

2020-2021 STUDENT SUCCESS PLANNER 0-EDITION



Choctaw Nation

Education Services



The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma continually strives to create jobs and economic growth to be able to offer a variety of programs and resources for our Choctaw members. It is our goal to provide opportunities to our members that will help them achieve success for generations to come.

Vision

Living out the Chahta spirit of faith, family, and culture.

Mission

To the Choctaw proud, ours is the sovereign nation offering opportunities for growth and prosperity.

The High School Student Services program is a terrific opportunity for student success. The program proudly serves more than 3,000 students each year and assists them with college, trade school, or workforce information during and after high school.

All the best,

Chief Gary Batton

Assistant Chief Jack Austin, Jr.



Dear High School Student Services Participant,

The Choctaw Nation High School Student Services program would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking an active role in your education. Our program serves students in grades 9th – 12th who are Choctaw Tribal Members. The goal of the program is to assist our Choctaw students with academic information to promote education and/or career path beyond high school.

We realize that finding resources can be overwhelming for students and parents alike. Educational advice is essential in preparing students for life after high school and it is important to begin planning early. The High School Student Services program has put together this Student Success Planner as a resource tool to assist Choctaw families as they begin planning for life after high school. I encourage you to review this planner and utilize the information in the book as you make decisions about the future.

Remember, the High School Student Services Program plays a critical role in linking students to various Choctaw Nation education programs. If at any time you have questions, please feel free to call our office. We look forward to meeting you throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

High School Student Services

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GRADE LEVEL INFORMATION

Freshman Checklist

The checklist below contains information that can help you start planning today.

☐ Create a high school plan

- Starting a four-year plan is a great way to ensure you are ready for graduation and life after high school
mappingyourfuture.org/collegeprep/

☐ Participate in extracurricular activities

- Colleges and employers look far beyond your academics. It is good to start getting involved now
fastweb.com/student-life/articles/impressive-extracurriculars
shadysideacademy.org/uploaded/College_Counseling/Activities_Resume.pdf

☐ Start thinking about life after school

- Whether you want to go to college, the military, technical school, or begin a career, it is important to start identifying your interests now
educationplanner.org/students/career-planning/find-careers/

☐ Start saving

- No matter what your plans are after graduation, life after high school can get expensive! It is never too early to start saving
okcollegestart.org/raise.me

☐ Consider a practice ACT or SAT

- Taking a practice test early can help you learn what to expect and ease your nerves when it's time for the real thing
4tests.com/act-practice-test
Actstudent.org/

☐ Oklahoma's Promise

- If you're an Oklahoma resident and your parents' federal adjusted gross income does not exceed \$55,000 per year, then you may qualify for Oklahoma's Promise. Be sure to sign up before the end of sophomore year
okhighered.org/okpromise/

☐ Start building your resume

- Creating your resume now and adding on awards or new work experience as it happens over the next four years will save you a lot of time after graduation
mytribaljob.com/create-resume/

Sophomore Checklist

The checklist below contains information that you may find helpful in planning for your future.

- ☐ Prepare for the upcoming year by taking challenging classes and getting more involved with extracurricular activities
 - Find out if your school offers Advanced Placement (AP) testing
 - Contact our office at 580-924-8280 ext. 4105 for more information
 - Check out this website for a list of extracurricular activities:
fastweb.com/student-life/articles/impressive-extracurriculars
- ☐ Start practicing taking the ACT or SAT to improve your score
 - Refer to pages 14-15 for more information about national test dates
 - If you would like to register for an ACT Workshop, please call our office at 580-924-8280 ext. 4105
- ☐ Talk to your family about creating a school budget
 - Life after high school can be expensive, it is never too early to start saving for school. Oklahoma's Promise can provide students the opportunity to earn a scholarship for college tuition
 - If you're an Oklahoma resident and your parents' federal adjusted gross income does not exceed \$55,000 per year, then you may qualify for Oklahoma's Promise - be sure to sign up before the end of sophomore year
okhighered.org/okpromise/
 - Raise.me is a platform that helps high school students prepare for college by earning scholarships for their achievements in high school
raise.me
 - Check out the Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan here
ok4saving.org/
- ☐ If you haven't already started creating a resume, create one and continue adding to it throughout school
 - Having a resume on file is a great way to keep track of your achievements and can be useful when applying for internships or jobs. Use this website to get started:
mytribaljob.com/create-resume/

Junior Checklist

The checklist below contains information that you may find helpful in planning for your future.

- ☐ Start a college savings plan or add to one you have already started
 - Go to ok4saving.org to find a savings program for you
- ☐ Create a resume and make a list of people you can ask for a reference letter
 - You can find a great tool to create your resume at mytribaljob.com
- ☐ Make a list of all the awards and honors you have received to put on your resume
 - If you have questions about what can be considered an award or honor, you may visit petersons.com/blog/career-planning-resume-writing-honors-awards-and-accomplishments - this is a great tool to help you decide what awards and honors should be credited on a resume
 - Create an Excel spreadsheet with all of your honors and awards as you receive them to help keep track of when you received them
- ☐ Decide whether you want to go to college, technical school, work, or into the military
 - Contact your counselor to receive information about each option
- ☐ Begin planning campus visits to your top five colleges
 - Ask your high school counselor if the school will be providing any college visits
 - Check out Choctaw Nation College Connect or other college fairs in your area
 - For more information about Choctaw Nation College Connect, refer to page 20 or visit choctawcollegeconnect.com
- ☐ Be aware of the dates for the upcoming SAT and ACT exams
 - To find ACT test dates, refer to page 14 or visit act.org/
 - To find SAT test dates, visit collegereadiness.collegeboard.org
 - For any questions, contact High School Student Services at 580-924-8280 ext 4105
- ☐ Be aware of scholarships you can apply for and apply to as many as possible
 - Start an account with raise.me/ to view participating schools you might be interested in attending
 - A great resource to find many different types of scholarships is scholarships360.org/
 - To find out about more scholarships, join the High School Student Services Facebook page @CNOHSSS
 - To find Choctaw Nation scholarships, be sure to check out chahtafoundation.com/
- ☐ Create a strong personal statement for applications
 - For help creating a strong personal statement, follow the link below:
shmoop.com/college/personal-statement-examples.html

Senior Checklist

The checklist below contains information that you may find helpful as you apply for services and scholarships necessary for the post-secondary path you choose.

☐ Get a plan

- Creating a plan only aids in the process of achieving your goals!
- Update your resume (check out mytribaljob.com for free templates and information to create a standout resume)
- Letters of Recommendation - Find a few credible sources to write you letters of recommendation as soon as possible

☐ Choctaw Nation Higher Education, Career Development and Chahta Foundation.

