

Northeastern State University

2017-2018 Trail of Tears Award Application

The Tsa La Gi Trail of Tears Award is presented to undergraduate college students of Cherokee Indian descent. Students can reapply each year to be considered for the scholarship if they meet the eligibility requirements. This scholarship, which ranges from \$500-\$1400 per academic year, is disbursed each semester.

Applications must be postmarked or received at the Center for Tribal Studies no later than June 2nd.

Name: _____ NSU ID #: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sex: Male Female (For demographic data)

Classification: Incoming Freshman Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Academic Major: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Letters of Recommendation Contact Information

1) Name: _____ Phone: _____

2) Name: _____ Phone: _____

ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND HONORS: Please list all activities that you have been involved in, leadership positions you have held, and honors you have received. Incoming freshmen should list only high school. College students should list only college activities.

TRIBAL/CULTURAL PARTICIPATION/INVOLVEMENT:

Signature of Applicant: _____



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Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible to receive the 2017-2018 Tsa La Gi Trail of Tears Award, the student must:

- Be classified as a full-time college or university undergraduate at Northeastern State University
- Have proof of Cherokee tribal membership
- Incoming freshmen must have a GPA of 3.0, or ACT score of 21, or upper 10% of class
- Transfer or continuing college students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

New applicants must submit:

- A current photograph
- A one-page typed personal statement
- A copy of your Cherokee Nation Blue Card (photocopy of both front and back) and/or verification of your tribal citizenship with Cherokee Nation
- Official current transcript
- Two letters of recommendation (turn in with application).
- Completed application form
- Trail of Tears Cover Page (attached to front of application materials)

Previously awarded recipients must submit:

- A one-page typed personal statement
- Official current transcript
- Completed application form

Please submit completed application and accompanying documents to:

**Center for Tribal Studies
ATTN: TOT Scholarship
Northeastern State University
600 North Grand Avenue
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464**

Questions: (918) 456-5511 Ext. 4350

Please note that everyone is encouraged to apply. No one factor outweighs another when reviewing applications. If there are extenuating circumstances, please submit a letter stating why this committee should consider these circumstances as extraordinary. The Cherokee Higher Education Foundation's board decision for scholarship award(s) is final.

Applications received after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2nd, 2017 will not be considered.



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2017-2018 Trail of Tears Cover Page

Applicant's Name: _____

Please turn this page in with your scholarship materials. Check off items listed below to ensure your application packet is complete. Chances of being awarded a scholarship will be reduced if required information or documents are incomplete or missing.

New applicants:

- Completed Application
 - ▶ Each section must be complete. If you have not participated in activities, this section should have "None" in the space provided.
- Current Photo
- 1 Page Typed Personal Statement
 - ▶ Single-Spaced, block format, 11 pt font
 - ▶ The following are suggestions for your personal statement: How has your Cherokee culture impacted your upbringing or educational pursuits? What skills and qualities do you see that you possess and how will these help you in college? Explain your career aspirations and your educational plan to meet these goals. Describe a personal accomplishment and the strengths and skills you used to achieve it.
- A copy of your Cherokee Nation Blue Card (photocopy of both front and back) and/or verification of your tribal citizenship with Cherokee Nation
- Official Transcript
- 2 letters of Recommendation (with signatures and on letterhead stationary if applicable)
 - ▶ References cannot be relatives. Please include contact information on application.

Previously awarded applicants:

- Completed Application
 - ▶ Each section must be complete. If you have not participated in activities, this section should have "None" in the space provided.
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- Official Transcript