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Cherokee Nation Directed Studies Scholarship Program ~Guidelines~

Purpose:

The purpose of the competitive Cherokee Nation Directed Studies Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance to deserving students pursuing higher education in a specific study aimed at strengthening the Cherokee Nation government and economy.

Accepted Degrees:

Students who are currently enrolled or who have been recently admitted to the following programs for the Fall 2014 semester:

- Masters in Substance Abuse Counseling
- Masters in Social Work
- Doctor of Medicine
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
- Doctor of Dental Surgery
- Doctor of Dental Medicine

Eligibility:

- Must be a citizen of the Cherokee Nation
- Must be a resident of the fourteen-county jurisdictional area or contiguous counties
- Must be a full-time student
- Must be accepted in a Professional or Masters Program/School
- Medical Field Degrees are encouraged to apply for the Indian Health Services Scholarship
- Must submit official transcripts at the end of each semester
- Must remain in good standing with the University
- Must meet with program sponsor once a year
- Must sign a contract to work for Cherokee Nation after graduation

Scholarship Award:

- Tuition (OU in-state, in related field)
- Required Books
- Required Fees
- Required Equipment (No Computers, laptops, iPads or PDA's)
- Room/Board Allowance (paid at OU University Housing rate)
- Pre-Test, Post-Test, License Fees

DEADLINE: JUNE 6, 2014 by 5:00pm



Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Cherokee Nation Directed Studies Scholarship Program. The purpose of this competitive scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to students pursuing higher education in specific study areas aimed at strengthening the Cherokee Nation government and economy.

The Cherokee Nation will provide scholarships for selected Cherokee Scholars, who are in graduate school at a non-proprietary university.

The scholarship covers the costs of required books, required fees and required supplies/equipment. Tuition will be paid at the rate of The University of Oklahoma's in state tuition rates and standards. We will also provide a housing allowance.

In addition, each scholarship recipient is required to serve with pay, a year-for-year payback upon graduation, at a placement site determined by Cherokee Nation.

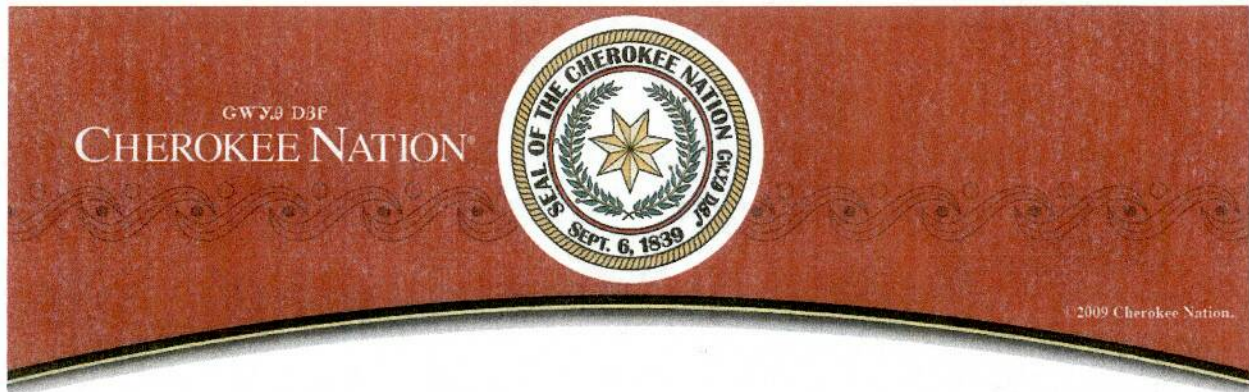
The CNDS Cherokee Scholar Selection Committee will evaluate each applicant in the following areas:

- Applicant's Field of Study Meets the Need of the Cherokee Nation.
- Academic Performance (Transcripts)
- Standardized Test Performance (ACT, SAT, GRE, MCAT, etc.)
- Involvement and Leadership in a Tribal Community
- Leadership and Excellence in Extra-Curricular Activities
- Preference will be given to speakers of the Cherokee Language
- Interview

Again, thank you for your interest in the Cherokee Nation Directed Studies Scholarship Program, we look forward to receiving your completed application. Should you have additional questions, please contact Cherokee Nation College Resource Center, Directed Studies Program, Attn: Ashlee Chaudoin, P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah, OK 74465, 918-453-5000 ext. 5998 or 918-316-4865.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Chaudoin
College Resource Center



Directed Studies Application

Please Write Legibly
Submit This Form with the Required Documents

Required Documents:

- Official College Transcripts
- Resume
- Letter of Acceptance
- Copy of Applicable Test Scores (ACT, SAT, MCAT, GRE, etc)
- Copy of Social Security Card
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Piece of Mail Verifying Residency

I. Personal Information

Name _____
Last First MI

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Social Security Number _____

Cherokee Citizenship Number _____

II. Educational Information

Name of University _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact at University _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Degree Seeking _____

Major Area of Study _____

Minor Area of Study _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____

Approved Degree Plan on File with Advisor? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of Advisor _____

Advisor's Phone _____ Advisor's Email _____

III. Financial Information – Please attach an estimated expense sheet for each year of school. This information can usually be found from the University website.

IV. Please provide your answers to the following questions on additional sheets as needed.

- **Involvement and Leadership in a Cherokee Community** – Provide a brief explanation of your involvement in a Cherokee Community.
- **Leadership and Excellence in Extra-Curricular Activities** – Provide a list with a brief explanation of your role and involvement with extra-curricular activities in the capacity of leadership and excellence.
- **Faculty, Employer and Tribal Recommendations** – Submit 3 Letters of Reference. Applicants are partially rated according to faculty, employer, and Tribal recommendations regarding the applicant's potential in their chosen profession.

- **State Reasons for Asking for the Scholarship and Career Goals-** You are asked to explain why you are requesting the scholarship, to state your career goals and to explain how these goals will help to meet the needs of the Cherokee Nation in strengthening our government and economy. The narratives weigh heavily toward your rating and are judged by the review / selection committee on how well they are written.
- **For Applicants Pursuing MD / DO –** Explain your area of interest
- **Preference Will Be Give to Speakers of the Cherokee Language (15 Points) –**
Do speak Cherokee? (5pts) _____ Yes _____ Very Little _____ No
Do you read Cherokee? (5pts) _____ Yes _____ Very Little _____ No
Do you write Cherokee? (5pts) _____ Yes _____ Very Little _____ No

V. Applicant Certification

My signature certifies that I am a U.S. permanent resident, that this application contains no falsification and that the information provided is true and correct. I understand that any false statement made herein would result in a voided application. I hereby authorize the release of all information contained in this application for eligibility for this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Please submit by one of the following:

Certified Mail: Cherokee Nation Education, Attn: Directed Studies, PO Box 948, Tahlequah OK 74465

Hand Deliver: 17675 S. Muskogee Ave, Tahlequah OK

Email: ashlee-chaudoin@cherokee.org

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