- Higher Education: Scholarships and Grants – Concurrent students and students seeking an associate degree or higher
choctawnation.com/higher-education-0
- Career Development: Tribal members seeking education or careers that require a licensure or certification
choctawcareers.com/
- Chahta Foundation: Competitive scholarship opportunities for Choctaw student
chahtafoundation.com

☐ Scholarships

- Post-secondary education: begin applying for scholarships available to you now and in the future
- HSSS Facebook: Follow our Facebook page @Choctaw Nation High School Student Services for educational resources/scholarship information and applications
- Scholarship Sites:
scholarships360.org
okcollegestart.com
Raise.me

☐ Be aware of the dates for the upcoming SAT and ACT exams

- To find ACT test dates, refer to page 14 or visit act.org/
- To find SAT test dates, visit collegereadiness.collegeboard.org
- For any questions, contact High School Student Services at 580-924-8280 ext 4105

☐ Applications

- Start working on college and technical school applications as well as your FAFSA application
- FAFSA Website: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa
- Documents needed to complete FAFSA include:
Your Social Security number
Social Security numbers for one or both parents
Driver's License
2019 tax information

☐ College Visits/Career Expos

- College visits are a great way to get to know your top choices and familiarize yourself with their campus
Explore a high school virtual career expo. See page 12.

CHOCTAW PROGRAMS





HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SERVICES

OUR GOAL:

To assist our students with academic information to promote education and/or career path beyond high school.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY:

- ◆ Must be Tribal Member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- ◆ Must be attending an accredited high school, grades 9-12, and verified by the High School Student Services staff
- ◆ Each student must have a signed Student Record Release form and Participation Letter on file with the Choctaw Nation High School Student Services program

SERVICES AVAILABLE AND PRE-APPROVED REIMBURSEMENTS:

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ◆ Cap and Gown** | ◆ Student Success Planner |
| ◆ School visits* | ◆ Notification of event dates |
| ◆ Parent-teacher conferences* | ◆ ACT/SAT test fee** |
| ◆ Scholarship information | ◆ ACT prep workshops |

*Inside the 10.5 counties

**Until annual funds are depleted

TO JOIN

800-522-6170 | HIGHSCHOOLSTUDENTSERVICES@CHOCTAWNATION.COM



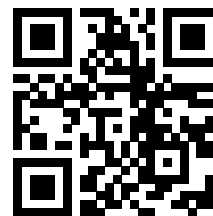
EXPLORE: A HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL CAREER EXPO

INSPIRING, ENGAGING & PREPARING OUR YOUTH FOR TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE

OPEN TO 9TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS

Open to all 9th – 12th grade students within the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma boundaries
Also open to Choctaw tribal members in 9th – 12th grades nationwide

- Explore careers through virtual interactive sessions
- Complete key ICAP graduation requirements (*Oklahoma Students*)
- Connect with education and training representatives
- Learn about career opportunities from employers in live sessions
- Discover financial aid options and receive feedback on questions



MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER: AMBERLEY SNYDER - AMBERLEYSNYDER.ORG

NOVEMBER 18, 2020 | 10AM CST

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

CHOCTAWNATION.COM/TRIBAL-SERVICES/EDUCATION/CAREER-DEVELOPMENT/EXPO

CONTACT: RHONDA MIZE 580-931-7624 OR RMIZE@CHOCTAWNATION.COM



Choctaw Nation

Career Development

Stay Connected

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Chahta Anumpa Aiikhvna: School of Choctaw Language

800-522-6170, Ext. 2250 | choctawschool.com

Halito!

The Choctaw language is the heart of the identity of the Choctaw people. It encompasses the native spirit of our celebrated ancestors and awakens the desire in younger generations to persevere.

The School of Choctaw Language utilizes the talents of 19 teachers certified by the State of Oklahoma with various areas of expertise, including the language and culture of our Choctaw people. Our teachers believe that a strong will to learn can ignite the passion for learning the Choctaw language. Our teachers have developed a curriculum based on the world language standards established by the Oklahoma State Board of Education, which is taught in public schools and colleges around southeastern Oklahoma.

The Choctaw classes are taught through the distance learning system to 41 public schools, two colleges, and carry a world language credit. The Choctaw language is also taught to students in 14 Head Start Centers throughout the Choctaw Nation.

Additional classes are taught in 28 communities throughout the Choctaw Nations' 10.5 counties and at two locations in California.

The School of Choctaw Language also offers online internet language classes that are taught during the day and evenings. The language department also utilizes choctawschool.com, featuring, "learn at your own pace" lessons with sound clips provided by first-language Choctaw speakers. We also offer free "Lesson of the Day" emails that are delivered straight to your inbox.

It is an honor to speak, write, read, and sing the Choctaw language. Begin your language journey with the School of Choctaw Language today.

Chi pisa la chike. (I'll see you later.)

Phrases of Conversation:

- Halito. = Hello.
- Chim achukma? = How are you?
- Vm achukma. = I'm fine.
- Chishnato? = And you?
- Yakoke. = Thank you.
- Chahta chia ho? = Are you Choctaw?
- Chahta sia. = I am Choctaw.
- Chi hohchifo yvt nanta? = What is your name?
- Sv hohchifo yvt _____. = My name is _____.
- Katimma ish vtta? = Where do you live?
- _____ vtta li. = I live in _____.

Common Words:

- Oklahoma = Red People
- Chahta Okla = Choctaw People
- Tvshka Homma = Red Warrior

Colors:

- lakna = yellow
- homma = red
- okchakko = blue
- okchamali = green
- lakna hvta = orange
- homakbi = purple
- tohbi = white
- lusakbi = brown
- lusa = black

Numbers:

- achvffa = one
- tuklo = two
- tuchina = three
- ushta = four
- tahlapi = five
- hannali = six
- untuklo = seven
- untuchina = eight
- chakkali = nine
- pokkoli = ten



ACT TESTING DATES

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE FEE REQUIRED DATE
September 12, 2020	August 14	August 15 - 28
October 24, 2020	September 18	Sept 19 - Oct 2
December 12, 2020	November 6	November 7 - 20
February 6, 2021	January 8	January 9 - 15
April 17, 2021	March 12	March 13 - 26
June 12, 2021	May 7	May 8 - 21
July 17, 2021	June 18	June 19 - 25

No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February and July test dates.

TO REGISTER

ACTSTUDENT.ORG | SEE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

FOR REIMBURSEMENT

800-522-6170 EXT 4105

Choctaw Nation High School Student Services

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Educational Talent Search
is co-hosting with High School Student Services
to offer



ACT Prep Workshops 2020-2021

Workshop Date	Workshop Registration Deadline	Location
Thursday, September 10, 2020	Friday, August 28, 2020	Hugo – Kiamichi Technology Center - Seminar Room
Thursday, October 22, 2020	Friday, October 16, 2020	McAlester - Kiamichi Technology Center - Seminar Room
Thursday, December 10, 2020	Friday, December 4, 2020	Idabel - Kiamichi Technology Center - Seminar Room
Thursday, February 4, 2021	Friday, January 29, 2021	Durant - Kiamichi Technology Center - Seminar Room
Thursday, March 25, 2021**	Friday, March 19, 2021	Poteau – Kiamichi Technology Center - Seminar Room

Choctaw students who are members of High School Student Services will have their ACT Workshop fees paid for by the HSSS program. Students must register for ACT Workshops, please see contact information below.

You must be a Talent Search participant or a High School Students Services member to attend the September through February workshops.

* ACT Workshop dates, times, and locations are subject to change without notice. Please call the High School Student Services office at 800-522-6170 Ext. 4105 the day before your scheduled workshop to confirm.

