
E. RAY ADKISSON SCHOLARSHIP

The E. Ray Adkisson Scholarship is awarded to eight (8) Osage students per year. Students must be enrolled at an accredited college in an undergraduate degree program. Students must be enrolled part-time in a minimum of six (6) credit hours to qualify for the scholarship.

Eligibility

All enrolled members of the Osage Nation interested in pursuing post-secondary education at the associate or baccalaureate level are eligible to apply for the Adkisson Scholarship within applicable guidelines for award.

The Adkisson Scholarship applicants must submit an initial application to ONED each term to receive further funding disbursements.

Students are encouraged to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) grant, other grants and scholarships available to them.

Academic Requirements

The ONED requires students receiving the E. Ray Adkisson Scholarship to have at least a 3.0 GPA for the scholarship award. A student's GPA will be calculated on a 4.0 scale when alternate grading scales are used. For example, a school using a 100-point grading scale would have scores converted to a 4.0 scale, as shown below:

X = Average of all scores reported
 $(X / 100) * 4 = \text{GPA}$

For example:
 $90\% + 80\% + 75\% + 90\% + 80\%$
 $415 / 5 = 83$
 $(83 / 100) * 4 = 3.32 \text{ GPA}$

Withdrawal and Failed Classes

The E. Ray Adkisson Scholarship is not renewed each term. Applicants must apply each academic term as if it was his/her first time. If a student fails or withdraws from class(es) but maintains at least a 3.0 GPA and part-time status, that student is still eligible to apply for the scholarship the following term. If a student fails or withdraws from class(es) and drops below the part-time status, that student will not be eligible to apply for the scholarship the following term.

Hardship Waiver

Hardship Waivers are not available to E. Ray Adkisson Scholarship recipients because the scholarship is not renewable (please see Withdrawal and Failed Classes section).

Funding Levels

The E. Ray Adkisson Scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$694.00 each for the fall and spring academic terms and is not awarded for summer sessions.

Funding Limitations

The Osage Nation will award four (4) E. Ray Adkisson Scholarships each term. In order to qualify, students must be part-time (6 credit hours) and have a minimum 3.0 GPA to receive scholarship funding. Preference will be given to part-time students with the highest GPA.

The Adkisson Scholarship is not available for summer sessions.

High school students, concurrently enrolled, are not eligible for the award.

The Adkisson Scholarship amount may change from one academic year to the next due to budget limitations.

Students must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at a state or nationally accredited college or university.

Allowable Expenses

Funding from the Adkisson Scholarship may only be used for costs directly related to attending courses including but not limited to tuition, fees and books.

Tuition is the amount the student must pay per credit or clock hour in order to maintain enrollment; this amount varies depending on the institution.

Fees are the funds charged per student to attend the institution at per credit hour or clock hour rate; these fees may include but are not limited to user fees for libraries and technology, student health fees and building fees; they are included in the tuition bill per student.

Books include any textbook, manual, or required readings compiled by the instructor to successfully complete the course(s).

Application Requirements

Applications are not considered complete until all required and requested documents have been submitted to ONED:

- A completed application
- Copy of Osage Nation membership card (verified internally)
- Verification of enrollment signed or stamped by the Registrar's Office
- A copy of the student's course schedule with credit hour
- A copy of the student's complete transcript/progress report

The student's transcript must include hours of completion from the last school attended. If applicable, transcripts must show final grades for the last term the student received an Osage scholarship. If the student has not completed any college or career tech hours since high school, he/she must include a copy of his/her final high school transcript or GED test scores.

Application Process

The deadline to apply for the fall and spring terms are **September 15th and February 15th of each academic year**. Scholarship applications are available on the Osage Nation website at: <https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/what-we-do/education-department/higher-education-scholarship> and must be received by the deadline date. (See Attachment F)

If a student changes his/her educational plan prior to submitting an application, he/she must contact ONED at scholarship@osagenation-nsn.gov to provide an update.

Applications will be processed according to the following:

- Complete application and supporting documents must be submitted prior to the deadline date
- Applications will be reviewed in the order they are completed
- Completed applications will be processed within twenty (20) business days of the deadline date

Payment

Adkisson Scholarships are disbursed in two equal installments in the fall and spring.

