the Chickasaw Nation
Education Division
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Website: www.chickasaw.net/highered

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Governor

Required Fields
Applicant – please complete
Name: _____
Semester Applying for Funding:
☐ Spring 20 ____ ☐ Summer 20 ____
☐ Fall 20 ____ ☐ December intersession
☐ May intersession

College Classification:
☐ Freshman ☐ Graduate
☐ Sophomore ☐ Doctorate
☐ Junior ☐ Concurrent
☐ Senior ☐ ACT/SAT **(High school only)**

Degree:
☐ Associates ☐ Masters
☐ Bachelors ☐ Doctorate

Programs, Grants and Scholarships Application

The Chickasaw Nation is pleased to offer its students funding assistance for college. The following is a list of programs, grants and scholarships that you may be considered eligible to receive. **Please read the description of each, and place a check in the box next to the funding source for which you wish to be considered.** You are encouraged to select all areas in which you qualify. After completing this page, the attached application and providing us with the required documentation, your application shall be reviewed for consideration of funding. All programs, grants and scholarships offered by the Chickasaw Nation are for **Chickasaw citizens only. Full-time Chickasaw Nation employees must complete Form 629E to apply for programs, grants and scholarships (this excludes CDI employees). School-to-Work Program employees must complete Form 629S.** No student shall be considered for funding who does not have a Chickasaw Nation citizenship card or citizenship confirmation. **Applications and documentation can no longer be submitted by fax.** All programs, grants and scholarships applications and documentation **must** be delivered via postmarked U.S. Mail, email or in person **to the education services office by established deadlines – spring semester – Feb. 1st. / summer semester - June 15th / fall semester* – Sept. 1st.** For quarter system students the deadline shall be one month from the start date of the term. By signing the application, you declare that you have read and do understand the *Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Student Handbook* concerning the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education programs as they relate to funding students who are attending college. You may find the handbook at www.chickasaw.net/highered

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PROGRAMS, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Please Check Only the Items For Which You Wish to be Considered

☐ **Higher Education Grant**
*Attend three credit hours or more each semester
*Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher

☐ **General Scholarship Program**
*Attend three credit hours or more each semester
*Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher
Full-time Chickasaw Nation employees are ineligible.

☐ **Text Book Grant**
*Attend three credit hours or more each semester in college.
*Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher
*Part-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral - $150 per semester
*Full-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral - $300 per semester
Grant Type - ☐ **Reimbursement** – Receipts required by:
Spring semester – March 15th
Summer semester – July 1st
Fall semester* – October 15th
☐ **Gift Card** – Current award receipts due by next semester deadline
***Students have six months from the load date to use all money on the card (see Section IV.G.1 of *Student Handbook*).**

☐ **Clothing Scholarship**
*Attend six credit hours or more each semester (excluding summer).
*Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher
***Part-time** undergraduate, graduate or doctoral - $150 for every 15 hours completed
***Full-time** undergraduate, graduate or doctoral - $300 per classification
Full-time Chickasaw Nation employees are ineligible.

☐ **Classification Change Incentive Program**
*Eligibility is limited to one incentive per student per classification. Undergraduate students currently enrolled must maintain a cumulative or retention GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students may apply for incentive any semester of classification, but must meet the credit hour and GPA requirements.

1. **For undergraduates**:
   Must apply any time during the range of the following hours per each classification:
   a. Sophomore – 30 to 59 hours completed - $500
   b. Junior – 60 to 89 hours completed - $500
   c. Senior – 90 to 124 hours completed - $500
2. **For graduate degrees:**
   a. Thirty hours completed of graduate work - $500
3. **For professional degrees** (juris doctorate, medical doctor, etc.)
   a. 2nd yr. (31 to 59 hours completed of professional degree) - $500
   b. 3rd yr. (60 to 89 hours completed of professional degree) - $500

Full-time Chickasaw Nation employees are ineligible.