****March 25 Workshop is for HSSS members only**

Talent Search participants call: 580-924-8280 ext. 2711
High School Student Services members call: 580-924-8280 ext. 4105
Toll Free: 800.522.6170



STUDENT SCHOOL AND ACTIVITY FUND

The Choctaw Nation offers a \$100 grant to Choctaw tribal students who are attending 3-year-old head start through high school. The grant is provided one time each funding year and will be on a Visa card specifically for clothing; it will be declined at ATMs, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, etc.

Eligibility Requirements

- Students must possess a Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma tribal membership card (This is not the CDIB).
- Students must be at least 3-years-old in head start/daycare setting through 12th grade.
- If the student is 19 or older and still in high school, please submit a paper form via mail, email, or fax and include school documentation verifying enrollment.
- If you received the COVID-19 Student Assistance Program, you will not be able to apply for Student School and Activity Fund until July 1, 2021.

The Student School and Activity Fund Program current funding year is October 5 to May 1.
Applications can be submitted online.

APPLICATIONS OPEN OCTOBER 5, 2020

CONTACT

[CHOCTAWNATION.COM/STUDENT-SCHOOL-AND-ACTIVITY-FUND-SSAF](https://choctawnation.com/student-school-and-activity-fund-ssaf)
800-522-6170 EXT 2175 OR 2463



Choctaw Nation Student School & Activity Fund

[CHOCTAWNATION.COM](https://choctawnation.com)





STAR PROGRAM

SUCCESS THROUGH ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

To qualify for STAR awards, students must be enrolled in the second - twelfth grades and possess a tribal membership card. Incentives are given twice a year at the end of each semester, for the following academic achievements:

- ALL A'S: **\$25 GIFT CARD**
- ALL B'S: **\$10 GIFT CARD**
- ALL A'S & B'S: **\$10 GIFT CARD**
- PERFECT ATTENDANCE: **\$25 GIFT CARD**

AWARDING PERIOD: SPRING, MAY 1 - SEP 1 | FALL, DEC 1 - MAR 1

STARAPPLICATION.CHOCTAWNATION.COM

800-522-6170 EXT 2581 OR 2971

Choctaw Nation STAR Program



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

1/15 – 3/31

EVERY YEAR

APPLY AT

CHAHTAFUNDATION
.COM

WE ARE THE HOME FOR **CHOCTAW** COMPETITIVE **SCHOLARSHIPS**

THE CHAHTA FOUNDATION OFFERS COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHOCTAW STUDENTS, INCLUDING GENERAL DEGREES TO SPECIALIZED AREAS SUCH AS HEALTHCARE AND BUSINESS. ANY CHOCTAW STUDENT PURSUING A COLLEGE DEGREE IS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR THESE COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS.



**40 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES RANGING FROM
\$1,000 TO \$40,000**



**ALL DEGREE LEVELS ELIGIBLE
HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR TO DOCTORATE LEVEL DEGREES**



**UNIVERSAL APPLICATION
APPLY ONCE – MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITES**



**ONLINE APPLICATION
MOBILE DEVICES LOVE US**



APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE



COLLEGE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

The Choctaw Nation offers a one-time college clothing allowance for full-time status students throughout the United States who are currently attending an accredited college or university.

Students must be a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and completed at least 12 college credit hours.

Qualifying applicants will receive a Visa card to purchase college clothing. The card can only be used at retailers that sell clothing; it will be declined at ATMs, gas stations, restaurants, and movie theaters.

CONTACT

800-522-6170 ext 4240 or 4241 | CHAHTAACHVFFA.CHOCTAWNATION.COM

Choctaw Nation Higher Education Program

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COLLEGE?

COLLEGE FRESHMAN YEAR INITIATIVE

Contact a First Year Experience Coordinator at one of these colleges:



Carl Albert State College
918-647-1423



Eastern Oklahoma State College
918-465-1705



**Southeastern Oklahoma
State University**

Southeastern Oklahoma State University
580-745-3314

The goal of the College Freshman Year Initiative (FYI) is to create a community among Choctaw students, their college campus, and our staff wherein freshman students are empowered to make informed decisions and develop academic and life skills to become confident, proactive, and accountable participants in their college education. In order to achieve this goal, we've placed Choctaw First Year Experience Coordinators on the campuses of Southeastern Oklahoma State University-Durant, Carl Albert State College-Poteau, and Eastern Oklahoma State College-Wilburton to closely assist Choctaw students throughout their freshman year and foster success through graduation.

If you are a first-time freshman, a Choctaw Tribal Member, and are considering attending one of these schools, please call our office today.

CONTACT

800-522-6170
WWW.CHOCTAWNATION.COM

HALITO, CONCURRENT STUDENTS!



The Choctaw Nation Higher Education Program offers assistance for high school students who are concurrently enrolled at an accredited college or university.

Go to choctawnation.com/higher-education-0

Click on the purple “apply now” button to complete the online application and upload the following:

- ◆ An updated high school transcript
- ◆ Complete college transcript
- ◆ College class schedule
- ◆ A 2019 IRS.gov W9 form with the student’s information

DEADLINES:

Spring - March 1

Fall - October 1

\$200 in assistance for one class

\$400 in assistance for two or more classes

All applications must be received prior to the stated deadlines. Please allow 6 to 8 weeks for processing.

TO APPLY

HIGHEREDAPPLICATION.CHOCTAWNATION.COM | 800-522-6170 EXT 2239

Choctaw Nation Higher Education Program

College Scholarships & Grants

Who is eligible:

- ◆ Enrolled Choctaw Nation Tribal Member
- ◆ Seeking at least an Associate degree
- ◆ Full-time, part-time, concurrent and graduate students

How to apply:

- Step 1: Complete your FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov
- Step 2: Gather the following items to upload with your application:

Transcripts from all institutions attended including a High School transcript for new applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name of student & name of institution must be shown• All courses must be listed with grade achieved
Semester class schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name of student & name of institution must be shown• Course titles & number of credit hours attempted
Student ID	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School photo ID or other documentation showing the student ID number with student name

- Step 3: Complete the online application at higherapplication.choctawnation.com

Scholarship amounts:

Scholarship funding is based upon the student's cumulative GPA and the number of credit hours in which the student is enrolled per semester. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher to remain eligible for assistance.

Award per semester	Freshman & Sophomore	Junior & Senior
Part Time	\$500	\$1,000
2.5-2.9 GPA	\$600	\$1,100
3.0-3.4 GPA	\$800	\$1,300
3.5 & higher GPA	\$1,000	\$1,500

Application Timeline

Fall: July 15 - October 1 & Spring: January 1 - March 1

All requests for information will be made through email; therefore, students must provide a current email address to ensure effective communication with Higher Education Program. Students who do not meet the GPA or enrollment hour requirements as stipulated on the Choctaw Nation website may be placed on probation or suspension status.

Visit the Choctaw Nation website for further information on the Higher Education Program.

Allow 6-8 weeks for processing. No paper applications will be accepted. Students must apply on-line each semester. If you require special accommodations, please contact the Higher Education office at 800-522-6170 ext 2518.