A letter and check for each student will be mailed and made payable to the student's school. The letter will include a description of the scholarship, the amount funded, the term for which it is being granted and the allowable expenses for which the scholarship may be used.

After payment has been made to the school, the file is closed and no additional documents will be accepted for the current term.

It is the student's responsibility to update his/her address with ONED to receive timely updates on any issues with his/her application or updates on ONED processing.

Adkisson Scholarships will only be funded in U.S. dollars.

If a student's funding has not been received by the school, it is the policy of the Osage Nation Accounting Department to allow twenty-one (21) days before a missing check can have a stop payment placed on it before it will be reissued to the school. In the interim, ONED will issue a letter of intent to the school informing the financial aid office that payment is forthcoming.

Data Privacy

The information contained within each scholarship application and any supporting documentation attached is a protected record under the Osage Nation Open Records Act. The Osage Nation will not disclose any record containing protected information without the written consent of the applicant unless the information is being used to perform the duties of an Osage Nation employee. The applicant's information may be released to other Osage Nation Departments/Programs with which the applicant is receiving or requesting services and to the Office of the Osage Nation Attorney General for an investigation to detect or eliminate fraud.

Privacy waiver statements are included in the E. Ray Adkisson Scholarship application. If the waiver is not signed by the student, data will not be discussed with parents/guardians or external scholarship committees.

Appeals Process

If a student believes his/her award has been denied in error, he/she must submit a written appeal within ten (10) business days of notification to the ONED stating the reason for the appeal. Within five (5) business days after receiving an appeal, ONED will submit a report to the Secretary of Education (SE). Within ten (10) business days of this report, the SE shall inform the complainant and the ONED in writing the decision from the Office of the Principal Chief. The decision of the Principal Chief shall be deemed a final decision.

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EUGENE DANIEL SCHOLARSHIP

The Eugene Daniel Scholarship is awarded to two (2) Osage students per year. Students must be enrolled full-time in an accredited college or technical school and be majoring in a medical-related field.

Eligibility

All enrolled members of the Osage Nation interested in pursuing a certification, licensure or degree in a medical-related field are eligible to apply for the Daniel Scholarship within applicable guidelines for award.

Daniel Scholarship applicants must submit an initial application to ONED each term to receive further funding disbursements.

Students are encouraged to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) grant, other grants and scholarships available to them.

Academic Requirements

The ONED requires students receiving the Eugene Daniel Scholarship to have at least a 3.0 GPA for the scholarship award. A student's GPA will be calculated on a 4.0 scale when alternate grading scales are used. For example, a school using a 100-point grading scale would have scores converted to a 4.0 scale, as shown below:

X = Average of all scores reported
 $(X / 100) * 4 = \text{GPA}$

For example:
 $90\% + 80\% + 75\% + 90\% + 80\%$
 $415 / 5 = 83$
 $(83 / 100) * 4 = 3.32 \text{ GPA}$

Withdrawal and Failed Classes

The Eugene Daniel Scholarship is not renewed each term. Applicants must apply each academic term as if it was his/her first time. If a student fails or withdraws from class(es) but maintains at least a 3.0 GPA and full-time status, that student is still eligible to apply for the scholarship the following term. If a student fails or withdraws from class(es) and drops below the full-time status, that student will not be eligible to apply for the scholarship the following term.

Hardship Waiver

Hardship Waivers are not available to Eugene Daniel Scholarship recipients because the scholarship is not renewable (please see Withdrawal and Failed Classes section).

Funding Levels

The Eugene Daniel Scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$580.00 each for the fall and spring academic terms and is not awarded for summer sessions.

Funding Limitations

The Osage Nation will award one (1) Eugene Daniel Scholarship each term. In order to qualify, students must be full-time and have a minimum 3.0 GPA to receive scholarship funding.

The Daniel Scholarship is not available for summer sessions.

High school students, concurrently enrolled, are not eligible for the award.

The Daniel Scholarship amount may change from one academic year to the next due to budget limitations.

Students must be enrolled in a health-care related field at a state or nationally accredited college or technical school

Allowable Expenses

Funding from the Daniel Scholarship may only be used for costs directly related to attending courses including but not limited to tuition, fees and books.

Tuition is the amount the student must pay per credit or clock hour in order to maintain enrollment; this amount varies depending on the institution.

