

Education majors! December 27, 2017 is the due date to apply for the Spring 2018 NETSTAR program. Funding provides tuition, books, fees, and living expenses to American Indians. For an application, visit [www.aircinc.org/NETSTAR\\_Application\\_Packet.pdf](http://www.aircinc.org/NETSTAR_Application_Packet.pdf).



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for Spring 2018!*

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NSU's faculty focuses on preparing professionals who are teaching scholars, educational leaders, and developers of human potential. Teacher candidates are committed to excellence in their fields and making a difference in their communities.

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NSU has outstanding undergraduate programs and provides various methods of course design, including traditional face to face instruction, blended-hybrid courses and online coursework. NSU is recognized as a leader among other institutions in Oklahoma by providing a significant number of highly effective classroom teachers.

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Email Completed Applications to :  
Gwen Shunatona, NETSTAR Director  
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**Questions? Call us at (918)456-5581**

# NETSTAR

## Native Educated Teachers Successfully Taught Academic Rigor



**AIRC**  
American Indian Resource Center, Inc.

# NETSTAR Program

## Background

For the past 30 years, the American Indian Resource Center, Inc. has operated five education personnel training programs. Four were funded by the Office of Indian Education and one was funded by the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Approximately 117 Indian students have graduated with a Bachelor, Master, or Doctorate degree from these programs.

Funding for the NETSTAR program has been provided by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education. A partnership between American Indian Resource Center, Inc., Northeastern State University, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Kenwood Public School, and Rocky Mountain Public School ensures that program participants will achieve successful teaching careers.



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## **What are the qualifications for applying for the NETSTAR program?**

You must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of a Federally or State Recognized Tribe
- **Must** graduate by Spring 2019
- Be a full time student working no more than 19 hours per week
- Be a candidate with 45 hours or accepted into the NSU College of Education
- Have a GPA of 2.75 or better
- Be working toward a teaching certificate in Early Childhood, Elementary Education, Special Education, Math, Science, or Social Studies

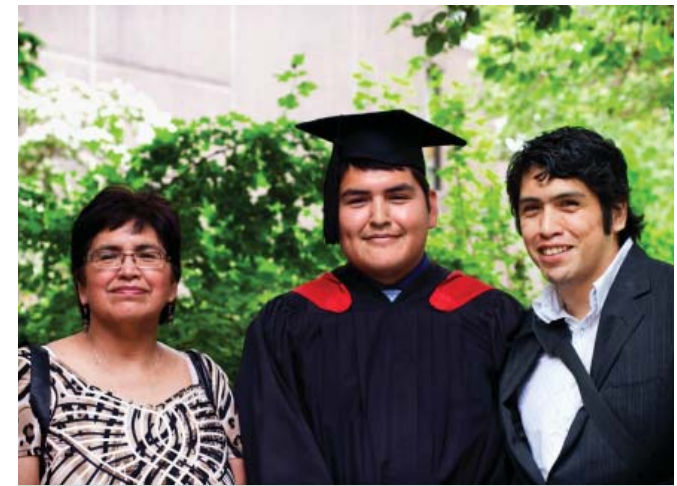
## **What does the NETSTAR program provide?**

- Tuition and fees
- Books
- Living Expenses
- Seminars for Success

## **Is the NETSTAR program a scholarship?**

No. Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education. A part of this funding requires signing of a payback agreement. Once you begin teaching, you will enter into a service payback plan. If you do not complete the program, you will be required to pay back all funding from the USDE.

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## **What is meant by payback?**

All participants must perform work-related payback or provide cash reimbursement to the U.S. Department of Education for the training received.

For the total number of months in the program, graduates are required to teach at least the same number of months at a school with a significant Indian student population. This is the work-related payback option.

Cash reimbursement occurs when a participant does not find employment within 12 months after their participation in NETSTAR has ended. The amount paid back to the U.S. Department of Education is the same amount as the total amount of funds spent on them by the NETSTAR program.

A signed agreement, stating the payback requirements, must be signed by each participant before participating in NETSTAR program activities. Induction Services are not considered part of the student payback obligation.

## NETSTAR Program for Spring 2018: **Due Date December 27, 2017**

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(Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education)

**ELIGIBILITY:** If you answer **No** to any of these four questions, we are sorry that you are not eligible for this NETSTAR Program. Do you have documentation of American Indian Federal or State tribal membership?  Yes  No

Do you have a letter of acceptance from the NSU College of Education?  Yes  No

Have you completed ED 3313?  Yes  No Will you graduate by Spring 2019?  Yes  No

STUDENT INFORMATION	
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Social Security Number:</b>
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date of Birth:</b>
<b>Permanent Address:</b>	<b>Mailing Address (if not the same as permanent address):</b>
<b>Primary Phone Number:</b>	<b>Secondary Phone Number:</b>
<b>Primary E-mail Address:</b>	<b>Secondary E-mail Address:</b> (Other than your NSU E-dress)
<b>Gender:</b>	<b>NSU Student ID Number:</b>
<b>Tribal Membership:</b> (Please provide documentation)	
<b>Two child dependents living with you can be claimed. Do you have any living with you?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____
<b>Current Standing:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior	
<b>Date of Graduation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Spring 2018 <input type="checkbox"/> Fall 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> Spring 2019 (Latest date eligible for NETSTAR program)	
ALTERNATE CONTACT INFORMATION	
<b>Name:</b>	<b>E-mail Address:</b>
<b>Physical Address:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Relationship to You:</b>

By submitting this application, I understand that there is a service/payback component that must be agreed upon with the U.S. Department of Education before I can participate in this program. I understand that all information on this application will be held confidential and is accessible only by NETSTAR program staff and the U.S. Department of Education.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Documents to be submitted:** Tribal membership documentation; this application; a copy of your current transcript or grades from your student portal; and admittance letter from the College of Education. If you are claiming dependents, a copy of your 2016 tax return must be included. **Email all documents by December 27, 2017 to [gshunatona@aircinc.org](mailto:gshunatona@aircinc.org).**