



---

# Higher Education Program Scholarship Application Packet

## **2023-2024**

---



Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Chippewa Cree Higher Education Scholarship through Stone Child College. Please be sure to read the Higher Education Program Handbook as it does contain important information regarding eligibility and requirements. The HEP Handbook can be accessed online at <https://www.stonechild.edu/scholarships-higher-ed/>

There are **two (2)** deadlines for the Higher Education Program.

- Higher Education Program Application deadline: **March 31, 2023**
- File completion deadline: **June 30, 2023**

Please note that it is the applicant's responsibility to submit all application items required to complete their file by each deadline date.

The Higher Education Program funding that an applicant may receive is supplemental to other forms of federal and campus based financial aid. Students should seek other Programs or Grants that may be available as the student must exhaust/accept all other free financial aid before accepting Higher Education Program funding.

You are also advised that any award you may receive may be subject to an adjustment based on the level of funding you receive from additional scholarships, grants, waivers, etc. Applicants should be prepared that NOT all students who apply will be awarded a scholarship. Due to the increase in the number of students applying for funding and the rising costs of tuition, scholarships have become more competitive than in the past. **Only students in good academic standing and with a complete application file will be considered for funding.**

If an application is submitted after the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline date, it will be marked as LATE and kept on file. We cannot guarantee any funding for late applicants only if funding is available later in the year. If there is funding available, we will review the LATE applications and the Board of Directors will decide if we are able to assist with funding.

Included in this packet are the following documents:

- **Checklist for the Higher Education Program**
- **2023-2024 Higher Education Program Application Form**
- **Financial Needs Analysis Form**
- **FERPA/Release/Disclosure Form**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application process, or need clarification, please contact me at (406)399.4875 ext. 1245 or by email at [abelcourt@stonechild.edu](mailto:abelcourt@stonechild.edu)

Sincerely,

Amanda Belcourt, Scholarship Officer & Career Counselor

# Higher Education Program Checklist

---

---

The Higher Education Program application is submitted online at [stonechild.edu](http://stonechild.edu). The Higher Education Program has two (2) application deadline dates.

## **March 31 – first deadline date to submit the following:**

1. Higher Education Program application found online at [stonechild.edu](http://stonechild.edu) in the scholarship section.
2. Verification that Financial Aid Application (for a Pell Grant) has been applied for.

Applicants who submit the above applications by March 31 deadline date will have until June 30 to complete their files.

## **June 30 – second and final deadline date, submit the following to complete your file:**

3. **Needs Analysis (budget)** – must be completed and signed by the Financial Aid Office at the Institution the applicant plans to attend.
4. **College Acceptance Letter** – must be from the admissions office.
5. **Chippewa Cree Tribal Enrollment Certification** – contact the Chippewa Cree Tribal Enrollment Office (406) 395-5238 for the Certification of Indian Blood or tribal ID.
6. **High School Final Grade Transcripts, HiSET or GED Scores** - Official high school grade transcripts must show a final 2.50 grade point average or higher. HiSET Comprehensive Score Report must be 45, a score of 2 out of 6 on the language arts essay and a score of 8 or higher on each subtest. GED scores must show a 450 or 45 test score.
7. **College Grade Transcripts** - submit college grade transcripts from the registrar's office and all colleges/universities previously attended.
8. **FERPA/Release of Information/Disclosure Form** – signed and submitted to the Higher Education office upon acceptance for funding.
9. **Handbook Tear Out Page** – read and sign the tear out page which means you read and understand the Higher Education Program policies and procedures upon acceptance for funding.
10. **Personal Letter of Interest** – include college major and plans upon earning an Associate or Bachelor Degree and your willingness to work for the Chippewa Cree Tribe if employment in your field of education is available.
11. **Education Plan** – The plan must show all courses completed and the courses needed to earn an Associate or Bachelor Degree in the chosen major the applicant has declared, it must be signed by a college advisor and must show your graduation date.

**Continuing students** - are to submit a PDF document that states “Not required; already on file” into the application for college acceptance letter if not changing schools, tribal enrollment certification, high school transcripts and letter of interest. All other uploads are required to be updated.