Fees are the funds charged per student to attend the institution at per credit hour or clock hour rate; these fees may include but are not limited to user fees for libraries and technology, student health fees and building fees; they are included in the tuition bill per student.

Books include any textbook, manual, or required readings compiled by the instructor to successfully complete the course(s).

Application Requirements

Applications are not considered complete until all required and requested documents have been submitted to ONED:

- A completed application
- Copy of Osage Nation membership card (verified internally)
- Verification of enrollment signed or stamped by the Registrar's Office
- A copy of the student's course schedule and/or program plan with clock hours
- A copy of the student's complete transcript/progress report

The student's transcript must include hours of completion from the last school attended. If applicable, transcripts must show final grades for the last term the student received an Osage scholarship. If the student has not completed any college or career tech hours since high school, he/she must include a copy of his/her final high school transcript or GED test scores.

Application Process

The deadline to apply for the fall and spring terms are **September 15th and February 15th of each academic year**. Scholarship applications are available on the Osage Nation website at: <https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/what-we-do/education-department/higher-education-scholarship> and must be received by the deadline date. (See Attachment E)

If a student changes his/her educational plan prior to submitting an application, he/she must contact ONED at scholarship@osagenation-nsn.gov to provide an update.

Applications will be processed according to the following:

- Complete application and supporting documents must be submitted prior to the deadline date
- Applications will be reviewed in the order they are completed
- Completed applications will be processed within twenty (20) business days of the deadline date

Payment

Daniel Scholarships are disbursed in two equal installments in the fall and spring.

A letter and check for each student will be mailed and made payable to the student's school. The letter will include a description of the scholarship, the amount funded, the term for which it is being granted and the allowable expenses for which the scholarship may be used.

After payment has been made to the school, the file is closed and no additional documents will be accepted for the current term.

It is the student's responsibility to update his/her address with ONED to receive timely updates on any issues with his/her application or updates on ONED processing.

Daniel Scholarships will only be funded in U.S. dollars.

If a student's funding has not been received by the school, it is the policy of the Osage Nation Accounting Department to allow twenty-one (21) days before a missing check can have a stop payment placed on it before it will be reissued to the school. In the interim, ONED will issue a letter of intent to the school informing the financial aid office that payment is forthcoming.

Data Privacy

The information contained within each scholarship application and any supporting documentation attached is a protected record under the Osage Nation Open Records Act. The Osage Nation will not disclose any record containing protected information without the written consent of the applicant unless the information is being used to perform the duties of an Osage Nation employee. The applicant's information may be released to other Osage Nation Departments/Programs with which the applicant is receiving or requesting services and to the Office of the Osage Nation Attorney General for an investigation to detect or eliminate fraud.

Privacy waiver statements are included in the Eugene Daniel Scholarship application. If the waiver is not signed by the student, data will not be discussed with parents/guardians or external scholarship committees.

Appeals Process

If a student believes his/her award has been denied in error, he/she must submit a written appeal within ten (10) business days of notification to the ONED stating the reason for the appeal. Within five (5) business days after receiving an appeal, ONED will submit a report to the Secretary of Education (SE). Within ten (10) business days of this report, the SE shall inform the complainant and the ONED in writing the decision from the Office of the Principal Chief. The decision of the Principal Chief shall be deemed a final decision.

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JOHN L. RUBEL SCHOLARSHIP

The John L. Rubel Scholarship is awarded to six (6) Osage students per year. Students must be attending Oklahoma State University-Institute of Technology in Okmulgee, Oklahoma or Tri-County Technology Center in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Eligibility

All enrolled members of the Osage Nation interested in pursuing certification, licensure, or degree from OSU-Institute of Technology or Tri-County Technology Center full-time are eligible to apply for the Rubel Scholarship.

Rubel Scholarship applicants must submit an initial application to ONED each term to receive further funding disbursements.

Students are encouraged to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) grant, other grants and scholarships available.

