



## Cherokee Nation Public Health and Wellness Merit Scholarship

The purpose of the Public Health and Wellness (PHW) Merit Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to Cherokee Nation citizens pursuing college degrees in healthcare or other workforce training programs identified as priorities under the Public Health and Wellness Fund Act, and to support their readiness to contribute to and grow within the Cherokee Nation reservation labor market. **There are no residency restrictions for this scholarship.**

### Eligibility:

- A. Must be a Cherokee Nation citizen.
- B. Must be a full-time student.
- C. Must be declared as an approved major in healthcare or related field.
- D. Must submit transcripts with final grades at the end of each semester.
- E. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA.
- F. Must show interest in working in the Cherokee Nation reservation's labor workforce after graduation.
- G. Must complete application annually and submit other required documentation per semester.
- H. Must have completed 60 college hours or have a combination of some college hours and relevant workplace experience and/or relevant professional licenses or certifications.

### Selection Criteria:

- Academic Performance
- Career Goals
- Cherokee Community
- Cherokee Nation Labor Market
- Cultural Contributions
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Work Experience

### Scholarship Award:

*Based upon available funding at a limited rate. Funding will be sent to student's institution and can be used for the following:*

- ✓ Tuition
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Fees
- ✓ Required Equipment
- ✓ Pre-Test, Post Test, License Fees

*Note: If a student accepts the PHW Merit Scholarship, they will not be eligible to receive funding from any other service-repayment obligation programs, such as Indian Health Services or National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program, during the semesters the student is being funded by the PHW Merit Scholarship. PHW Merit Scholarship recipients will not be eligible to receive any other Cherokee Nation Undergraduate or Graduate Scholarship, or Cherokee Nation Foundation Public Health and Wellness funded scholarship.*

**Deadline: June 30, 2026  
5 P.M. CST**

### For An Application Packet or More Information Contact:

Cherokee Nation Education Services, PHW Merit Scholarship Program

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**Applications can be emailed to [PHWmeritscholarship@cherokee.org](mailto:PHWmeritscholarship@cherokee.org), or hand delivered to the Cherokee Nation Higher Education office at the W.W. Keeler Complex, located at 17675 S. Muskogee Ave., Tahlequah, OK, 74464.**