



## Cheesh'na Tribal Council

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# Higher Education and Adult Vocational Training Grant Application Packet

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## Purpose

The purpose of the CTC Higher Education Grant (HE) and Adult Vocational Training (AVT). These programs are established to financially assist eligible tribal members who are enrolled to an accredited university or institution; and who can demonstrate a financial need. The funding is supplemental. Before funding from CTC can be considered, applicants are required to apply for all available state, federal and private financial aid; and utilize all available student and family resources.

## Application Deadlines

- **April 30** Academic Year
- **November 15** Spring Deadline
- **March 15** Summer Deadline (needs justification)

## Submission Requirement

It is the student's responsibility to contact CTC to ensure his/her file is complete and submitted or postmarked by the appropriate deadline. Applications need original signatures. CTC does not accept faxed applications.

## Check List of Required Documents

- CTC Application Packet with all fields completed. Students must maintain full or part-time status, as selected.
- Complete the FAFSA: Website [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
- Copy of Diploma/GED or High School Transcript
- Acceptance Letter from HE or AVT Institution
- Tribal Enrollment Card or a verification of Alaska Native Ancestry
- Two letters of recommendation
- State of Purpose (typed, if possible)

## Higher Education/ AVT – Tribes Covered

CTC provides higher education funding consideration to enrolled tribal members.

*Graduate students contact the American Indian Graduate Center ([www.aigc.com](http://www.aigc.com)). CTC has no funding for Graduate studies.*

## Academic Requirements

- A 2.0 GPA (grade point average) must be maintained.
- Not meeting a 2.0 will result in Academic Probation.
- Academically disqualified students will not be funded.

## Official Grade Transcripts

Provide one of the following that applies to your current application:

- An official copy of your High School Transcript or GED scores if you are an entering college freshman/new AVT student; or
- Most recent copy of college transcript

## Eligibility

To be eligible for a higher education grant or AVT funding, an applicant must be:

- An enrolled tribal member or one-fourth or more degree Native Blood.
- An enrolled member of a tribe served by CTC
- In financial need as determined by the college or institution.
- Eligibility shall be determined by the council.

## Notifications and Payments of Awards

CTC staff will notify applicants in writing as to the approval or disapproval of their application. Notifications to applicants will specify the amount of the individual awards, or reason for denial.

Full Time Students (12+ Credits) will receive \$1,500

Part Time Students (6-11) Credits will receive \$750

Payments will be sent to the financial aid office of the institution that the student will be attending.



Date Received By CTC:

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What services are you applying for (check one):  Higher Education  Adult Vocational Training

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: (First)	(Middle)	(Last)	III, Jr., Sr...
Maiden Name or other names used:	Regional Corporation:		
Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Physical Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Home/Message Phone:	Email Address:		
Have you moved into the region within the last 30 days? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Are you or a family member receiving public assistance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Monthly Amount: \$		
Are you 18 years of age or older and still living with your parents, or guardians and claimed on their previous income tax return? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Gross Family Income for the last 12 months? \$		

## Personal Information

Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	Alaskan Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Spouses Name (if applicable)	
Enrolled Native Corporation:	Degree of Native Blood: <small>(must have proof of 1/4 or more blood quantum to qualify)</small>
Name of Mother:	Mothers Native Blood Degree:
Address:	City State Zip
Mothers Birthplace:	
Name of Father:	Degree of Native Blood:
Address	City State Zip
Fathers Birthplace:	

Name of College/University/AVT Attending:	
Current Class: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior	
Semester Start Date:	Tuition Amount: \$
Enrolled: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time	Field of Study:
Expected Graduation Date:	Total Credits to Date: Cumulative GPA:

## Higher Education Budget Forecast

<b>Student Name:</b>	<i>I give permission for the University to release financial and academic information to Cheesh'na Tribal Council</i>
<b>Social Security Number:</b>	<b>Student Signature:</b>
<b>University:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Vocational/Technical College Name:</b>	<b>Student Phone Number:</b>

**Application Term:**     **Fall**         **Winter**         **Spring**         **Summer**

### College Expenses

### Resources for College

For the Term	Estimated	Actual	Select applied if amount is unknown Source	Amount Applied For	Actual Amount
Tuition		\$	AFDC or Welfare	\$	\$
Fees		\$	Alaska Student Loan	\$	\$
Books		\$	College Scholarship	\$	\$
Supplies		\$	College Work Study	\$	\$
Room		\$	Education Loan (Stafford/Pell)	\$	\$
Board/Rent		\$	PELL Grant	\$	\$
Transportation		\$	Parent/Spouse Contribution	\$	\$
Child Care		\$	Student Contribution	\$	\$
Personal Expenses		\$	Ahtna, Inc. Scholarship	\$	\$
Other (what):		\$	Tribal Assistance	\$	\$
			Veterans Benefits	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>		\$	<b>Other (what):</b>	\$	\$
		\$		\$	\$
		\$		\$	\$

**Total Unmet Need \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Resources \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*My signature above affirms that my permission is given to the school to release confidential information to the Cheesh'na Tribal Council.*

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**Educational Institution Verification:**

**Financial Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Statement of Purpose

## New Applicants:

Describe your personal history, a summary of accomplishments and a description of your educational and career goals. Explain how you intend to use your education to contribute to your tribe:

## Returning Students:

Update your educational and career goals. What new information do you have about your career and educational goals?

- Continuing undergraduate applicants who meet the academic requirements will be funded first, with priority given to Juniors and Seniors.

Information provided by you is held in confidence and is only made available to other employees and other related agencies that have a need to know in the performance for their duties. In addition, certain data may be provided to local, state, federal and other health and welfare facilities and agencies on a need to know basis for continuation of services, to provide for a proper evaluation of your case file and for reporting as required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

## CERTIFICATION

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information on this application is accurate and true. I understand that the information is subject to verification. I further certify that any funds received under the Cheesh'na Tribal Council will be used solely for the expenses related to my attendance at the institution listed on this application.

## Applicant Signature:

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name of Applicant