



Cherokee Nation Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship

The purpose of the Cherokee Nation Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to Cherokee Nation citizens pursuing college degrees in nursing and health care fields to support their readiness to contribute to and grow within the Cherokee Nation reservation labor market. This scholarship is competitive and subject to availability of funding.

If funding allows, scholarships will be available for degrees in health fields other than nursing to meet any current workforce need in the Cherokee Nation Health Services department.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 31, 2026.

Eligibility:

- A. Must be a Cherokee Nation citizen
- B. Must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours for undergraduate degrees or six credit hours for graduate degrees.
- C. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA.
- D. Recipient must demonstrate a likelihood of providing professional services within the CN Reservation upon graduation and successful certification.
- E. Recipients must be agreeable to a period of payback in service to the Cherokee Nation equal to the number of scholarship years provided while pursuing nursing degrees and/or related certifications. Such agreement shall be evidenced by a signed agreement for grant payback through service hours. Upon award of a scholarship, the recipient shall execute an agreement with the criteria for the receipt of the scholarship and payback.

Selection Criteria:

- Academic performance
- Career goals
- Cherokee community activity
- Cherokee Nation labor market
- Cultural contributions
- Extra-curricular activities
- Work experience

Scholarship Award:

- Tuition
- Books
- Fees
- Housing
- Other education expenses directly related to cost of attendance
- Additional areas if funds remain include labs, tests and practicums

How to apply: Go to CherokeeNationFoundation.org and click Apply Now to create an account or login. The application window opens July 22 and closes July 31, 2026.

For more information or assistance, call (405) 429-8960.

Note: If a student accepts the CN Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship, they will not be eligible to receive funding from any other service-repayment obligation programs, such as Indian Health Services or National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program, or CNF Behavioral Health Scholarship during the semesters the student is being funded by the CN Nursing/Allied Health Scholarship. CN Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship recipients will not be eligible to receive any other Cherokee Nation Undergraduate or Graduate Scholarship, or Cherokee Nation Public Health and Wellness funded scholarship