Academic Requirements

The ONED requires students receiving the John L. Rubel Scholarship to have at least a 3.0 GPA for the scholarship award. A student's GPA will be calculated on a 4.0 scale when alternate grading scales are used. For example, a school using a 100-point grading scale would have scores converted to a 4.0 scale, as shown below:

X = Average of all scores reported
 $(X / 100) * 4 = \text{GPA}$

Example

$90\% + 80\% + 75\% + 90\% + 80\%$
 $415 / 5 = 83$
 $(83 / 100) * 4 = 3.32 \text{ GPA}$

Withdrawal and Failed Classes

The John L. Rubel Scholarship is not renewed each term. Applicants must apply each academic term as if it was his/her first time. If a student fails or withdraws from class(es) but maintains at least a 3.0 GPA and full-time status, that student is still eligible to apply for the scholarship the following term. If a student fails or withdraws from class(es) and drops below the full-time status, that student will not be eligible to apply for the scholarship the following term.

Hardship Waiver

Hardship Waivers are not available to John L. Rubel Scholarship recipients because the scholarship is not renewable (please see Withdrawal and Failed Classes section).

Funding Levels

The John L. Rubel Scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$820.00 each for the fall and spring academic terms and is not awarded for summer sessions.

Funding Limitations

The Osage Nation will award three (3) Rubel Scholarships each term. In order to qualify, students must be full-time and be enrolled at either OSU-Institute of Technology or a program that is no less than 220

clock hours at Tri-Country Technology Center and have a minimum 3.0 GPA to receive scholarship funding.

The Rubel Scholarship is not available for summer sessions.

High school students, concurrently enrolled, are not eligible for the award.

The Rubel Scholarship amount may change from one academic year to the next due to budget limitations.

Allowable Expenses

Funding from the Rubel Scholarship may only be used for costs directly related to attending courses including but not limited to tuition, fees and books.

Tuition is the amount the student must pay per credit or clock hour in order to maintain enrollment; this amount varies depending on the institution.

Fees are the funds charged per student to attend the institution at per credit hour or clock hour rate; these fees may include, but are not limited to user fees for libraries and technology, student health fees and building fees; they are included in the tuition bill per student.

Books include any textbook, manual, or required readings compiled by the instructor to successfully complete the course(s).

Application Requirements

Applications are not considered complete until all required and requested documents have been submitted to ONED:

- A completed application
- Copy of Osage Nation membership card (verified internally)
- Verification of enrollment signed or stamped by the Registrar's Office
- A copy of the student's course schedule and/or program plan with clock hours
- A copy of the student's complete transcript/progress report

The student's transcript must include hours of completion from the last school attended. If applicable, transcripts must show final grades for the last term the student received an Osage scholarship. If the student has not completed any college or career tech hours since high school, he/she must include a copy of his/her final high school transcript or GED test scores.

Application Process

The deadline to apply for the fall and spring terms are **September 15th and February 15th of each academic year**. Scholarship applications are available on the Osage Nation website at: <https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/what-we-do/education-department/higher-education-scholarship> and must be received by the deadline date. (See Attachment D)

If a student changes his/her educational plan prior to submitting an application, he/she must contact ONED at scholarship@osagenation-nsn.gov to provide an update.

Applications will be processed according to the following:

- Complete application and supporting documents must be submitted prior to the deadline date
- Applications will be reviewed in the order they are completed
- Completed applications will be processed within twenty (20) business days of the deadline date

Payment

Rubel Scholarships are disbursed in two equal installments in the fall and spring.

A letter and check for each student will be mailed and made payable to the student's school. The letter will include a description of the scholarship, the amount funded, the term for which it is being granted and the allowable expenses for which the scholarship may be used.

After payment has been made to the school, the file is closed and no additional documents will be accepted for the current term.

It is the student's responsibility to update his/her address with ONED to receive timely updates on any issues with his/her application or updates on ONED processing.

Rubel Scholarships will only be funded in U.S. dollars.

If a student's funding has not been received by the school, it is the policy of the Osage Nation Accounting Department to allow twenty-one (21) days before a missing check can have a stop payment placed on it before it will be reissued to the school. In the interim, ONED will issue a letter of intent to the school informing the financial aid office that payment is forthcoming.

Data Privacy

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Privacy waiver statements are included in the John L Rubel Scholarship application. If the waiver is not signed by the student, data will not be discussed with parents/guardians or external scholarship committees.

Appeals Process

If a student believes his/her award has been denied in error, he/she must submit a written appeal within ten (10) business days of notification to the ONED stating the reason for the appeal. Within five (5) business days after receiving an appeal, ONED will submit a report to the Secretary of Education (SE). Within ten (10) business days of this report, the SE shall inform the complainant and the ONED in writing the decision from the Office of the Principal Chief. The decision of the Principal Chief shall be deemed a final decision.

