

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. This scholarship, in the amount of \$500 for the academic year, is disbursed at \$250 per semester. Applications must be postmarked or received at the Center for Tribal Studies no later than June 1. Students must apply each year to be considered.

Name _____ SSN _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Sex: Male _____ Female _____ (For demographic data) Classification _____

Academic Major _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

College/university you will be attending _____

REFERENCES: Please list two references who can address your educational and personal achievements and goals.

Name _____ Telephone (_____) _____

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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 Tsa La Gi Trail of Tears Award, the student must:

1. Be classified as a full-time college or university undergraduate
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 autobiography
3. A copy of certificate of degree of Indian blood (CDIB) card and/or a copy of Cherokee tribal enrollment card
4. Official current transcript
5. Two letters of reference (turn in with application)
6. Completed application form

Please submit completed application and accompanying documents to:

**Center for Tribal Studies
ATTN: 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 June 1st will not be considered.