
OSCAR H. HOPE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

The Oscar H. Hope Youth Scholarship is available to all legally enrolled members of the Osage Nation who attend kindergarten through twelfth (K-12th) grade. It is a priority of the Osage Nation Education Department (ONED) to support Osage students in their educational endeavors. The Hope Scholarship will be awarded to sixteen (16) Osage students nationwide per academic year.

Eligibility Requirements

Legally enrolled members of the Osage Nation interested in attending an arts, humanities, or science training camp from a state or nationally accredited, certified or licensed organization are eligible to apply for the Hope Scholarship.

Students must apply each year in order to receive funding disbursements.

Academic Requirements

The ONED requires students receiving the Oscar H. Hope Youth Scholarship to have at least a 3.0 GPA or be in good standing for the previous term the scholarship is awarded. A student's GPA will be calculated on a 4.0 scale when alternate grading scales are used. For example, a school using a 100 point grading scale would have scores converted to a 4.0 scale as shown below:

X = Average of all scores reported
 $(X / 100) * 4 = \text{GPA}$

Example

$90\% + 80\% + 75\% + 90\% + 80\%$
 $415 / 5 = 83$
 $(83 / 100) * 4 = 3.32 \text{ GPA}$

Withdrawal and Unattended Training Camps

The Oscar H. Hope Youth Scholarship is not renewed each year. Applicants must apply each academic year as if it was his/her first time. If a student does not attend or withdraws from the training camp but maintains at least a 3.0 GPA the next academic year, that student is still eligible to apply for the scholarship the following year. If a student does not attend or withdraws from the training camp and drops below the 3.0 GPA requirement, that student will not be eligible to apply for the scholarship the following year.

Hardship Waiver

Hardship Waivers are not available to Oscar H. Hope Youth Scholarship recipients, because the scholarship is not renewable (please see Withdrawal and Unattended Training Camps section).

Funding Levels

The Oscar H. Hope Youth Scholarship is an award for the incurred cost of tuition, books and training supplies up to \$665 for the academic year (August – July).

Funding Limitations

The Osage Nation will award sixteen (16) Oscar H. Hope Youth Scholarships. If there are any remaining funds, additional applications will be considered. In order to qualify, students must be enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth (K-12th) grade and have a minimum 3.0 GPA to receive scholarship funding. The eligible training camp areas of study are defined as:

Arts subjects of study primarily concerned with the processes and products of human creativity and social life, such as languages, literature, and history (as contrasted with scientific or technical subjects).

Humanities learning or literature concerned with human culture, especially literature, history, art, music, and philosophy.

Science the intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment.

The Hope Scholarship amount may change from one academic year to the next due to budget limitations.

The Hope Scholarship will assist students with up to three (3) training camps:

- one (1) during Elementary (K-5th)
- one (1) during Middle School/Junior High (6-8th)
- one (1) during High School (9-12th)

Post-secondary students are not eligible for the award.

Allowable Expenses

Funding from the Hope Scholarship may only be used for costs directly related to attending a training camp including, but not limited to, tuition, books and training supplies. These fees must be included within the cost statement/invoice from the organization.

Tuition is the amount the student must pay in order to maintain enrollment; this amount varies depending on the training camp.

Books are considered to be any textbook, manual, or other required readings requested by an instructor for the successful completion of the training camp.

Training Supplies include items required by the instructor for the student to participate and /or complete the training camp.

Application Requirements

Applications are not considered complete until all required and requested documents have been submitted to ONED:

- A completed application
- Copy of Osage Nation membership card (verified internally)
- An invoice or cost statement from the training camp
- Verification of registration in training camp
- A copy of the training camp agenda
- A copy of the student's most recent report card/transcript from the previous term

Application Process

Scholarship applications are available on the Osage Nation website at: <http://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/> and must be received no more than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the training camp.

If a student changes his/her plan prior to the start date of the camp/training, he/she must contact ONED at scholarship@osagenation-nsn.gov to provide an update.

Applications will be processed according to the following conditions:

- Complete application submitted prior to the start date of the training camp
- Supporting documents submitted prior to the start date of the training camp
- Complete applications, with supporting documents, will be processed within ten (10) business days

Payment

Hope Scholarships are disbursed to the administration of the training camp, and will only be funded in U.S. dollars.

A letter and check for each student will be mailed and made payable to the student's training camp. The letter will include a description of the training camp, the amount funded, the month for which it is being granted and the allowable expenses for which the scholarship may be used. After payment has been made to the training camp, the file is closed and no additional documents will be accepted for the academic year.

It is the parent/student's responsibility to update his/her information with ONED in order to receive timely updates on any issues with his/her application or updates on ONED processing.

If a student's funding has not been received by the training camp, it is the policy of the Osage Nation Accounting Department to allow twenty-one (21) days before a missing check can have a stop payment placed on it before it will be reissued to the training camp. In the interim, ONED will issue a letter of intent to the training camp informing the organization that payment is forthcoming.

Data Privacy

The information contained within each scholarship application and any supporting documentation attached is a protected record under the Osage Nation Open Records Act. The Osage Nation will not disclose any record containing protected information without the written consent of the applicant unless the information is being used to perform the duties of an Osage Nation employee. The applicant's information may be released to other Osage Nation Departments/Programs with which the applicant is receiving or requesting services and to the Office of the Osage Nation Attorney General for an investigation to detect or eliminate fraud.

Privacy waiver statements are included in the Oscar H. Hope Youth Scholarship application. If the waiver is not signed by the parents/guardians, data will not be discussed with other relatives or external organizations.

Appeals Process

If a Parent/Legal Guardian believes his/her child has been denied in error, he/she must submit a written appeal within ten (10) business days of notification to the ONED stating the reason for the appeal. Within five (5) business days after receiving an appeal, ONED will submit a report to the Secretary of Education (SE). Within ten (10) business days of this report, the SE shall inform the complainant and the ONED in writing the decision from the Office of the Principal Chief. The decision of the Principal Chief shall be deemed a final decision.

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