**Please note that it is the applicant's responsibility to submit all application items required to complete their file by each deadline date.**



**III. HIGH SCHOOL/GED**

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School Attended

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate Year or Date HiSet/GED Received

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

**IV. COLLEGE INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
College/University Attending

\_\_\_\_\_  
College University Phone #:

\_\_\_\_\_  
College/University Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Major

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Degree (AA, AAS, BA, BS, MA, MS, MBA)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Enrollment Status (Full Time / Part Time)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Graduation Date

Term Format: Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_ (Vocational)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Past College/University

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
College/University Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Past Major

\_\_\_\_\_  
Past Degree (AA, AAS, BA, BS, MA, MS, MBA)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Past College/University

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
College/University Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Past Major

\_\_\_\_\_  
Past Degree (AA, AAS, BA, BS, MA, MS, MBA)

**V. APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Application Type: Higher Education\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Vocational Training (AVT)\_\_\_\_\_ CCT Graduate\_\_\_\_\_

Application for: Academic Year 20\_\_\_\_ to 20\_\_\_\_\_

I am a: Continuing Student [ ] New Student [ ] Returning Student [ ] (see Policy definitions)

Have you received any funding from the Higher Education Program Office in the past? YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which scholarship? Higher Ed\_\_\_\_\_ AVT\_\_\_\_\_ CCT Graduate\_\_\_\_\_

How many semesters/quarters or years on program? \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I have answered the questions on this form accurately. I understand that providing false or misleading information may result in the delay or denial in receiving a Higher Education Program Scholarship.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

8294 Upper Box Elder Road  
Box Elder, MT 59521  
Phone: 406-395-4875 ext 1245  
Fax: 406-395-5017 or 4836

## FINANCIAL NEEDS ANALYSIS (Budget)

\*\*\*\*\*

**APPLICANT** – Complete this section, after completion submit to the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marital Status: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade in College: Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*

**FINANCIAL AID OFFICER** – Complete this section, after completion please send to the above address. The above student has applied for one of the tribal scholarships and verified financial need information if requested from your office before we can determine the student's eligibility and reward amount.

### EXPENSES:

Tuition/Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Room/Board \_\_\_\_\_  
Book/Supplies \_\_\_\_\_  
Transportation \_\_\_\_\_  
Personal \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Expense: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### RESOURCES:

Personal/Summer \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Pell Grant \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Contribution \_\_\_\_\_ MTAP \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse Contribution \_\_\_\_\_ FSEOG \_\_\_\_\_  
Veteran's Benefits \_\_\_\_\_ MTHEG \_\_\_\_\_  
Indian Fee Waiver \_\_\_\_\_ Work Study \_\_\_\_\_  
Loan/Other \_\_\_\_\_ Perkins Loan \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Resources: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT UNMET NEED (Expenses Less Resources) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Budget Period:

\_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Year) (Month) (Year)

Student is considered: Independent \_\_\_\_\_ Dependent \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Financial Aid Status: Good Standing \_\_\_\_\_ Probation \_\_\_\_\_ Suspension \_\_\_\_\_ Default \_\_\_\_\_  
Your institution is on: Semesters \_\_\_\_\_ Quarters \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Financial Aid Officer Signature Institution

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number Address

\*\*\*\*\*

Tribal Scholarship Program applicants must apply for Federal Student Aid by March 1, and complete the Tribal Scholarship Application Process online by final deadline date of June 30<sup>th</sup> each year.

\*\*\*\*\*

**FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student) read the FERPA law above and will abide by this law. I will communicate directly with the Stone Child College Higher Education Scholarship Program office.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize release of any and all information requested by the Chippewa Cree Tribe/Stone Child College Higher Education Scholarship Programs Office. The information may be written and/or verbal and must include, but, is not limited to my academic performance, financial aid, income, personal information (such as, address, telephone number). I understand the Higher Education Scholarship Programs Office will maintain the confidentiality of such information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Telephone Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_ (Social Security Number)

**DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Disclosure by you of your social security number, transcripts or school grades, medical records, and income verification, veteran's status, legal records, debt, disability evaluation and other information which may have a bearing on your application. The authority for collection of this information is: CFR 25, 34.2 U.S.C. 13 and 309 831 AM 4. The sole purpose of this information is to determine eligibility.

I AUTHORIZE THE CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE/STONE CHILD COLLEGE HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS THE USE OF THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_