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MARY E. TINKER SCHOLARSHIP

The Mary E. Tinker Scholarship is awarded to fourteen (14) Osage students per year. Students must be enrolled at an accredited college in a graduate degree program. Students must be enrolled part-time in a minimum of six (6) credit hours to qualify for the scholarship.

Eligibility

All enrolled members of the Osage Nation interested in pursuing post-secondary education on a professional graduate level are eligible to apply for the Tinker Scholarship within applicable guidelines for award.

Tinker Scholarship applicants must submit an initial application to ONED each term to receive further funding disbursements.

Students are encouraged to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) grant, other grants and scholarships available to them.

Academic Requirements

The ONED requires students receiving the Mary E. Tinker Scholarship to have at least a 2.0 GPA for the scholarship award. A student's GPA will be calculated on a 4.0 scale when alternate grading scales are used. For example, a school using a 100-point grading scale would have scores converted to a 4.0 scale, as shown below:

X = Average of all scores reported
 $(X / 100) * 4 = \text{GPA}$

For example:
 $90\% + 80\% + 75\% + 90\% + 80\%$
 $415 / 5 = 83$
 $(83 / 100) * 4 = 3.32 \text{ GPA}$

Withdrawal and Failed Classes

The Mary E. Tinker Scholarship is not renewed each term. Applicants must apply each academic term as if it was his/her first time. If a student fails or withdraws from class(es) but maintains at least a 2.0 GPA and part-time status, that student is still eligible to apply for the scholarship the following term. If a student fails or withdraws from class(es) and drops below the part-time status, that student will not be eligible to apply for the scholarship the following term.

Hardship Waiver

Hardship Waivers are not available to Mary E. Tinker Scholarship recipients because the scholarship is not renewable (please see Withdrawal and Failed Classes section).

Funding Levels

The Mary E. Tinker Scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$572.00 each for the fall and spring academic terms and is not awarded for summer sessions.

Funding Limitations

The Osage Nation will award seven (7) Mary E. Tinker Scholarships each term. In order to qualify, students must be part-time (6 credit hours) and have a minimum 2.0 GPA to receive scholarship funding. Preference will be given to part-time students with the highest GPA.

The Tinker Scholarship is not available for summer sessions.

High school students, concurrently enrolled, are not eligible for the award.

The Tinker Scholarship amount may change from one academic year to the next due to budget limitations.

Applicants for the Mary E. Tinker Scholarship must be enrolled in a graduate degree program at a state or nationally accredited college or university.

Allowable Expenses

Funding from the Tinker Scholarship may only be used for costs directly related to attending courses including but not limited to tuition, fees and books.

Tuition is the amount the student must pay per credit or clock hour in order to maintain enrollment; this amount varies depending on the institution.

Fees are the funds charged per student to attend the institution at per credit hour or clock hour rate; these fees may include but are not limited to user fees for libraries and technology, student health fees and building fees; they are included in the tuition bill per student.

Books include any textbook, manual, or required readings compiled by the instructor to successfully complete the course(s).

Application Requirements

Applications are not considered complete until all required and requested documents have been submitted to ONED:

- A completed application
- Copy of Osage Nation membership card (verified internally)
- Verification of enrollment signed or stamped by the Registrar's Office
- A copy of the student's course schedule with credit hour
- A copy of the student's complete transcript/progress report

The student's transcript must include hours of completion from the last school attended. If applicable, transcripts must show final grades for the last term the student received an Osage scholarship. If the student has not completed any college or career tech hours since high school, he/she must include a copy of his/her final high school transcript or GED test scores.

Application Process

The deadline to apply for the fall and spring terms are **September 15th and February 15th of each academic year**. Scholarship applications are available on the Osage Nation website at: <https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/what-we-do/education-department/higher-education-scholarship> and must be received by the deadline date. (See Attachment G)

If a student changes his/her educational plan prior to submitting an application, he/she must contact ONED at scholarship@osagenation-nsn.gov to provide an update.