COMPLETE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON: [CHOCTAWNATION.COM/ADULT-EDUCATION](https://choctawnation.com/adult-education)

The Choctaw Nation offers High School Equivalency Diploma classes online for all Choctaw members across the United States. Traditional classes, with an instructor, are also offered within the Choctaw Nation area for all federally recognized tribes. Most students finish within 12 weeks of study. A \$250 incentive is available to students enrolled in the program upon completion. All books, supplies and testing fees are provided.

Students must fill out the application and provide the following documentation: CDIB or Tribal Membership, Social Security card, and Current Driver's license or State Issued ID.

CONTACT: 800-522-6170 EXT 2122 | ADULTED@CHOCTAWNATION.COM



Choctaw Nation

Adult Education

Stay Connected

[CHOCTAWNATION.COM](https://choctawnation.com)



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FIND YOUR PASSION FIND YOUR CAREER

CAREER DEVELOPMENT VISION

The Choctaw Nation Career Development Program works to enhance the lives of the Choctaw Tribal Members. Career Development provides opportunities for education and training that lead to industry recognized certifications or licensures and self-sustaining employment.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Interested participants must be Choctaw Tribal Members. Proof of membership will be required for access to services.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

- Career Guidance Services
- Assessment Testing
- Academic Remediation
- Financial Assistance for Quality Training
- Soft Skills
- Employment Services

CONTACT

866-933-2260

CHOCTAWCAREERS.COM



DYLAN GRANT

Commercial Truck Driver
Arbuckle Truck Driving School



WHERE INTERNSHIPS LEAD TO MORE THAN JUST A JOB

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Internship Program provides opportunities for Choctaw college students to gain career fundamentals while earning college credits.

The CNO Internship Program is a paid program that allows students rewarding opportunities both academically and professionally.

The program is temporary but could lead to regular employment upon graduation.

Space is limited, so sign up today.

CONTACT

800-522-6170
CAREERS.CHOCTAWNATION.COM

Choctaw Nation Internship Program

Notes

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**ARE YOU READY
FOR LIFE AFTER
HIGH SCHOOL?**

Scholarship Guide

Start Now.

Familiarize yourself with a wide variety of scholarship opportunities. SENIORS: Fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1st and every year thereafter you are in college.

Do Your Research

Visit with your high school counselor to see what scholarships may be available to you during your senior year. Check with your prospective colleges and see if there are any scholarships specifically for Native American students and incoming freshmen.

Free resources and scholarship searches you may find helpful include:

- chahtafoundation.com
- homepages.se.edu/honorsprogram/scholarships/parsons-scholar/
- se.edu/dept/native-american-center
- okbu.edu/financial-aid/martin-scholarship.html
- fastweb.com
- okcollegestart.org
- scholarships.com
- college-scholarships.com
- salliemae.com/planforcollege
- scholarship360.org
- ucango2.org
- raise.me

List of Colleges and Universities in Oklahoma:

okhighered.org/state-system/colleges-universities/list.shtml

Know the Deadlines

There are endless opportunities for scholarships, and keeping yourself organized during the application process is very important. You wouldn't want to do all the work for a scholarship only to realize you missed the deadline. Keeping on track can be easy if you find a method that works for you.

**MAKE THE GRADES.
STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.
EARN COLLEGE TUITION.**

2019-20

OKLAHOMA'S[®] PROMISE

OKLAHOMA HIGHER LEARNING ACCESS PROGRAM

WHO MAY APPLY

Applicants must be:

- Oklahoma residents.
- 8th-, 9th- or 10th-grade students (homeschool students must be age 13, 14 or 15).
- Students whose parents' federal adjusted gross income does not exceed \$55,000.*
- Students who promise to meet the requirements of the program.

*Special income provisions may apply to:

- Children adopted from certain court-ordered custody and children in the custody of court-appointed legal guardians.
- Families receiving Social Security benefits based on the disability or death of the student's parents.

Contact the Oklahoma's Promise office for more information.

Additional documentation may be required.

HOW TO APPLY:

Online at www.okpromise.org or get an application from your counselor.

THE PROMISE

Upon completion of the program's requirements, you will earn:

- Tuition at an Oklahoma public two-year college or four-year university.
- OR-
- A portion of tuition at an accredited Oklahoma private college or university.
- OR-
- A portion of tuition for programs that qualify for federal financial aid at public career technology centers.

(The Oklahoma's Promise scholarship amount does not cover fees, books, supplies, or room and board.)

GET MORE INFO:

www.okpromise.org

okpromise@osrhe.edu

(800) 858-1840 or (405) 225-9152

Ask your counselor.

Find us on 

HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate from an Oklahoma high school or homeschool education program.
- Take the 17 units of college prep high school courses (listed at the right) and achieve at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA in those courses.
- Achieve at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA for all courses in grades 9-12.
- Attend school regularly and do your homework.
- Stay away from drugs and alcohol.
- Don't commit criminal or delinquent acts.
- Provide information when requested.
- Meet with a school official to go over your school work and records on a regular basis.
- Apply for other financial aid during your senior year of high school.
- Take part in Oklahoma's Promise activities that will prepare you for college.

If you don't qualify for this program, see your counselor for information about additional scholarships, grants and student loans, and visit Oklahoma higher education's college planning website at www.OKcollegestart.org.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

- Prior to receiving any program benefit in college, the federal adjusted gross income (AGI) of the student's parents may not exceed \$100,000. Each year in college, Oklahoma's Promise students will be required to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which will be used to determine whether the federal adjusted gross income exceeds \$100,000. For any year that the income exceeds \$100,000, the student will not be eligible to receive the program benefit.
- You must be an Oklahoma resident.
- You must be a U.S. citizen or lawfully present in the United States.
- You must meet regular admission standards for first-time entering students at the college or university to which you apply.
- You must start taking college courses within three years after you graduate high school.*
- You may not use the award for noncredit remedial courses.
- You may not receive awards for more than five consecutive years after enrolling in college.*
- You may not use the award for courses taken after you complete your bachelor's degree requirements.
- You may not receive award payments for more than 129 semester credit hours, unless your degree program requires more hours.
- You must meet the college's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy requirements for eligibility to receive federal financial aid.
- An Oklahoma's Promise college student who is suspended for more than one semester for conduct reasons will lose the scholarship permanently.

**Students on active military duty may be eligible for certain waivers of these requirements.*

REQUIRED COURSES**

4 ENGLISH (grammar, composition, literature; courses should include an integrated writing component)

3 LAB SCIENCE (biology, chemistry, physics or any lab science certified by the school district; general science with or without a lab may not be used to meet this requirement)

3 MATHEMATICS (from Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, trigonometry, math analysis, pre-calculus, statistics and probability [must have completed geometry and Algebra II], calculus, Advanced Placement [AP] statistics)

3 HISTORY AND CITIZENSHIP SKILLS (including 1 unit of American history and 2 additional units from the subjects of history, economics, geography, government, non-Western culture)

2 FOREIGN OR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE (two years of the same language)

...OR...

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY (two units in programming, hardware or business computer applications, such as word processing, databases, spreadsheets and graphics, will qualify; keyboarding or typing classes do NOT qualify)

(1 foreign language and 1 computer course will NOT meet this requirement)

1 ADDITIONAL COURSE (from any of the subjects listed above)

1 FINE ARTS (music, art, drama)

...OR...

