



Public Health and Wellness Merit Scholarship

Required Documents: (to be included with this form)

- ❖ College Transcripts
- ❖ Essay
- ❖ Copy of Applicable Test Scores (ACT, SAT, MCAT, GRE, HESI, TEAS, etc.)
- ❖ Copy of Social Security Card
- ❖ Letter of Acceptance into your Academic Program
- ❖ Copy of your Fall 2026 Class Schedule

Note: There are no residency restrictions for this scholarship.

I. Personal Information

Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
Last First MI

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ School Email _____

Alternate Phone _____ Personal Email _____

Social Security Number _____

Cherokee Nation Citizenship Number _____

Are you a veteran? Yes _____ No _____

II. Educational Information

Name of University _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact at University _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Degree Seeking _____

Major Area of Study _____

Minor Area of Study _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Current Cumulative GPA _____

Approved Degree Plan on File with Institutional Advisor? Yes ____ No ____

Name of Institutional Advisor _____

Advisor's Phone _____ Advisor's Email _____

List any earned licenses or certifications in relevant field _____

III. Cherokee Language Skills

Do speak Cherokee? Yes ____ Very Little ____ No ____

Do you read Cherokee? Yes ____ Very Little ____ No ____

Do you write Cherokee? Yes ____ Very Little ____ No ____

IV. Essay

Please provide your answers to the following questions in essay form. The essay should be no more than 2,000 words. The essay weighs heavily toward your rating and will be judged by the Scholarship Committee on how well it is written.

- a. **Academic Performance** – Describe your approach to academic success or explain how you have overcome any academic hurdles.
- b. **Career Goals** - Describe your specific career goals related to your major and provide detailed examples of actions you have taken beyond coursework to achieve those goals.
- c. **Cherokee Community** – Describe any relevant participation in cultural activities, volunteer work, or education you have received on Cherokee language, history, cultural teachings, etc.
- d. **Cherokee Nation Labor Market** - Explain your interest in working for Cherokee Nation in a healthcare role and describe your long-term goals related to serving in the Cherokee Nation Reservation.
- e. **Community Involvement & Service** - Describe your involvement in service or volunteer activities that support Cherokee Nation or the broader community.
- f. **Cultural Contributions** - Explain the actions you have taken to promote Cherokee culture and how your background or experiences contribute to cultural preservation.
- g. **Extra-Curricular Activities** - Provide a list with a brief explanation of your role and involvement with extra-curricular activities in the capacity of leadership and excellence.
- h. **Work Experience** - Describe your work or volunteer experience related to public health or healthcare, including your responsibilities, skills gained, and relevance to your intended profession.