

Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria

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Tribal higher Education Scholarship Program Application

INDICATE THE SCHOOL TERM YEAR: _____

APPLICATION FOR (CIRCLE ONE): New Student Continuing Student Former Student Graduate Student

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Alt. Phone: _____

Maiden/Other Names Used: _____

Social Security #: ____/____/____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____

Marital Status: Single Married Other

Gender: Female Male

High School/GED Information:

High School Graduate: Yes No GED: Yes No Year Graduated/GED: ____

Type of High School: BIA Tribal Private Mission Public

High School Information: _____

(High School Name)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Higher Education Information:

Name & Address of College/University Attending: _____

Year in College: ____1 ____2 ____3 ____4 ____GRD

Major Field of Study: _____

Expected Degree: AA AS AAS BA BS

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Indicate EACH School Term you will be attending:

Full Academic Year (or) Individual Semesters/Terms: Fall Winter Spring Summer

Permission for Information Release

I herby certify that the above information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and consent to the release of this information to and from necessary agencies in order to complete my Tribal Higher Education Scholarship Program File. I understand that any tribal scholarships awarded to me will be mailed in care of the college/university whenever feasible. I further understand that if I should fail to fully-satisfy the Tribal Higher Education Scholarship Program requirements may result in a delay, denial, or full reimbursement of monies awarded. I herby grant Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Higher Education Scholarship Program staff permission to request my transcript, if needed.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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Interim Higher Education Scholarship Policies

1. Statement of Purpose

The Members of the Trinidad Rancheria (Tribe) has identified a need to provide programs which stimulate and promote educational goals for Tribal Members. The Tribe recognizes the need to support academic achievement and excellence as is not only benefits the student but the Tribal members and the tribe in its entirety. The Education program is designed to assist Tribal Member students to achieve such goals through providing financial assistance to qualified students. This program is designed to assist eligible students and not intended to fully fund any one category.

2. Funding

Education funding goals shall be set yearly by the Member Services Department to determine educational funding amount on a per student basis. The total education funding allocation for tribal members shall be determined on a yearly basis based on BIA allocation and RAP plan allocation.

3. Eligibility Criteria

Tribal Members of the Trinidad Rancheria are eligible to apply for a Higher Education Scholarship. Students attending any of the following programs shall be considered for funding:

- Junior /Community College
- University/4yr Undergraduate College
- Technical or Vocational School
- Masters/Graduate School

New Students- Students attending a Higher Education program for the first time must submit the following:

- **High School Transcripts-** Must have overall GPA of 2.0 or higher
- **Graduation Certificate/Diploma**
- **Proof of Enrollment to Higher Education Program**
- **Current Semester Class List**
- **Education plan-** This can be developed with school counselor.
- **Completed Higher Education Scholarship Application**
- **Application Cover Letter-** detailing the student's educational goals and objectives, timeline of completion, and how student will utilize his/ her education to benefit themselves and their tribe.
- **Itemized Expense Sheet for Semester-** Include all costs associated such as rent, car payment, insurance, tuition, books, fees, supplies, etc.....
- **Income Verification**

Returning Student-

- **Completed Higher Education Scholarship Application**
- **Application Cover Letter-** detailing the student's educational goals and objectives, timeline of completion, and how student will utilize his/ her education to benefit themselves and their tribe.
- **Proof of Current Semester Enrollment/Class List**
- **Previous Semester Report Card**
- **Itemized Expense Sheet for Semester-** Include all costs associated such as rent, car payment, insurance, tuition, books, fees, supplies, etc.....
- **Income Verification**

4. Higher Education Scholarship Incentives

A. Expenses

Students attending any of the eligible programs as outlined in section 3 will be eligible to receive funding to assist with eligible expenses. Award amounts will assist in offsetting the overall cost to the student and will be for the following eligible expenses only:

- Tuition
- Books
- Major Supplies-Scientific Calculators, Drafting Equipment, or other items resulting in a significant purchase.
- Class Fees/Parking Permits

B. Student Status

Full Time and Part Time students enrolled to attend the spring semester shall be eligible for the entire award amount of up to \$500.00 dollars to cover eligible costs. This section is subject to change for the fall semester.

5. Award Distribution

Upon Applicant selection, the student will be notified of award. Students shall provide lists of books, supplies, fees in their entirety and the award will be paid directly to the educational institution whenever possible.

If the student has already purchased books, supplies, etc..., the student shall provide an original detailed receipt for items purchased. Reimbursement will be granted for eligible expenses only. Eligible expenses for the Higher Education scholarship will be Tuition, Books, Supplies, Class associated/ Parking Fees.

If the student needs an advance he/she shall provide a quote, invoice or other accurate documentation showing the detailed cost for requested advance. Student shall return receipts to Tribal Programs Director to be placed in students file. If student fails to return proper receipt documentation the amount advanced will be deducted from the Tribal Members per-capita distribution.

Awards shall only pay actual eligible costs of up to \$500.00 (five hundred dollars).

I have read and fully understand the intent and requirements of the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria Higher Education Scholarship policies.

Student Signature

Date