SPEECH

17 TOTAL UNITS

**Homeschool students or students graduating from a high school not accredited by the Oklahoma State Board of Education must also achieve a composite score of 22 or higher on the ACT test reported on an official test report issued by ACT. "Residual" ACT test scores do not qualify.

2019-20



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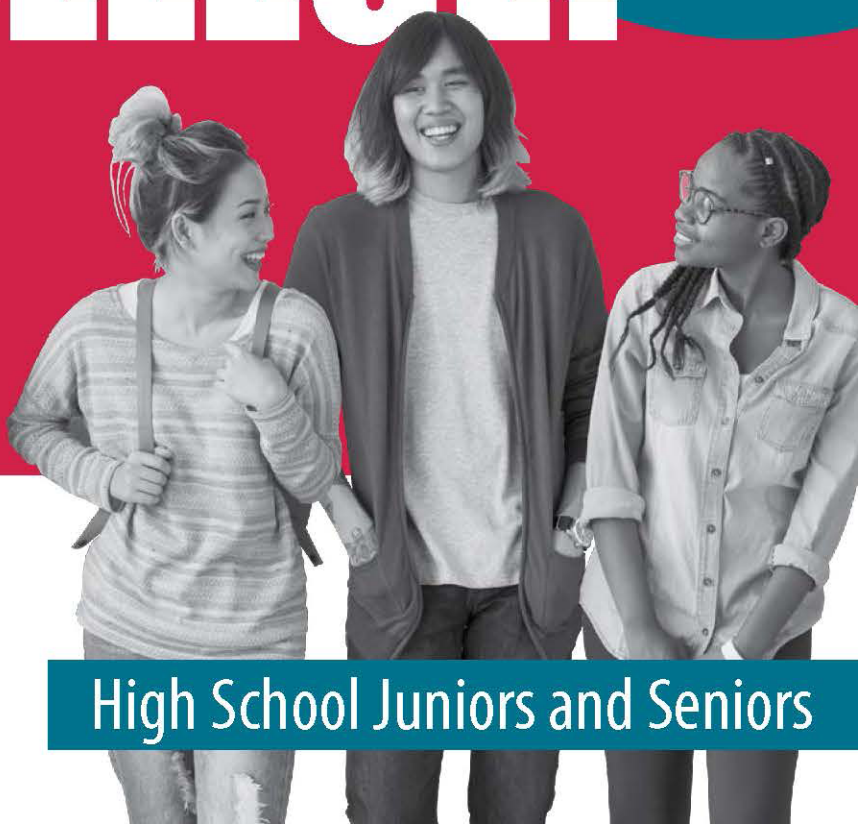
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DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR COLLEGE?



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WHAT'S YOUR PLAN FOR COLLEGE?

Right now, college probably seems a million miles away. But NOW is the best time to start making plans for what happens after high school. You don't have to make any big decisions yet, but the sooner you start thinking about what you're interested in doing for a living, the easier your choices will be later. Where are you headed after graduation? What do you have to do to get there? Don't know where to start? You're not alone! Read this booklet to get some good ideas about how to begin your journey. Then talk to your family and school counselor about your plan for college.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- You'll have the time to explore your interests, discover things you didn't know and set new goals.
- College is fun! You'll meet interesting people and make new friends.
- You'll learn how to learn — how to think critically, solve problems and develop new skills.
- A degree can take you out of a minimum-wage job and into a good-paying career you enjoy. Studies prove it: Continue your education after high school, and you're likely to make more money and enjoy a better life.

OKCOLLEGESTART.ORG

CLICK • COMPARE • CHOOSE

OKcollegestart.org is the official source for planning a college education in Oklahoma and offers interactive tools to help you prepare and pay for college. The website provides information about admission requirements, financial aid and scholarships, college costs and more. You can search by keywords and receive personalized results to compare colleges.

LET'S TALK MONEY

WITHOUT A DEGREE

Let's say you decide to skip college and take a job as a data entry keyer. You'll get paid about \$15 an hour, which is approximately \$2,136 a month or \$25,632 per year in take-home pay.

GROSS PAY

\$2,600 month

less taxes, Social Security and Medicare

TAKE-HOME PAY

\$2,136 month

WITH A DEGREE

Now let's say you take the time to explore careers, go that extra mile and graduate from college with a degree in computer programming. As a computer programmer, you'll make about \$40 an hour. That's \$5,120 a month or \$61,440 per year in take-home pay.

GROSS PAY

\$6,933 month

less taxes, Social Security and Medicare

TAKE-HOME PAY

\$5,120 month

THE MORE YOU LEARN, THE MORE YOU CAN EARN

In fact, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, someone with a bachelor's degree earns about 50% more than someone with just a high school diploma. That makes a huge impact on your monthly paycheck and can help you afford the lifestyle you want.

GLOSSARY

If any of the terms used in this publication are unfamiliar to you, check out the glossary in the Prepare for College section in the College Planning tab at **OKcollegestart.org**.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DEGREE MAKES

Associate or Bachelor's Degree	Moderate On-the-Job Experience
Computer Programmer \$39.95 per hour	Data Entry Keyer \$14.97 per hour
Architect or Engineer \$41.47 per hour	Construction Laborer \$15.02 per hour
Animal Scientist \$19.26 per hour	Veterinary Assistant \$12.06 per hour
Detective/Criminal Investigator \$31.79 per hour	Security Guard \$15.29 per hour
Preschool Teacher (except Special Education) \$14.09 per hour	Child Care Worker \$9.82 per hour
Registered Nurse \$30.33 per hour	Nursing Assistant \$12.35 per hour

Source: Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Oklahoma Wage Report 2018

CAREERS

Want to investigate your skills and interests and explore career options that may be right for you? Check out the Career Planning tab at OKcollegestart.org.

OKLAHOMA MONEY MATTERS

To learn more about earning income and managing money, check out Oklahoma Money Matters (OKMM). OKMM offers information and resources to help students and parents prepare financially for college, strengthen family financial planning and empower young adults with money management skills for independent living. Visit OklahomaMoneyMatters.org or call 800.970.OKMM (6566).



COURSES TO TAKE

You must take certain courses in high school to graduate and for admission to an Oklahoma public college or university. These requirements will prepare you for college, and you'll learn valuable skills in case you decide to get a job right out of high school.

SUBJECT	UNITS
English	4 units
Mathematics	3 units
Laboratory Science	3 units
History and Citizenship Skills	3 units
Other	2 units
TOTAL	15 UNITS



For more information about the specific courses you must take to earn a "standard" high school diploma, visit OKcollegestart.org. Remember that requirements may change, and they may be different for private colleges and universities, so always check with your counselor for details.

THINK AHEAD

A great way to speed up your college career is to consider earning college credit even before you graduate from high school — as early as your junior year. Taking advantage of opportunities such as Advanced Placement (AP) courses and concurrent enrollment can save you time, tuition, and room and board, and will also prepare you for the demands of college. To learn more, visit [OKcollegestart.org](https://okcollegestart.org) and ask your high school counselor what options are available at your school.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

For more information about preparing for the ACT exam, visit [ACT.org](https://act.org), and for information about preparing for the SAT exam, visit [SAT.org](https://sat.org). Visit [OKcollegestart.org](https://okcollegestart.org) to learn more about preparing for college entrance exams and sign up for a free student account to take the free practice tests for the ACT and SAT. Talk to your counselor about taking the ACT and SAT.

