



Cherokee Nation Registered Nursing (RN) Scholarship Application

Program Overview

The Cherokee Nation Registered Nursing (RN) Scholarship Program provides financial support to Cherokee Nation citizens pursuing an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing. The program is designed to strengthen the Cherokee Nation Health Services workforce by preparing qualified nurses who commit to serving Cherokee communities. The RN Scholarship Program is a competitive program with limited space based on available funding.

Partner Schools

- Connors State College
- Carl Albert State College
- Tulsa Community College
- Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
- Oklahoma State University – Institute of Technology

Program Benefits

Program assistance may include tuition (excluding general education courses, prerequisites, and electives, except Pharmacology); books; school supplies; required equipment, including a tablet or laptop; applicable fees; post-testing and licensure costs (NCLEX, Oklahoma Board of Nursing license, background check, and fingerprinting); and select nursing training and pinning ceremony supplies. All items are purchased through approved vendors.

Commitment Requirement

Participants must agree to complete the RN program in good standing and work full-time with Cherokee Nation Health Services as an inpatient RN for a minimum of one (1) year and up to two (2) years following graduation.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a Cherokee Nation citizen.
- Reside within the Cherokee Nation reservation or contiguous counties.
- Accepted into or enrolled full-time in an eligible RN program.
- Not be pursuing a BSN or MSN degree.
- Agreement to complete a Nurse Residency Program (up to six months).
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- Sign a Contract Service Agreement to accept full-time employment as an in-patient RN with Cherokee Nation Health Services for one (1) to two (2) years post-graduation.
- Attendance at a non-proprietary (non-profit/public) institution.

Candidates who apply will complete an initial pre-screening to determine whether they meet the basic eligibility requirements. Eligible candidates will then be scheduled for an in-person interview.

The RN Scholarship award process is subject to the availability of funding. RN Scholarship recipients cannot receive any other Cherokee Nation educational funding, including the Cherokee Nation Undergraduate Scholarship, funding from the Cherokee Nation Foundation, Career Services, or the Public Health and Wellness Scholarship.

For questions, please contact (918) 453-5000 ex. 5465 or HigherEducation@cherokee.org.



Cherokee Nation Higher Education
Spring 2027 Registered Nursing (RN) Scholarship Application

Personal Information							
Name							
Date of Birth		Social Security Number					
Mailing Address							
City/State/Zip Code							
Personal Email		Phone Number					
School Email		Alternate Phone					
Cherokee Nation Citizenship Number		Are you a veteran?	Yes	☐	No	☐	
Cherokee Language	Do you speak Cherokee?	Yes	☐	Very Little	☐	No	☐
	Do you read Cherokee?	Yes	☐	Very Little	☐	No	☐
	Do you write Cherokee?	Yes	☐	Very Little	☐	No	☐
Educational Information							
Name of College/University							
Degree Program Level (Associate, Bachelor's, etc.)							
First semester of academic program (ex: Fall 2025)		Expected semester of graduation (ex. Spring 2026)					
Have you been accepted into an AAS Nursing program?		College Student ID #					
Have you previously received a scholarship through Cherokee Nation Higher Education?	Yes	☐	No	☐			
Certifications and Required Documents							
☐ By submitting this application, I certify that all the information included is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submission of false information or academic records is grounds for denial of admission or immediate suspension. I agree to submit all required credentials, including those specifically mentioned, and that failure to do so may result in my being denied admission.							
Please submit this application and required documents listed below to HigherEducation@cherokee.org .							
- Nursing Program Acceptance Letter - Most Recent Transcript (unofficial or official)							
Applications must be fully complete to be considered for an award. The Spring 2027 RN Scholarship application deadline is November 9th at 5 PM CST.							

Name of Applicant

Date