☐ **Laptop Scholarship Program**
*Undergraduate student must be full-time (12 hours or more) and must have completed at least 30 college credit hours
*Part-time **graduate** and **doctoral students** (excluding summer).
*Must be enrolled at an accredited college or university with **cumulative** GPA of 3.0 or higher (excluding summer)
The Chickasaw Nation and Education Services Department are not responsible for any expenses incurred for warranty work, technical issues or upgrades.
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☐ **College Level Examination Program (CLEP)**
*Student must provide a copy of satisfactory scores on the CLEP examination before a reimbursement can be issued.
*Submit original receipt of payment for CLEP exam
*Completed programs, grants and scholarships application
*Apply within six months after receipt of payment
Full-time Chickasaw Nation employees are ineligible.

☐ **Degree Completion Incentive**
*Complete a bachelor's degree or higher classification
*Apply within six months of graduation cumulative or retention
*Submit final official transcript showing degree conferred
*Amount $1,000 with 2.0 GPA or higher requirement
Full-time Chickasaw Nation employees are ineligible.

☐ **License and Certification Fee Assistance Program**
*This program provides assistance for licensing and certification test/exam fees. Students are limited to license and certification test/exam fees assistance once per student per certification. Students are eligible for test/exam fees only up to $500 per test/exam on reimbursement or prepayment basis. Application for the license and certification reimbursement must be made within six months of the student's receipt of payment.

1. Prepayment:
a. Application
b. Copy of test/exam registration

2. Reimbursement
a. Application
b. Original receipt of payment

Full-time Chickasaw Nation employees are ineligible.

☐ **ACT/SAT Services**
Check appropriate box: ☐ ACT voucher ☐ ACT/SAT reimbursement ☐ Cargill ACT prep workshop
*Chickasaw students may request either a voucher for the National ACT test or reimbursement
*Reimbursement only provided for the SAT
*Up to $55.00 for ACT/SAT test or ACT/SAT prep workshops

☐ **Graduation Stole Program**
*Must earn an associate's degree or higher at an accredited college or university
*Eligibility is limited to one award per student per degree

☐ **Graduation Assistance Program** (reimbursement only)
*Submit original graduation receipts within six months of graduation
*Reimbursement for graduation assistance once per student per degree
*Amount up to $150.00
Full-time Chickasaw Nation employees are ineligible.

High School Seniors Only

☐ **Governor's, Lt. Governor's and Legislators' Scholarships - Deadline: - September 1**
*Awarded one-time only – no renewal
*Students who have a GPA of 3.85 or higher, or who have been selected as class valedictorian or salutatorian are eligible.

Governor's Scholarship
* 3.95 GPA or higher or class valedictorian
* Amount - $500

Lt. Governor's Scholarship
* 3.90 GPA or higher or class salutatorian
* Amount - $400

Legislators' Scholarship
* 3.85 GPA or higher
* Amount - $350

☐ **Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes – Johnson O'Malley Scholarship - Deadline: September 1**
*One male and one female graduating high school senior (awarded one-time only – no renewal).
*Must be attending a school within the Chickasaw Nation that has a JOM program
*Must submit one letter of recommendation
*Submit a 500-word typed essay (size 12 font) regarding future goals, tribal and community involvement
*Award amount $300

☐ **Concurrent Enrollment - Deadline: Summer - June 15; Fall - September 1; Spring - February 1**
*High school **seniors** who are eligible for concurrent enrollment and enrolled at an accredited college/university in no less than three credit hours. Education services will pay costs for fees and books up to $150 (if a student's state does not have a tuition waiver, then education services will look at each application for tuition on a case by case basis). Students must follow all of the guidelines of the higher education grant and submit the following:

1. Complete higher education grants and scholarship application
2. Submit high school transcript
3. Submit a copy of college class schedule with an itemized billing statement
4. If seeking textbook reimbursement a receipt for textbooks with the vendor's name and contact information that shows amount paid
5. Detailed billing statement showing cost of fees and tuition

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Programs, Grants and Scholarships Application

DEADLINE is Feb. 1st for spring semester / June 15th for summer semester / Sept 1st - for fall semester*.

Personal Information

Social Security no.: _____

First name: _____

Middle name: _____

Last name: _____

Maiden name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____

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City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email address:

_____

Note: All Chickasaw Nation correspondence will be sent to this email address. This will ensure a more efficient notification process regarding the status of your application. Students are responsible for checking their email regularly to guarantee receipt of correspondence.