GRADES TO MAKE

If you want to attend an Oklahoma college or university, you must meet certain requirements. When you apply for admission, public colleges and universities will look at:

- Your score on a national standardized test (ACT or SAT).
- Your overall grade point average (GPA) and ranking within your high school class OR
- Your GPA in the 15 core courses required for college entry.

For more information about 2019-20 admission requirements for first-time entering students at Oklahoma public colleges and universities, visit [OKcollegestart.org/College_Planning/Prepare_for_College/grades_to_make.aspx](https://okcollegestart.org/College_Planning/Prepare_for_College/grades_to_make.aspx). You can also talk to your school counselor or check with the college(s) you want to attend.

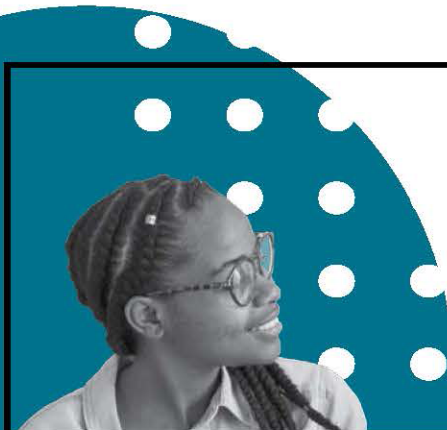
THE CHOICE

Choosing where to go to college is an important decision. Your selection will affect your future and even your success as a student. Here are some things to think about.

- Location: Are you willing to move away from home? Do you prefer a city or country setting? Do you want to live on campus?
- Type of school: Do you want to go to a large or small school?
- Admission requirements: How are your grades and test scores?
- Academics: What do you want to study?
- Financial aid: How much financial assistance do you need? Can the campus provide you with aid (scholarships, part-time employment)?
- Activities: Which campus offers the best options for your interests?

CAMPUS VISITS

Still undecided about which college to attend? Schedule some campus visits to the schools you might be interested in attending. These visits can help you make a more educated decision. While on your campus visits, talk to as many people as you can and don't pass up a chance to ask questions. Use the Making the Most of Campus Visits guide found at UCanGo2.org/publications/HS to make your trip a success.



TYPES OF SCHOOLS AND DEGREES

RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

An institution that grants bachelor's, graduate and professional degrees and offers a wide variety of courses and degree programs. Generally, they have large student bodies and expansive campuses.

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY

An institution that offers bachelor's and master's degrees, and in some instances, associate or professional degrees. They tend to have mid-sized student populations and campuses.

PUBLIC LIBERAL ARTS UNIVERSITY

An institution that grants bachelor's degrees in arts and science fields, including humanities. A public liberal arts university tends to have smaller class sizes that facilitate close interaction between faculty and students.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

An institution that grants associate degrees for transfer to four-year institutions or for career preparation. They usually offer flexible class schedules with smaller class sizes.

TECHNICAL BRANCH

An institution that grants applied associate degrees, some Bachelor of Technology degrees and a limited number of associate degrees for transfer to four-year institutions. Technical branches have a special emphasis on education and training in technical fields.

CERTIFICATE

A credential awarded for an organized program of study that may or may not lead to an academic degree.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (A.A.) OR ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE (A.S.) DEGREE

A degree awarded upon completion of two years of full-time college work (at least 60 credit hours) that is designed to transfer to a four-year university. The State Regents recognize these two types of associate degrees that transfer to any university.

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S.) DEGREE

A degree requiring two years of full-time college work (at least 60 credit hours) that emphasizes an occupational specialty and is designed to lead the individual directly to employment. Some A.A.S. degrees may lead to a Bachelor of Technology degree.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

A degree requiring four years of full-time college work (at least 120 credit hours). The State Regents recognize three types of bachelor's degrees — Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of (Specialty), such as Music, Education, etc.

To learn more about selecting the right school for you, check out the *Explore Schools* section in the *College Planning* tab at OKcollegestart.org.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

College costs vary; some institutions are more expensive than others, especially for out-of-state students. Fortunately, the cost of attending an Oklahoma public college or university is among the lowest in the nation. In addition, the availability of financial aid from various sources can make college even more affordable for qualified students.

2019-20 ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS

Oklahoma Public Colleges and Universities (30 credit hours)

EXPENSES	RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES	REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES	COMMUNITY COLLEGES	TECHNICAL BRANCHES
TUITION	\$5,072	\$5,616	\$3,330	\$4,091
MANDATORY FEES	\$3,968	\$1,581	\$1,169	\$991

Visit OKcollegestart.org and select *How Much Does College Cost?* on the Financial Aid 101 page in the *Financial Aid Planning* tab for a more detailed breakdown of costs, including room and board.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

There are four different types of financial aid available: scholarships, grants, work-study and student loans. To learn more about financial aid, visit OKcollegestart.org.

WHAT'S THE FAFSA?

To apply for federal financial aid (grants, work-study and student loans), Oklahoma's Promise and the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Program (OTAG), you and your parents must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You'll need to have your parents' tax return(s) – along with yours – to complete the FAFSA. Even if you don't think you need financial aid (or qualify for it), fill out the FAFSA anyway. Most students qualify for some form of federal financial aid! Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Oct. 1 of your senior year and each year you need financial aid for college. Visit StartWithFAFSA.org to find FAFSA completion tools, including video tutorials available in English and Spanish.

FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

- Don't wait. Fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible after Oct. 1 of the year prior to every year you need financial aid. Many students don't realize they may qualify for federal aid such as grants, scholarships, work-study or low-cost student loans. Learn more at FAFSA.gov.
- Explore OKcollegestart.org and UCanGo2.org to learn more about paying for college. Start researching the colleges you're interested in and learn what types of financial aid they offer.
- Find out if scholarships are available in the fields you're interested in and what the requirements are, so you can plan early to apply. Scholarships are called "free money" because they don't have to be paid back. Students qualify for scholarships based on financial need, grades, talents and life experiences.
- Ask family members to open an Oklahoma College Savings Plan (OCSP) account by calling 877.654.7284 or visiting ok4saving.org. OCSP offers tax advantages for families, and funds can be used at nearly all colleges and universities in the United States.
- Learn about the student financial aid application process and programs by calling or visiting the websites for the resources listed in this brochure.

TIPS FOR SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

- **GO LOCAL.**
Many clubs, civic organizations and churches offer scholarships. If you aren't sure, ask! Applying locally for scholarships means you're competing against fewer people.
- **DO THE "WRITE" THING.**
Many scholarships require an essay, but don't let that discourage you. Scholarships that require essays have fewer applicants, which means you have a greater chance of winning the award.
- **DON'T MISS THE BOAT.**
Apply for as many scholarships as possible and keep track of the requirements for each one so you don't miss out on free money by forgetting to include your transcript or submitting your application after the deadline.
- **DO YOUR RESEARCH.**
Set up an appointment with your school counselor to talk about your scholarship options. Many colleges post available scholarships on their websites. Check with the college(s) you plan to attend to learn about scholarships they may offer.

Check out the
Scholarship Success
Guide in the
Publications tab at
UCanGo2.org.



