

## Higher Education Program

Dear Students:

Please read this page in its entirety before you begin the application. The last few years we have been having issues with late applications. Below is a guide to aide you in the application process in hopes that this problem does not keep occurring.

Students should request an application at least 4 weeks before the deadline is up to allow for the proper documentation to be sent to the tribal office. There are seven (7) documents needed to complete your application and they are as follows:

**Application form** – Student must fill this form out completely or the application will be sent back as incomplete. Information on this page affects the outcome of our decision.

**Release of Information** – This form must be returned with signature and date.

**Letter of Intent** – Student must write a short letter stating why they are applying for the Higher Education Program.

**Proof of Admission** – Student must turn in one of the following three (3); Admission letter, Enrollment Certification, or a schedule of classes.

**Transcripts** – Student must request an official transcript from the last school attended. The transcripts must be sent to us by the deadline and this is why we urge you to obtain an application early so the school has enough time to send proper documentation.

**Certificate Degree of Indian Blood** – A copy of your Indian card must be included in your application.

**Financial Need Analysis** – This form must first be signed by the student and then the student is responsible for sending the form to the school's financial aid office. Do not send this form back to me until the Financial Aid Office has filled it out. In order for the Financial Aid office to fill this form out, the student must file a FAFSA and have completed all requirements from their college/university financial aid office. We urge students to file a FAFSA as early as possible to avoid an error on your Financial Need Analysis Form. This is a "financial need" based grant and this is why this form is very important. If this form is not completed by the deadline, your application will be denied.

All the above documents are due July 15<sup>th</sup>. We cannot make exceptions. Students can obtain an application by calling the tribal office at 785-595-3258 and asking for Kelli Cheek or students can email me at [kcheek@iowas.org](mailto:kcheek@iowas.org). If anyone wants more information about the Higher Education Program please feel free to contract me anytime.

Thank you,

Linda Rhodd  
Contract/Grant Administrator



Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska  
**Application**  
Higher Education Grant for Undergraduate Student

To be considered for funding you need to complete and submit ALL of the following items by the deadline:

**Please read the directions completely.**

1. \_\_\_ Application
2. \_\_\_ Copy of Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood
3. \_\_\_ Transcript form last school attended or verification of G.E.D.
  - a. If you have previously attended college, the Registrar's office at that institution must mail an official transcript, showing your last semester's grades, which must include a cumulative grade point average.
  - b. **We will NOT accept your copy of your grades or an unofficial transcript.**
4. \_\_\_ You must provide this office with a copy of your Financial Need Analysis.
  - a. It is verification you applied for FAFSA **(This form must be turned into your Financial Aid Department before it is submitted to me. If it is sent to me blank, you're application will be incomplete. If the form is submitted past the deadline, you will not be considered.)**
5. \_\_\_ Proof of Admission (This can be a schedule, Admission Letter, or Certificate of Enrollment)
6. \_\_\_ Letter of intent.
  - a. This letter must state why you would like a grant from The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.
7. \_\_\_ Release of Information Form

**All application documents must be submitted by the deadline or your application will not be considered.  
A completed application does not guarantee acceptance into the program.**

**DEADLINE**  
**July 15<sup>th</sup>**

After you are approved for Fall semester funding, your official transcript is all that is necessary for Spring semester funding. The official transcripts showing the Fall semester grades needs to be turned in by **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. You must apply for this grant each year. Applicants for the spring semester may be submitted but are dependent on funding.

Return Application To:  
Linda Rhodd, Contract/Grant Administrator  
3345 B Thrasher Rd.  
White Cloud, KS 66094

## Higher Education Grant Application

**(All information in this application is required. If questions are left blank, application will be sent back and not considered until it is complete.)**

### Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
                    First                    Last                    MI

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
                    Street                    City                    ST                    Zip

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Street                    City                    ST                    Zip

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_ Number of Dependents: \_\_\_\_ Married: \_\_\_\_

### High School Information

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Street                    City                    ST                    Zip

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ GED Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Private: \_\_\_\_ Public: \_\_\_\_ Tribal: \_\_\_\_

### College Information

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Street                    City                    ST                    Zip

Expected Degree: AA\_\_ AAS\_\_ BA\_\_ BS\_\_ MA\_\_ Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Student must mark expected degree and if receiving an AA or AAS please state if you will be continuing on to your bachelor's degree. If left blank, your application will not be considered.)**

Requesting Aid for Academic Year: 20\_\_ - 20\_\_ Fall Semester: \_\_\_\_ Spring Semester: \_\_\_\_ Both: \_\_\_\_

Year in College: Freshman: \_\_\_\_ Sophomore: \_\_\_\_ Junior: \_\_\_\_ Senior: \_\_\_\_ No. of credit hours earned: \_\_\_\_

I will live: On Campus: \_\_\_\_ Off Campus: \_\_\_\_ I will be enrolled: Full-time: \_\_\_\_ Part-time: \_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF EDUCATION PURPOSE: I declare that I will use any funds I receive under the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska solely for expenses connected with attendance at:

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and consent to the release of this information to the necessary agencies to complete my financial aid package.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Statement of Certificate and Consent to Release Information

Please have your school financial aid officer fill out the attached Financial Need Analysis form and return it to our office immediately. Applications received after 4:30 pm of the close of business on the deadline date will not be accepted. However, mailed applications that are post marked on or before the deadline date will be accepted.

Failure to provide any requested information may result in denial for the grant.

If there are any unusual circumstances or problems we should consider in determining your grant amount, please state them on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this application.

If a student loan is obtained by the applicant or by the applicant's family, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska is not responsible for the repayment of the loan.

I hereby certify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and consent to the release of this information to the necessary agencies to complete my financial aid package.

I hereby acknowledge I will attend the school indicated on this application and agree to work towards the career goal I have selected to the best of my ability. I agree that I will not change career goals without obtaining prior approval from the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. I further agree that if for any reason I drop, withdraw, or change my student status from full-time to part-time during the school year; I will promptly notify the Education Coordinator and will refund any unused scholarship funds awarded to me.

I agree to provide a copy of my grades or official transcripts to the Education Coordinator at the end of each academic term, semester, quarter or trimester for use in determining continued funding. I hereby give my consent to have my official or student copy of my current term transcripts released as per request to the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

I certify that I have applied for other sources of campus-based funding (i.e. federal and state aid, work-study, etc.) and that it will be included when computing my financial aid package. I certify that I will use any funds awarded to me under the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska solely for expense associated with attendance at the university indicated on this application.

This information is permitted to be released to: Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, which includes the Education Coordinator, Contract/Grant Administrator or Executive Committee.

I agree that photocopies of this authorization may be used for the purpose stated above and that this remains in effect for the existence of my program participation.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

