



Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education

HCN-Higher Education Division

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**Academic Year
2025-2026**

Dear Ho-Chunk Student,

The Higher Education Division is dedicated to supporting you in achieving your educational and professional goals. To be eligible for the Ho-Chunk Scholarship, you must fulfill the following requirements:

- Be an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation by the start of the academic term;
- Be interested/accepted/enrolled into a progressive degree program at a Title IV regionally accredited non-profit institution that is financial aid eligible (subject to approval);
- Properly file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually;
- Complete the Ho-Chunk Scholarship process in its entirety.

We advise submitting your application **90 days** prior to the start of your term and maintaining regular communication with our office. Supporting documents can be submitted as the documents become available. Students that submit an application by the following timelines will be given priority in processing:

Fall 2025 – July 15 for the academic year and **Winter/Spring 2026 – October 15** if you start mid-year.

*Students have one opportunity, per degree level, to qualify for a scholarship after the deadline with a letter explaining the late submission.

| Required documents to complete the scholarship process: | Timeline: |
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| 1. 2025-2026 Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application (HSA) – <u>One</u> complete application is required each academic year, and is valid fall 2025, winter and spring 2026 | Priority filing date for annual application: Fall term - June 15, 2025 Mid-year start: Winter/Spring - October 15, 2026 |
| The Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application is recommend to be sent 90 days prior to the start of coursework. The supporting documents listed below (items 2-8) can be completed/submitted as they become available. | |
| 2. Complete a 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - file/renew annually | https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa |
| 3. Acceptance/Admission Letter (new, transfer, and reentering students) including your name, school and program name | Submit once officially accepted – required once per degree program |
| 4. Class Schedule - including your name, school name, term, class name, and number of credits | Submit once you are registered for the term |
| 5. Itemized Billing Statement - including your name, school name, term, and breakdown of expenses/charges | Submit once your expenses/charges are posted to your student account |
| 6. Financial Aid Award Summary/Offer - including grants, scholarships, work-study, and/or loan offers | Submit once your financial aid is awarded by the school's Financial Aid Office |
| 7. Official Transcript - only if <u>previously funded</u> , must be sent directly from school's clearinghouse to HigherEd | Submit once final grades are posted to close out previously funded term |
| 8. Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) - from the Ho-Chunk Nation Enrollment Department | As soon as possible – required once, except for changes in legal name |

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Student Rights and Responsibilities:

- I understand the Ho-Chunk Scholarship will not be processed until I submit all required documents. I acknowledge that the funding process may take several weeks and that applying early is in my best interest.
- I acknowledge financial responsibility for my school fees and charges until the award is processed and sent to the school.
- I agree that participation in this program is voluntary. Upon using an award, I must meet the scholarship's minimum requirements. Violations may result in probation, suspension, and/or financial responsibility.
- I understand that the Ho-Chunk Nation is not responsible for any impact our scholarship program may have on other funding, including Welfare, Social Security, SSI, Medicare, or grants, scholarships, and fellowships from any source.
- I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the rules, terms, and conditions of the Higher Education Division Operating Policy and agree to abide by said rules, terms, and conditions of the policy and scholarship award letter.

For policy information visit: ho-chunknation.com/higher-ed/

2025-2026 Academic Year Maximum Funding Amounts

| Degree Type | Enrollment Status | Maximum Award per AY | Maximum number of terms |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Certificate/Technical Diploma | Full-Time (12 or more credits) | \$12,000 | 6 terms |
| | Part-Time (1-11 credits) | \$10,000 | |
| Associate's Degree | Full-Time (12 or more credits) | \$12,000 | 6 terms (cumulative w/ technical diploma) |
| | Part-Time (1-11 credits) | \$10,000 | |
| Bachelor's Degree | Full-Time Non-Need (12 or more credits) | \$12,000 | 10 terms (cumulative w/ associate's) |
| | Full-Time Need-Based* (12 or more credits) | \$13,000 | |
| | Part-Time (1-11 credits) | \$10,000 | |
| Master's Degree | Full-Time (9 or more credits) | \$24,000 | 6 terms |
| | Part-Time (1-8 credits) | \$18,000 | |
| Juris Doctorate | Full-Time (9 or more credits) | \$24,000 | 8 terms (cumulative w/ master's) |
| | Part-Time (1-8 credits) | \$18,000 | |
| Doctoral Degree | Full-Time (9 or more credits) | \$24,000 | 10 terms (cumulative w/ master's & Juris Doctorate) |
| | Part-Time (1-8 credits) | \$18,000 | |

Scholarship awards are based on information from the needs analysis prepared by the school's financial aid office as determined by FAFSA results, the school's budget, enrollment status, valid billing statement, and remaining terms of eligibility. Funding is based on a standard semester system. Coursework completed part-time, online, or quarter-based will be converted to an equivalent semester ratio.

*Full-time students accepted into a four-year program, and determined by the school's Financial Aid Office as need-based, may require some original documents due to Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) grant as the funding source.



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Applicant Information:

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| Tribal ID Number | Last Name | First Name | MI | Previous/Maiden Name/AKA |
| - - | / / | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Social Security Number | Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) | Preferred Name | Gender | |
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| Mailing Address (while attending school) | City | State | Zip | |
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| Permanent Address (if different from mailing address) | City | State | Zip | |
| - - | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Mail | |
| Phone Number | E-mail | Preferred Communication | | |
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Have you previously received Higher Education Division funding? Y N List Years: _____

Parental Information:

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| Father's Name | Tribal Affiliation |
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| Mother's Maiden Name | Tribal Affiliation |
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College/University and FAFSA Information:

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| FAFSA Filing Date (MM/YY) | College/University | College/University location: City, State |
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| Marital Status | Number of Dependents | Completion of 2023 Income Tax Filing? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N (General Welfare Exclusion Payments are not included) |
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Student Consent & Release of Information:

- I hereby certify that the information provided in this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to report any changes to my contact information (address, phone, and email), enrollment status, and financial aid to higher.education@ho-chunk.com in writing.
- I understand that I may be responsible for repayment if I fail to properly report any additional financial aid received.
- I agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the Higher Education Division Operating Policy and scholarship award letter.
- I authorize my post-secondary institution or prospective institution to disclose my information, including **STUDENT FAFSA RECORD INFORMATION**, to the Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Division.
- I further authorize the release of my financial aid and academic records to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ho-Chunk Nation, State entities, the Financial Aid Office, and Academic Advisors at my institution.
- I understand a separate release of information may be required to address additional inquiries.

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| Signature of Applicant | Legal Name (printed) | Date |
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Student Profile:

Please describe your academic and career goals. Additionally, outline how you would be willing to share your knowledge and skills with the Ho-Chunk Nation upon completing your degree.

Current Degree Program:

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

Freshman (0-30) Sophomore (31-60) Junior (61-90) Senior (91-120) Graduate

Program/Major: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Double Major/Minor: _____ Remaining Credits Needed to Graduate: _____

Other Benefits/Employment:

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

Employed: N Y Work status while attending school: Full-time Part-time N/A

Current Ho-Chunk Nation Employee: N Y Department: _____ Division: _____

Interests:

Academic Advising Financial Advising Disability Services/Accommodations

Internship Opportunities Study Abroad Tutoring

Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Mentorship Opportunities Ho-Chunk Nation Language

Submitting your application 90 days before the school start date, as recommended, ensures that the Higher Education staff has enough time to work with you and your school to finalize your scholarship. Waiting until the deadline may cause delays and could potentially result in a reduced amount of available aid.

Signature of Applicant

Legal Name (printed)

Date