# Frequently Asked Questions 2011 School Clothing Vouchers

## Q. Where can I get more information?

We have a 24-hour a day hotline at (918) 772-4144. All information can be found there.

### Q. Who is eligible?

Cherokee students who will be/are in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2011-2012 school year and who also reside within the Cherokee Nation jurisdictional boundaries. Home school students, private school students, on-line school students and any others who do not attend a public school are not eligible; exceptions are schools operated by Cherokee Nation and Oaks Indian Mission school.

#### Q. Are four-year-olds eligible?

The student must be 5 years old by September 1, 2011, to be eligible.

#### Q. What documents do I need to bring?

- 1. Verification of physical address (utility bill) with the name of a household member on it. PO Boxes are not allowed. Driver's licenses are not allowed as address verification.
- 2. Verification of household income for ALL adults who live in the home. Check stubs or award letters work. If a household member has no income, he or she must provide a signed, notarized affidavit that says so. We can do this on-site, but the unemployed person must be there to sign, a photo I.D. is required.
- 3. Legal forms or Foster Care agreement forms that specify who has custody of the child(ren) for people who are caring for children who are not theirs, including grandparents raising grandchildren.
- 4. Tribal citizenship cards for all children applying for vouchers. Registration verification will be available.
- 5. Verification of where the child attends school; either a report card, honor roll certificate, yearbook, detention slip, or anything else to show that the child attends public school and the grade he or she will be going into.

#### Q. What if I live outside the Jurisdiction?

Cherokee students who live outside the jurisdiction are not eligible.



# CLOTHING VOUCHER DISTRIBUTION CALENDAR JULY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Tahlequah – Sequoyah High School	2
3	4	5	6	7 Gore – Gore High School	8 Nowata- Nowata High School	9
10	11	12 Ft. Gibson – Ft. Gibson School Cafeteria	13	14 Vinita – Ewing Halsell Middle School	15 Jay – Jay Upper Elem. School Cafeteria	16
17	18 Tahlequah- Sequoyah High School	19 Stilwell – Stilwell High School Cafeteria	20	21 Ramona – Caney Valley Schools	22 Salina – Salina Schools Cafeteria	23
24	25	26 Sallisaw – Sallisaw High School	27	28 Claremore - Claremore High School	29	30
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\*We will be at each location from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. There is no need to be there early as we will not take any applications for any reason before 10:00 AM. We will not run out of vouchers. The best time to arrive is early afternoon.



# Q. What if I live with a relative, but they don't help me pay for anything?

If you live at the same address and do not have separate utility bills, we will need verification of their income as well. You are all one household, even if they don't help you pay for your children's needs.

#### Q. Are there income guidelines?

Yes. They are 125% of US Dept. of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.

Household Size:

1-\$13,612.50	<b>2</b> -\$18,387.50
<u>3 - \$23,162.50</u>	4-\$27,937.50
<u>5-\$32,712.50</u>	6- \$37,487.50
<u>7- \$42,262.50</u>	8-\$47,037.50
<u>9</u> -\$51,812.50	10- \$56,587.50
<u>11-\$61,362.50</u>	12- \$66,137.50

# Q. Where can I spend the voucher, how much is it, and what can I buy?

This year the voucher is worth \$100 and is tax free. The store in which the voucher is to be used is currently under a selection process and will soon be determined. You can buy any clothes or shoes, but no accessories, like purses, jewelry, cologne, wallets, backpacks or caps. They must be spent by September 1.