

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FAQs

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### **What is the Department of Education?**

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation established the Department of Education in October 2016 with a mission to prepare for the next seven generations by helping Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members identify and achieve their educational goals, no matter their age or location.

We provide an accessible entry point for college-bound CPN students in search of individualized college advice, scholarship assistance, or internship information, regardless of age or location. The department consists of a Director, and three College Advisors, and we also work closely with an Internship Coordinator. One of our department's major responsibilities includes administering the consolidated Tribal Scholarship via the online Education Portal.

### **Does the Citizen Potawatomi Nation offer scholarships?**

Yes, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation offers a Tribal Scholarship for students with a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average who are pursuing concurrent through master degree studies. Doctoral students will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Each semester, full-time students will receive \$2,000, and part-time students will receive \$750.

### **How do I apply for the Tribal Scholarship?**

Students can apply for the scholarship online through our portal at [portal.potawatomi.org](http://portal.potawatomi.org). Users will be prompted to login using their Google or Facebook account (which we recommend so that you do not forget your password), or if preferred, you can create your own login. After completing your student profile, you will click on "Apply for New Scholarship" and provide the requested information and the two required documents (previous semester grades and schedule for current term with credit hours listed). After submission, students can log on at any time to check the status of their application.

All application periods open at 8 a.m. Central Time (CT) and close at 5 p.m. CT. The fall application opens on July 15 and closes on September 15. The spring application opens on November 15 and closes on February 15. The summer application opens on March 15 and closes on June 15. Since these deadlines are the same each year, we highly recommend that students put these on their calendar and apply as early as possible to avoid any complications.

### **Can I still receive the Tribal Rolls, Housing, and Higher Education Scholarships?**

Previously, there were three separate scholarships available to CPN students: the Tribal Rolls Scholarship, Housing Scholarship, and Higher Education Scholarship. Each scholarship required its own application process through a different tribal department. After careful analysis, the CPN Department of Education decided to consolidate the three scholarships into one Tribal Scholarship. By doing this, we have streamlined the application and award process for students. For this reason, the Tribal Rolls, Housing, and Higher Education Scholarships no longer exist.

### **What if I'm pursuing a technical degree or certification?**

Scholarships for vocation and technical studies will be handled by the CPN Workforce and Social Services department, which can be reached via telephone at 405-878-3854.