JUNIOR CHECKLIST

- Take core classes that meet college entrance requirements.
- If you signed up for Oklahoma's Promise in the eighth-10th grade, use the curriculum checklist at OKPromise.org to keep track of your courses, continue to make good grades and stay out of trouble.
- Explore opportunities to earn college credit while still in high school, like concurrent enrollment and AP courses.
- Prepare to take ACT/SAT exams. You may want to take these more than once to raise your score. Visit OKcollegestart.org to take free practice exams.
- Attend college fairs in your area.
- When you narrow the list of schools you're interested in, schedule campus visits.
- Explore OKcollegestart.org and UCanGo2.org to learn more about paying for college. Start researching the colleges you're interested in and learn what types of financial aid they offer. Search and apply for scholarships on OKcollegestart.org and UCanGo2.org. We recommend juniors apply for one or two scholarships per week.

SENIOR CHECKLIST

- Talk to your family and school counselor about your goals after high school.
- Research grants and scholarships available through your school, business community and local civic organizations. Search and apply for scholarships on OKcollegestart.org and UCanGo2.org. We recommend seniors apply for two or three scholarships per week.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after Oct. 1 of your senior year and prior to each year you need financial aid. The FAFSA is used to determine your eligibility for most federal financial aid, including federal (and some state) grants and scholarships.
- Visit FAFSA.gov to request a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) and submit your FAFSA online.
- Submit admission and financial aid applications to the college(s) of your choice; pay close attention to deadlines.
- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy. Any inaccurate items need to be corrected, either at FAFSA.gov or by contacting your college's financial aid office.
- Respond quickly to any requests from colleges and universities for additional information.

Review more detailed junior and senior checklists at UCanGo2.org/publications/HS.

COLLEGE PLANNING RESOURCES

Remember, OKcollegestart.org is your one-stop shop for interactive college planning tools and information about career exploration, selecting a college or university, ACT/SAT test prep, financial aid and more. Open a free student account and find OKcollegestart.org on Facebook today! OKcollegestart.org or 866.443.7420



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● College Questions Answered Promptly
studentinfo@osrhe.edu

● Federal Student Aid
studentaid.ed.gov

● Oklahoma GEAR UP
okgearup.org

● ACT Student Center
actstudent.org

● Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
FAFSA.gov
StartWithFAFSA.org

● Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Program (OTAG)
otag.org

OKLAHOMA PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Current as of August 2019

RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

1. Oklahoma State University, Stillwater
okstate.edu, 800.233.5019
2. OSU Center for Health Sciences, Tulsa
healthsciences.okstate.edu, 800.677.1972
3. OSU-Tulsa
osu-tulsa.okstate.edu, 800.364.0710
4. University of Oklahoma, Norman
ou.edu, 800.234.6868
5. OU Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City
ouhsc.edu, 877.577.5655
6. OU-Tulsa,
ou.edu/tulsa, 918.660.3000

REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES

7. Cameron University, Lawton
cameron.edu, 888.454.7600
8. Cameron University, Duncan
cameron.edu/duncan, 877.282.3626
9. East Central University, Ada
ecok.edu, 580.332.8000
10. Langston University, Langston
langston.edu, 877.466.2231
11. Langston University, Tulsa
langston.edu/tulsa, 918.877.8100
12. Northeastern State University, Tahlequah
nsuok.edu, 800.722.9614
13. Northeastern State University, Broken Arrow
nsuok.edu/brokenarrow.aspx, 918.449.6000
14. Northeastern State University, Muskogee
nsuok.edu/muskogee, 918.683.0040
15. Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva
nwsu.edu, 580.327.1700
16. Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Enid
nwsu.edu/enid, 580.237.0334
17. Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Woodward
nwsu.edu/woodward, 580.256.0047
18. Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Goodwell
opsu.edu, 800.664.6778

19. Rogers State University, Claremore
rsu.edu, 918.343.7777
20. Rogers State University, Bartlesville
rsu.edu/bartlesville, 918.338.8000
21. Rogers State University, Pryor
rsu.edu/pryor, 918.825.6117
22. Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant
se.edu, 800.435.1327
23. Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Idabel
se.edu/mccurtain, 888.286.9431
24. Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford
swosu.edu, 580.772.6611
25. Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Sayre
swosu.edu/sayre, 580.928.5533
26. University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond
uco.edu, 405.974.2000

PUBLIC LIBERAL ARTS UNIVERSITY

27. University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha
usao.edu, 800.933.8726

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

28. Carl Albert State College, Poteau
carlalbert.edu, 918.647.1200
29. Carl Albert State College, Sallisaw
carlalbert.edu, 918.775.6977
30. Connors State College, Warner
connorsstate.edu, 918.463.2931
31. Connors State College, Muskogee
connorsstate.edu, 918.687.6747
32. Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton
eosc.edu, 918.465.2361
33. Eastern Oklahoma State College, McAlester
eosc.edu/mcalester, 918.426.5272
34. Murray State College, Tishomingo
mscok.edu, 580.371.2371
35. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami
neo.edu, 888.464.6636

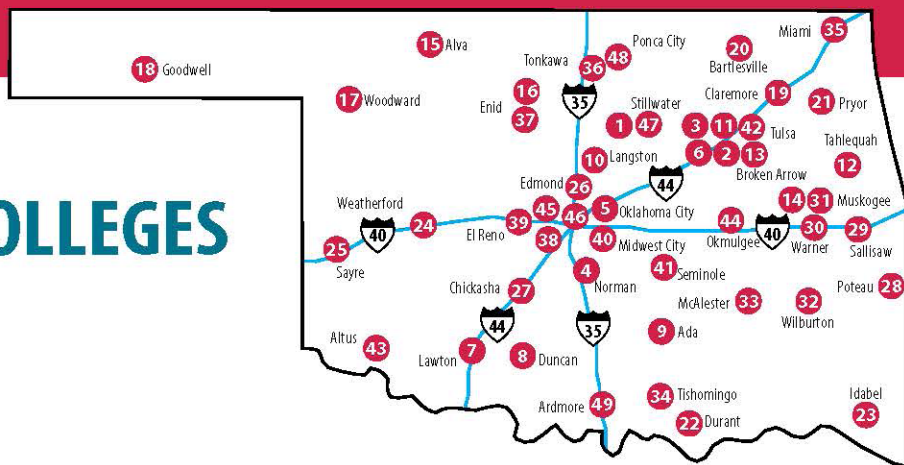
36. Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa
noc.edu, 580.628.6200
37. Northern Oklahoma College, Enid
noc.edu/enid, 580.242.6300
38. Oklahoma City Community College
occc.edu, 405.682.1611
39. Redlands Community College, El Reno
redlandsc.edu, 866.415.6367
40. Rose State College, Midwest City
rose.edu, 866.621.0987
41. Seminole State College, Seminole
ssck.edu, 405.382.9950
42. Tulsa Community College
tulsaacc.edu, 918.595.7000
43. Western Oklahoma State College, Altus
wosc.edu, 580.477.2000

TECHNICAL BRANCHES

44. Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology, Okmulgee
osuit.edu, 800.722.4471
45. Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City
osuokc.edu, 800.560.4099

HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS/SITES

46. Langston University, Oklahoma City
langston.edu/okc/langston-okc, 405.962.1620
47. Northern Oklahoma College, Stillwater
noc.edu/stillwater, 405.744.2246
48. University Center at Ponca City,
ucponcacity.com, 580.718.5600
49. University Center of Southern Oklahoma, Ardmore
ucso.osrhe.edu, 580.319.0300



Tracking My Classes & Achievements

Jot down your volunteer work and achievements and track the classes you need to take each year to meet college admission requirements. For example, will you take American history in the spring semester of your junior year? Write it down here.

