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HO-CHUNK NATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Academic Year _____ **to** _____
 Part-time___ Full-time___ Start Date_____

Tribal ID #	Legal Last Name	MI	First Name
Permanent Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
Mailing Address for Academic Year	City	State	Zip
Social Security #	Date of Birth	Number of Dependents	
Phone #	Cell Phone #	E-mail Address	
School you plan to attend	Major/Area of Study	Intended Diploma/Degree <small>(check box above)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr <input type="checkbox"/> 2 yr <input type="checkbox"/> 4 yr <input type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> PhD	
School's Financial Aid Office Address	City	State	Zip
<input type="checkbox"/> Fresh <input type="checkbox"/> Soph <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Expected Graduation Date	Previous Funding by Higher Ed. Div?	
High School Graduation Date	Name of High School, City, State	Public/Private/BIA	
FAFSA (Federal Financial Aid) Filing Date	State of Residency	Tribal District Area (I, II, III, IV, At-Lg)	
Name of Applicant's Father	Tribal Affiliation		
Maiden Name of Applicant's Mother	Tribal Affiliation		

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

The information given by me on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand I am required to apply for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA), which requires income tax filing of Per Capita and Trust Fund income. I also must complete the financial aid process at the school I plan to attend. If granted Ho-Chunk Nation scholarship funding, I will use it for educational expenses only. I give permission for all information on this form to be shared among the BIA, the Ho-Chunk Nation, the State, and the Financial Aid Office of my school. I agree to send an Official Grade Transcript to the Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Division at the end of each academic term to close out tribal funding. I realize that I am responsible for school payment until financial aid eligibility is determined.

Signature of Applicant _____
Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY TRIBAL ENROLLMENT OFFICER

I hereby certify that the above named applicant is a Ho-Chunk Tribal member, and is _____ degree of Indian blood according to available records.

 Tribal Enrollment Number _____
 Tribal Enrollment Name

 Certifying Official Signature _____
 Date

• Complete in Ink • Faxed and Incomplete Applications cannot be processed •



HO-CHUNK NATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Higher Education Division

This cover sheet is a summary of the "**HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISION POLICY**" which can be downloaded from our website: www.ho-chunknation.com "**Higher Education Division**". **Application forms** for all Higher Education Division programs can also be downloaded.

Dear **Ho-Chunk Student**,

Congratulations on your interest in pursuing a post-secondary education!

The Higher Education Division is committed to working with you in the achievement of your educational and professional goals.

Eligibility requirements for Ho-Chunk Scholarship funding are:

- You must be an enrolled Ho-Chunk member;
- You must be accepted at a Title IV non-profit institution of higher learning;
- If you are pursuing a 1-year or 2-year program, submit a copy of your Acceptance Letter into the specific program of study; if you are pursuing a bachelor's degree, submit a copy of your Admissions Letter.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for each academic year of funding;
- Complete the application process as detailed in this cover letter. Summer applications are separate forms which can be downloaded from our website or mailed to you by request.
- Funding is available for **progressive degrees** only.

Program Funding Maximums

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| • Vocational/Technical | Maximum of 6 Semesters (or full-time equivalent) |
| • Undergraduate Degree | Maximum of 10 Semesters (or full-time equivalent) |
| <i>Cumulative Total of 10 Semesters for undergraduate coursework</i> | |
| • Summer | Maximum of 6 Summer Terms |
| • Master's Degree | Maximum of 6 Semesters (or full-time equivalent) |
| • Doctoral Degree | Maximum of 10 Semesters (or full-time equivalent) |
| <i>Cumulative Total of 10 Semesters for graduate/post-graduate work</i> | |

Complete the following to be considered for funding: (Faxed application materials cannot be accepted.)

- 1) The funding process starts with one form: Submit the attached **Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application (HSA)** to our office by the priority deadline date which applies to your start date:
May 1st for Fall Term or Four Months prior to Term Start

- The **Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application (HSA)** must be completed for each new Academic Year (Fall through Spring) of funding.
- Applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Applications submitted after the priority deadline date must be accompanied by a signed and dated letter explaining the reason(s) for late application.
- Students applying late are responsible for school payment until the application process is completed and approved.
- Funding cannot be awarded for terms no longer in session.

- 2) If you are a full-time vocational technical student in a one-year or two-year program, and intend to accept full time employment as soon as possible after training, then complete the **BIA Training and Employment Application**, in addition to the **Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application**.
- 3) Complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** (www.fafsa.ed.gov) with the U.S. Department of Education:
 - Income information is required;
 - Assets/investments including per capita and trust fund accounts must be reported;
 - Parental income information may be required.Failure to provide correct income information may delay or suspend the funding process with the U.S. Department of Education, your institution's Financial Aid Office, and the Higher Education Division. Your FAFSA needs to be updated each year for continued funding.
- 4) Complete your school's financial aid process with the Financial Aid Office (includes the **FAFSA**).
- 5) Submit a copy of your school's **Letter of Acceptance**. Funding approval for a 1-year Technical Diploma or 2-year Associate Degree requires that the **Letter of Acceptance** indicate the specific program to which you have been accepted.
- 6) Complete the **Academic Plan**. This is a Higher Education Division form that must be signed by you and your adviser.
- 7) Submit a copy of your **Official Class Schedule** showing: your name, name of school, class names and numbers, dates, times, number of credits. If your schedule changes, submit a revised schedule *immediately*.
- 8) If you have received previous Higher Education Division funding, you will need to submit an **Official Transcript** to close out the funded term; the transcript is also used to determine your academic eligibility for continued funding. Failure to submit a transcript suspends funding.
- 9) **Immediately notify the Higher Education Division IN WRITING of any changes in schools, classes (withdrawals that change enrollment status), degree programs, name, address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Failure to notify could result in probation and/or suspension.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at: **715-284-4915** or **800-362-4476** or higher.education@ho-chunk.com. We welcome the opportunity to assist you as you pursue and earn your degree(s). Together, may our efforts fulfill our **Mission Statement:**

"...to protect and strengthen the Ho-Chunk Nation!"

Best regards,
The Higher Education Division Staff