
Lily Peace Patterson Memorial Scholarship

The Lily Peace Patterson Memorial Scholarship is awarded to two (2) Osage students per year. Students must be enrolled full-time at an accredited college, university, or vocational school that provides post high school studies or training including but not limited to licensure/certification, undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate studies.

Eligibility

All enrolled members of the Osage Nation interested in pursuing interested in furthering their education through full-time post-high school studies are eligible to apply for the Lily Peace Patterson Memorial Scholarship within applicable guidelines.

Patterson 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 Lily Peace Patterson Memorial 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 Patterson 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 Patterson 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 Lily Peace Patterson Memorial Scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$500.00 each for the fall and spring academic terms and is not awarded for summer sessions.

Funding Limitations

The Osage Nation will award one (1) Patterson Scholarship each term. In order to qualify, students must be full-time and have a minimum 2.0 GPA to receive scholarship funding.

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

The Patterson Scholarship is not available for summer sessions.

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

Allowable Expenses

Funding from the Patterson 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 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
- 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.

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

Patterson 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.

Patterson 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 Patterson 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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