Applications will be processed according to the following:

- Complete application and supporting documents must be submitted prior to the deadline date
- Applications will be reviewed in the order they are completed
- Completed applications will be processed within twenty (20) business days of the deadline date

Payment

Tinker Scholarships are disbursed in two equal installments in the fall and spring.

A letter and check for each student will be mailed and made payable to the student's school. The letter will include a description of the scholarship, the amount funded, the term for which it is being granted and the allowable expenses for which the scholarship may be used.

After payment has been made to the school, the file is closed and no additional documents will be accepted for the current term.

It is the student's responsibility to update his/her address with ONED to receive timely updates on any issues with his/her application or updates on ONED processing.

Tinker Scholarships will only be funded in U.S. dollars.

If a student's funding has not been received by the school, it is the policy of the Osage Nation Accounting Department to allow twenty-one (21) days before a missing check can have a stop payment placed on it before it will be reissued to the school. In the interim, ONED will issue a letter of intent to the school informing the financial aid office that payment is forthcoming.

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Privacy waiver statements are included in the Mary E. Tinker Scholarship application. If the waiver is not signed by the student, data will not be discussed with parents/guardians or external scholarship committees.

Appeals Process

If a student believes his/her award has been denied in error, he/she must submit a written appeal within ten (10) business days of notification to the ONED stating the reason for the appeal. Within five (5) business days after receiving an appeal, ONED will submit a report to the Secretary of Education (SE). Within ten (10) business days of this report, the SE shall inform the complainant and the ONED in writing the decision from the Office of the Principal Chief. The decision of the Principal Chief shall be deemed a final decision.

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MORRIS E. & ETHEL CARLTON WHEELER SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The Morris E. and Ethel Carlton Wheeler Scholarship Trust is awarded to fourteen (14) Osage students per year. Students must be enrolled full-time in a post-secondary education institution including vocational schools that provide post high school studies or training including but not limited to graduate and post-graduate studies.

Eligibility

All descendants and adopted children (Indian or Non-Indian, legally adopted by a court of competent jurisdiction) of Osage original allottees interested in furthering their education are eligible to apply for Wheeler Scholarships within applicable guidelines for funding.

Wheeler Scholarship students must submit an initial application to ONED each term to receive further funding disbursements.

Students are encouraged to apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) grant, other grants and scholarships available to them.

Academic Requirements

The ONED requires students receiving the Morris E. and Ethel Carlton Wheeler Scholarship to have at least a 2.0 GPA for the scholarship award. A student's GPA will be calculated on a 4.0 scale when alternate grading scales are used. For example, a school using a 100-point grading scale would have scores converted to a 4.0 scale as shown below:

X = Average of all scores reported
 $(X / 100) * 4 = \text{GPA}$

For example:

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 $415 / 5 = 83$
 $(83 / 100) * 4 = 3.32 \text{ GPA}$

Withdrawal and Failed Classes

The Wheeler Scholarship is not renewed each term. Applicants must apply each academic term as if it was his/her first time. If a student fails or withdraws from class(es) but maintains at least a 2.0 GPA and full-time status, that student is still eligible to apply for the scholarship the following term. If a student fails or withdraws from class(es) and drops below the full-time status, that student will not be eligible to apply for the scholarship the following term.

Hardship Waiver

A hardship is defined as an event that prevents a student from completing the hours in the term for which he/she has been awarded scholarship funding. Examples of hardships may include but are not limited to an unexpected surgery, complications associated with pregnancy or an accident with a major injury. In order to remain eligible for the Morris E. & Carlton Wheeler Scholarship, students must request a Hardship Waiver and submit documentation in a timely manner verifying hardship circumstances. The ONED shall, within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt of the Hardship Form, report the findings and final decision to the complainant in writing. (See Attachment A)

The student must provide the following information to be awarded a Hardship Waiver:

- A form asking for hardship consideration and explaining circumstances in detail from the student, and
- A physician's statement verifying a medical condition which prevents the student from completing courses; or
- A written report from an unrelated, licensed counselor verifying an event or condition which prevents the student from completing courses

Funding Levels

The Morris E. and Ethel Carlton Wheeler Scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$206.00 each for the fall and spring academic terms and is not awarded for summer sessions.

Funding Limitations

The Osage Nation will award seven (7) Wheeler Scholarships each term. In order to qualify, students must be full-time and have a minimum 2.0 GPA to receive scholarship funding.

