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Ho-Chunk Trading Group Higher Education Program

General Information

The Ho-Chunk Trading Group Higher Education Program provides one \$1,250 scholarship for a candidate selected for a 1-year scholarship to either a 4-year institution, a two-year college or technical college.

Guidelines for Eligibility

To be considered for financial aid from the Ho-Chunk Trading Group Higher Education Program students must:

- Be undergraduate students who have not already earned a bachelor's degree.
- Be an enrolled Tribal member of a qualified Indian Tribe. (See qualified Indian Tribes/Reservations at www.hochunktradinggroup.com.)
- Be accepted to an accredited four-year school, a two-year college or approved trade school.
- Is currently maintaining a 3.0 or higher GPA.
- Must be majoring in an area of Business, Management, Accounting, Finance, Tribal Management, Law, Computer Science or Engineering, Telecommunications, Economics, Sales/Marketing, Behavior Science, or related degree program.

Applications are available in writing, telephone or e-mail at the following office or you may download our application from www.hochunktradinggroup.com.

Ho-Chunk Trading Group
1116 Buffalo Trail
Winnebago, NE 68071
402-878-2809

E-mail:
scholarships@hochunktradinggroup.com

Please Note:

Completed applications must be postmarked or delivered by hand to Ho-Chunk Trading Group by May 4, 2026 to be accepted.

Who is selected?

Selection of recipients depends on various factors. Financial need, especially where it is not readily available through other financial aid sources, is also a key factor. Academic merit is also considered, but is not critical as long as a 3.0 GPA has been maintained throughout high school, or a 3.0 has been maintained so far at the college or university level.

Application Requirements

When filling out the application, you must:

- Include an updated high school or college transcript, including the most recently completed semester.
- Include two letters of reference from non-family members verifying the student's character, need, merit and circumstances. These letters must accompany the application.
- Include a one-page explanation of the student's life circumstances (including why a scholarship is needed and reasons for attending college.) The more that is explained the better.
- Include a written statement on 1) How your Tribal tradition and culture has influenced your life. 2) How your Tribal tradition and culture fit into your college and/or career goals.
- **Your application will not be accepted past the deadline.**
- **Your application will not be accepted if it is incomplete.**
 - **Be sure it includes all of the items listed on the application.**
 - **Plan ahead for things that may take extra time: transcripts, and letters of recommendation.**
 - **Use the checklist.**

Questions?

Contact Info: Adam Bowen
402-878-2300
scholarships@hochunktradinggroup.com

Grant Information

If you are granted a scholarship you must:

Know how you may use your scholarship

- Ho-Chunk Trading Group scholarships may be applied to any tuition and fees or other expenses.
- Scholarships for students on the semester system are not for summer school. They are for the school year only, unless the student is in a 12-month program (such as nursing or some trades).

Know about credit hours

STUDENTS MUST CARRY AN ACADEMIC LOAD OF AT LEAST 12 CREDIT HOURS PER SEMESTER or be classified as a full-time student, or you must explain any unusual or significant circumstances, which would necessitate taking fewer credit hours.

How scholarship is paid

Scholarships will be distributed in September for the first semester/quarter. Scholarship payments will be mailed.

Scholarship Application Checklist

In order for the application to be processed, you must furnish the following items IN THE SAME ENVELOPE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- 1) Updated high school or college transcript including most recently completed semester.
- 2) Two (2) letters of reference from a teacher, employer or clergy (not personal friends or relatives). These MUST accompany your application.
- 3) At least a 1-page handwritten response to the question asking you to explain circumstances, which you feel, should be considered when your application is reviewed.
- 4) A written statement on a) How your Tribal tradition and culture has influenced your life, and b) How your Tribal tradition and culture fit into your college and/or career goals.

Sign and return with your application the whole attached "release of information" forms. We will send it to your college or university.

Be sure to KEEP THE SHEET of the application, which has instructions and information. You will need this if you are granted a scholarship.

Remember, incomplete applications will not be accepted!

How to contact us

- If you have questions concerning your scholarship, or if you need to provide us with information, you can call Adam Bowen at (402) 878 -2300, or send an e-mail to scholarships@hochunktradinggroup.com.