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HO-CHUNK NATION
Higher Education

Dear Ho-Chunk Student,

The Higher Education Division is committed to helping you attain your educational and professional goals. In order to be considered for a Ho-Chunk Scholarship, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be an enrolled Ho-Chunk member;
- Be interested/accepted/enrolled in pursuing a progressive degree at an accredited Title IV non-profit institution of higher learning (subject to approval);
- Properly File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year;
- Complete the Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application prior to the **absolute deadline (first day of classes).**

Funding maximums are determined by type of degree program you are interested in and are prorated for part- time attendance. Funding is determined by standard semester terms, students pursuing coursework online, night classes, or attending quarter based schools; for these particular institutions, your terms will be calculated into an equivalent semester ratio. To be eligible for federal financial aid you must be in an eligible program.

The following is needed to complete the funding process:	**Timeline**
1. **Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application (HSA)** Complete one application each academic year *Academic Year includes both fall term and spring term	Please submit HSA early to allow for processing time. The higher education division will not process your HSA after the **absolute deadline (first day of classes)**
2. File the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**	You may file and/or update online annually at **www.fafsa.gov**
3. **Acceptance Letter:** Technical/two-year campus students **Admission Letter:** Four year and graduate students	As soon as possible
4. Submit a copy of your **class schedule,** include your name, academic term, school name, and number of credits	As soon as you register
5. Submit a copy of the school's detailed **billing statement**	As soon as it is posted to your student account
6. Submit a copy of your **Financial Aid Award Summary** provided by the school	As soon as it is posted to your student account
7. **Official transcript** **Only students who previously received funding*	As soon as the term ends and grades are posted
8. Submit a copy of your **Certificate Degree of Indian Blood** (CDIB).	As soon as possible

For more information on funding maximums for a one year technical diploma, Associate degree, Bachelor's degree, and graduate funding, please see the our policy at: edu.ho-chunknation.com/highered.

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STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As a participant in the Ho-Chunk Nation Scholarship Program:

1. I agree that participation in this program is strictly voluntary.

2. I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the rules, terms, and conditions of the Higher Education Scholarship Program Policy and agree to abide by said rules, terms, and conditions. **The Higher Education Division Funding Policy is located at edu.ho-chunknation.com/highered.**

3. I understand that my failure to comply with all such rules, terms and conditions, currently existing or as amended or modified, may result in probation or suspension from the Ho-Chunk Scholarship Program.

4. If I withdraw, drop out, or am expelled from any classes, or if I reduce the initial number of credits, or classes taken, I must provide written notification to the Higher Education Division immediately. Failure to do so may result in my probation or suspension with the Ho-Chunk Scholarship Program.

5. If applicable, I understand that it is my responsibility to **report the value of my Per Capita Trust Fund** ("18 Money") when I complete my FAFSA.

6. I understand that the Ho-Chunk Nation assumes no responsibility and no liability for any effects that the Scholarship Program may have on any other funding anticipated or actually received by the participant, including but not limited to, Welfare, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicare, or other grants, scholarships and/or fellowships provided by any private, state, or federal entities currently existing or created in the future.

7. I will communicate with education department staff respectfully and conduct myself in a courteous manner.

8. I acknowledge that the funding process may take several weeks to complete, and that it is in my best interest to apply early. I understand that the Ho-Chunk Scholarship I am applying for cannot be processed until all supporting documents have been submitted by me.

9. I acknowledge my responsibility for school fees and charges until eligibility is determined, awarded, and sent to the school.

Tax Consequences

1. I understand that any educational scholarship I receive from the Ho-Chunk Nation may result in tax consequences. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) states that any money I receive is income, although educational scholarship income may qualify for an exception.

2. I hereby acknowledge the responsibility for substantiating any deduction of educational scholarship income rests with the individual taxpayer.

3. I also acknowledge that the Ho-Chunk Nation is not liable for any tax consequences which may result from the distribution of scholarship funds to me.

4. I understand my tax responsibility to claim all HCN Per Capita payments received annually.

NOTE: It is the student's responsibility to file a tax report annually.

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Ho-Chunk Nation Scholarship Application

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Tribal ID Number | Legal Last Name | First Name | MI | Previous/Maiden name/AKA

- - / / ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other ☐ Phone ☐ E-mail ☐ Mail

Social Security Number | Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) | Gender | Preferred Communication

Mailing Address (while attending school) | City | State | Zip

Permanent Address (if different from mailing address) | City | State | Zip

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Primary Phone Number | Print E-mail

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FAFSA Filing Date (MM/YY) | College/University you will attend | College/University location: City/State

Completion of 2017 Income Tax Filing? ◯Y ◯N

Marital Status | Number of Dependents

Previous Highered funding received: ◯Y ◯N List Years: _____

I have read and agree to the student rights and responsibilities, which include my responsibility to file the appropriate tax filing requirements listed on page two (2). I acknowledge my responsibility for school fees and charges until eligibility is determined, awarded, and sent to the school. ◯Y ◯N

Parental Information:

Father's Name: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____

Student Consent & Release of Information:

The information given by me on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. By signing this application I am granting permission for my post-secondary institution or my prospective institution to share my information, including STUDENT FAFSA RECORD INFORMATION to the Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Division. I give permission for my financial aid and academic information to be shared among the following funding agencies: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ho-Chunk Nation, State, and the Financial Aid Office of my school. I understand I may be required to complete a separate release of information for any additional inquiries.

Student Signature | Student's Legal Name (printed) | Date

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STUDENT PROFILE

To better suit your educational needs, we want to know more about you. Please tell us about your education goals. Secondly, what are your career goals upon degree completion?

Current Year in School/Credits Earned for Intended Degree:

☐ Freshman 1-30 ☐ Sophomore 31-60 ☐ Junior 61-90 ☐ Senior 91-120 ☐ Graduate # cr. ___

Degree Seeking:

☐ Technical Diploma/Certificate ☐ Associate ☐ Bachelor's ☐ Master's ☐ Juris /Doctorate ☐ Doctorate

Program/Major : _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

U.S. Veteran : ◯ N ◯ Y Military Benefits: ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Military Discount ☐ Parent/Spouse ☐ N/A

Present Employment: Employed: ◯ Y ◯ N Work Status While Attending School: ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐ N/A

Ho-Chunk Nation Employee: ◯ N ◯ Y Department:

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