Students must be enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours to qualify for the scholarship.

High school students, concurrently enrolled, are not eligible for the award.

The Wheeler Scholarship is not available for summer sessions.

The Wheeler Scholarship amount may change from one academic year to the next due to budget limitations.

Students applying for the Morris E. and Ethel Carlton Wheeler Scholarship must provide verification of financial need as evidenced by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Allowable Expenses

The Wheeler Scholarship may only be used for costs directly related to tuition and books as defined within the trust.

Tuition is the amount the student must pay per credit or clock hour in order to maintain enrollment; this amount varies depending on the institution.

Books include any textbook, manual, or required readings compiled by the instructor to successfully complete the course(s).

Application Requirements

Applications are not considered complete until all required and requested documents have been submitted to ONED:

- A completed application
- Copy of Osage Nation membership card or CDIB card to verify lineal descent from an Osage original allottee
- Non-Osage applicants legally adopted by a court of competent jurisdiction must provide verification of adoption by an original allottee (adoption decree and birth certificates tracing that adoption back to an original allottee)
- Verification of enrollment signed or stamped by the Registrar's Office
- Information verifying the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- A copy of the student's course schedule with credit hour and/or program plan with clock hours
- A copy of the student's complete transcript/progress report

The student's transcript must include hours of completion from the last school attended. If applicable, transcripts must show final grades for the last term the student received an Osage scholarship. If the student has not completed any college or career tech hours since high school, he/she must include a copy of his/her final high school transcript or GED test scores.

Application Process

The deadline to apply for the fall and spring terms are **September 15th and February 15th of each academic year**. Scholarship applications are available on the Osage Nation website at: <https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/what-we-do/education-department/higher-education-scholarship> and must be received by the deadline date. (See Attachment H)

If a student changes his/her educational plan prior to submitting an application, he/she must contact ONED at scholarship@osagenation-nsn.gov to provide an update.

Applications will be processed according to the following:

- Complete application and supporting documents must be submitted prior to the deadline date
- Applications will be reviewed in the order they are completed
- Completed applications will be processed within twenty (20) business days of the deadline date

Payment

Wheeler Scholarships are disbursed in two equal installments in the fall and spring.

A letter and check for each student will be mailed and made payable to the student's school. The letter will include a description of the scholarship, the amount funded, the term for which it is being granted and the allowable expenses for which the scholarship may be used.

After payment has been made to the school the file is closed and no additional documents will be accepted for the current term.

It is the student's responsibility to update his/her address with ONED to receive timely updates on any issues with his/her application or updates on ONED processing.

Wheeler Scholarships will only be funded in U.S. dollars.

If a student's funding has not been received by the school, it is the policy of the Osage Nation Accounting Department to allow twenty-one (21) days before a missing check can have a stop payment placed on it before it will be reissued to the school. In the interim, ONED will issue a letter of intent to the school informing the financial aid office that payment is forthcoming.

Data Privacy

The information contained within each scholarship application and any supporting documentation attached is a protected record under the Osage Nation Open Records Act. The Osage Nation will not disclose any record containing protected information without the written consent of the applicant unless the information is being used to perform the duties of an Osage Nation employee. The applicant's information may be released to other Osage Nation Departments/Programs with which the applicant is receiving or requesting services and to the Office of the Osage Nation Attorney General for an investigation to detect or eliminate fraud.

Privacy waiver statements are included in the Wheeler Scholarship application. If the waiver is not signed by the student, data will not be discussed with parents/guardians or external scholarship committees.

Appeals Process

If a student believes his/her award has been denied in error, he/she must submit a written appeal within ten (10) business days of notification to the ONED stating the reason for the appeal. Within five (5) business days after receiving an appeal, ONED will submit a report to the Secretary of Education (SE). Within ten (10) business days of this report, the SE shall inform the complainant and the ONED in writing the decision from the Office of the Principal Chief. The decision of the Principal Chief shall be deemed a final decision.

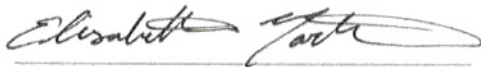
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Physical Address: Osage Nation Education Department
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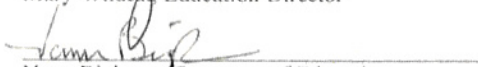
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