

2015-2016 Trail of Tears Cover Page

Applicant's Name: _____

Please turn this 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.

Items Submitted:

- 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.

- CDIB and/or Blue Card (photocopy of both front and back)

- Official Transcript

- 2 letters of Recommendation (with signatures and on letterhead stationary if applicable)
 - References cannot be relatives. Please include contact information on application.

2015-2016 TSA LA GI 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 1.

Name _____ NSU ID # _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Sex: Male Female (For demographic data) Classification _____

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: _____ Date: _____

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible to receive the 2015-2016 Tsa La Gi Trail of Tears Award, the student must:

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

The student must submit:

1. A current photograph
2. A one-page typed personal statement
3. A copy of certificate of degree of Indian blood (CDIB) card and/or a copy of Cherokee tribal enrollment card (front and back of blue card)
4. Official current transcript
5. Two letters of recommendation (turn in with application).
6. Completed application form
7. Trail of Tears Cover Page (attached to front of application materials)

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**

(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 5th will not be considered.