contribute to others by exemplifying the Cherokee way of life.

Two award categories have been distinguish for separate honors:

- **Ga Du Gi Award for contribution to the Cherokee Nation, the people and communities.**
- **Ga Du Gi Award for Cherokee Nation Employee Customer Service Initiative.**

Nomination of an outstanding individual, family, or group may be submitted by anyone. Nominations may be made by the individual, family, or group, or made by someone on behalf of the individual, family, or group who knows the nominee/s and who can address the eligibility accordingly in the written nomination.

### **Recognition**

The Ga Du Gi Award honoree will be featured quarterly, during the Tribal Council meetings in January, April, July and October. The Principal Chief will present the Recipient/s a Certificate of Appreciation and a non-monetary gift to honor their exemplary contributions indicative of the Cherokee Spirit. The event will subsequently be published in the Cherokee Advocate.

### **How to Nominate**

To nominate an individual, family, or group for a Ga Du Gi Award, follow the eligibility criteria, complete the Nomination Application Form, and provide two letters of support.

The Nomination Application Form and letters of support are to be submitted to the Cherokee FIRST Coordinator no later than two weeks prior to the quarter that they are being considered for. They can be mailed, hand delivered, or faxed. Nominations and letters of support may not be returned.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

*The nominee/s must be a living Cherokee Nation tribal member/s.*

The nominee/s must demonstrate some of the following characteristics:

- Participates in activities, which promotes the Cherokee way.
- Assist individuals with needs through referrals or through their own personal sacrifices or resources.
- Willingness to do for the Indian people when a need arises.
- Giving of ones self for the cause of the Cherokee people that would inspires others to follow their example.

### **Nomination Application Form**

Nomination Application Forms can be obtained by simply going to the Cherokee FIRST website at [www.Cherokee.org](http://www.Cherokee.org) or by writing, calling, or faxing to the following address:

Cherokee Nation Ga Du Gi Award  
Cherokee Nation, Cherokee FIRST Coordinator  
P.O. Box 948  
Tahlequah, OK 74465-0948

Telephone Number: 918-456-0671, extension 2937  
Toll-Free Number: 1-800-256-0671  
Fax Number: 918-458-5580

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