☐ **I do not have an email address. Please continue to issue all correspondence via U.S. Mail.**

Are you in the military? ☐ Present ☐ Past

What branch of service? _____

The Chickasaw Nation Education Services Department and the applicant agree to strictly maintain the confidentiality of all information disclosed hereunder or any amendments thereto. The parties concur that the information contained in said application shall be considered confidential information and shall not be disclosed to third persons, except upon written consent of the applicant or as otherwise required by law.

Student Checklist

Application Type:

☐ New (did not apply last semester) ☐ Concurrent

☐ Renewal (applied last semester) ☐ High school senior

☐ ACT/SAT **(High school only)**

Semester Applying for Funding:
(Please check only one)

☐ Spring 20____ ☐ Summer 20____ ☐ Fall 20____

☐ December intersession ☐ May intersession

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Student Checklist:

Documentation Submitted:

☐ *Programs, Grants and Scholarships Application*

☐ Current college class schedule

☐ Student Authorization for Disclosure of Information in Education Records (beginning freshmen or new applicants or renewals if not on file) – Page 5

☐ Official college transcript (if you have college credit hours)

☐ A current official high school seven-semester transcript (high school seniors and applicants with no college credit hours)

☐ GED scores (if applicable)

College attending: _____ Field of study: _____

Financial aid / scholarship address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

College classification: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate ☐ Doctorate

Student ID no: _____ Expected graduation date: _____

Contractual agreement – I declare that I will use any funds I receive from the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Program solely for expenses connected with attending _____. I also certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I grant consent to release this information to the necessary agencies to complete my financial aid package. **Disclaimer**: Any dispute over student eligibility shall be decided by the Chickasaw Nation Education Services Department. The decision of the Chickasaw Nation Education Services Department shall be final.

Student Contract – By signing the application, I declare that I have read and do understand the Chickasaw Nation *Higher Education Student Handbook* concerning the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education programs as they are related to funding students who are attending college. I also understand that these policies are not all encompassing and may be changed as needed to assist Chickasaw students in a better way. The Chickasaw Nation *Higher Education Student Handbook* can be found at: www.chickasaw.net/highered

_____ Student's signature

_____ Date

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Student Authorization for Disclosure of Information in Education Records

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
The Chickasaw Nation
Education Services Department
Higher Education Program
300 Rosedale Road
Ada, Oklahoma 74820

Pursuant to Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended.

Instructions:

To authorize the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Program to obtain your educational information and to authorize the Chickasaw Nation Education Services Department to release your educational information to individuals or to the college/university you are attending, please:

1) Fill out all appropriate fields on this form; and
2) Hand-deliver or mail the form to the address above.

Note: Forms will not be accepted without a signature.

First name:	
Middle name:	
Last name:	
DOB:	

Please enter the name of the organization(s) or individuals to whom the authorization is given or revoked. You may enter more than one name. Enter only ONE name per space.

Organization authorized			
	☐ given ☐ revoked		☐ given ☐ revoked
	☐ given ☐ revoked		☐ given ☐ revoked

Individual authorized	**DOB**	
		☐ given ☐ revoked
		☐ given ☐ revoked
		☐ given ☐ revoked

Authorization:

I hereby authorize the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Program to disclose my educational record(s) to the above-mentioned college/university or individuals:

_____ _____
Student's signature Date

_____ _____
Parent's signature (if applicable) Date

Authorization:

I hereby authorize the _____, to disclose my educational
Name of educational institution
record(s) to the above-mentioned Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Program:

_____ _____
Student's signature Date

_____ _____
Parent's signature (if applicable) Date

To enhance security measures, students now have the option to generate a personal identification number (PIN) for their student files. Anyone seeking information regarding your student file will be required to verify the PIN before information will be released. This can be done by going to www.chickasaw.net/highered and clicking on "Fill form out online." By initialing the line below you are refusing this service and allowing organizations/individuals to retrieve information regarding your file based solely on this form.

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Student's initials

The vision of the education services department is to provide services that encourage and support academic and professional development of Chickasaw students.

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