Freshman Year

Fall Classes

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Spring Classes

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Honors and Awards

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Volunteer Work, Jobs and Extracurricular Activities

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Sophomore Year

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Junior Year

Fall Classes

Spring Classes

Honors and
Awards

Volunteer Work, Jobs and
Extracurricular Activities

Senior Year

Myths About Financial Aid

Don't fall for these myths about federal student aid and the application process.

"Federal student aid is just 'free money' like grants."

Reality: Federal student aid includes three different kinds of financial help: grants, low-interest loans, and work-study funds (a part-time job on or near campus). To learn more about the different types of federal student aid, visit StudentAid.gov/types.

"My parents make too much money, so I won't qualify for aid."

Reality: There is no income cut-off to qualify for federal student aid. Many factors—such as the size of your family and your year in school—are taken into account. And remember: when you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form, you're also automatically applying for funds from your state, and possibly from your school as well. In fact, some schools won't even consider you for any of their scholarships (including academic scholarships) until you've submitted a FAFSA form. Don't make assumptions about what you'll get—fill out the FAFSA form and find out.

"Only students with good grades get financial aid."

Reality: While a high grade point average will help a student get into a good school and may help with academic scholarships, most of the federal student aid programs do not take a student's grades into consideration. Provided a student maintains satisfactory academic progress in his or her program of study, federal student aid will help a student with an average academic record complete his or her education.

"I don't have good credit, so I can't get a student loan."

Reality: You don't need to get a credit check for most federal student loans (except for Direct PLUS Loans). Also, you won't need a cosigner to get a federal student loan in most cases.

"My ethnicity or age makes me ineligible for federal student aid."

Reality: There are basic eligibility requirements (which you can find at StudentAid.gov/eligibility), but ethnicity and age are not considered.

"My parents aren't U.S. citizens, so there's no way I'll get aid."

Reality: Your parents' citizenship status is NOT a factor, and the FAFSA form won't even ask you about it. If your parents don't have Social Security numbers, they must enter 000-00-0000 when the FAFSA form asks for their Social Security numbers.

"I support myself, so I don't have to include parent information on the FAFSA® form."

Reality: This is not necessarily true. Even if you support yourself and file taxes on your own, you may still be considered a dependent student for federal student aid purposes. If you are considered dependent, you must provide your parents' information on the FAFSA form. The form asks a series of questions to determine your dependency status. You can preview the questions at StudentAid.gov/dependency.

"I can't file my FAFSA® form in October because I haven't applied to any schools."

Reality: Actually, you CAN complete your FAFSA form before submitting any college or career school applications. You'll need to list at least one school on your FAFSA form, but go ahead and add every school you're considering, because some schools have early deadlines to apply for their limited funds. Then later, you can add or delete schools on your FAFSA form.

“I didn’t qualify for financial aid last year, so filling out the FAFSA® form again is just a waste of time.”

Reality: It’s super important to fill out a FAFSA form every year you’re in college or career school. Why? Because things can change. For instance, your school or state might create a new grant or scholarship, or the factors used to calculate your aid could change from one year to the next. Either way, if you don’t submit a new FAFSA form, you’re out of luck.

So what’s next?

Go to fafsa.gov and fill out the form. If you applied for admission to a college or career school and have been accepted—and you listed that school on your FAFSA form—the school will receive the information from your FAFSA form, calculate your aid, and send you an electronic or paper aid offer telling you how much aid you’re eligible for at the school.

Have questions? Contact or visit the following:

- StudentAid.gov
- a school’s financial aid office
- studentaid@ed.gov
- 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) toll free
- TTY for the deaf or hard of hearing: 1-800-730-8913

Handy Resources

UCanGO2

Education beyond high school is possible for everyone. UCanGo2 can help you prepare, plan and pay for your higher education. Visit the website to view and download publications and other resources.

UCanGo2.org

OKCollegeStart

The state's official college planning website, which provides information to Oklahoma students, counselors, and parents about exploring colleges, comparing careers, and planning and paying for education beyond high school.

OKCollegeStart.org

Ready Set Repay

Ready Set Repay is an initiative of the Oklahoma College Assistance Program that helps students make smart borrowing decisions and successfully repay their student loans.

ReadySetRepay.org

OCAP

An operating division of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, OCAP provides college access, aid awareness, financial literacy and student loan management programs and services for students, parents, schools, and community partners.

OCAP.org

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

The State Regents are the coordinating board for Oklahoma public higher education. They set academic standards, grant degrees and manage numerous scholarships and special programs.

OKHigherEd.org

College Questions

School Name		
<i>Do you offer my planned major?</i>		
<i>Do you offer academic counseling and support?</i>		
<i>Does your campus help students find internships or jobs in their chosen field?</i>		
<i>What's your average class size?</i>		
<i>What type of extracurricular activities do you offer?</i>		
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CALENDAR



June 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 ACT Test
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 ACT Registration Deadline for July 18 Test	20 Summer Begins
21 Father's Day	22	23	24 Happy Birthday, Councilperson Anthony Dillard	25	26	27
28 Happy Birthday, Councilperson James Frazier	29	30				

July 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 SSAF Opens	2 Boom in the Valley	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Higher Ed Fall Begins	16	17	18 ACT Test
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Happy Birthday, Councilperson Robert Karr	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Happy Birthday, Councilperson Ronald Perry	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12
13	14	15	16	17 Choctaw New Year	18	19
20	21	22 Fall Equinox	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Higher Ed Fall Ends	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Indigenous Peoples Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Happy Birthday, Councilperson Tony Ward	20 Happy Birthday, Councilperson Eddie Bohanan	21	22	23	24
25	26 Happy Birthday, Councilperson Jennifer Woods	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

November 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2 Happy Birthday, Councilperson Delton Cox	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 High School Virtual Career Expo	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 American Indian Heritage Day	28
29	30					

December 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 STAR Fall Semester Opens	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Happy Birthday, Chief Gary Batton	16 Happy Birthday, Councilperson Perry Thompson	17	18	19
20 Happy Birthday, Councilperson Thomas Williston	21 Winter Begins	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31 Happy Birthday, Councilperson Jack Austin, Sr New Year's Eve		

January 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day Higher Ed Spring Begins College Clothing Fall Begins Youth Work Opens	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Chahta Foundation Opens	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

February 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Durant ACT Workshop	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

March 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 STAR Fall Semester Opens Higher Ed Spring Ends	2	3 Happy Birthday, Councilperson James Dry	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Poteau ACT Workshop	26	27
28 Happy Birthday, Assitant Chief Jack Austin, Jr.	29	30	31 Chahta Foundation Closes			

April 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 College Clothing Fall Closes Youth Work Closes	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 STAR Spring Semester Opens / Closes Sept 1 SSAF Closes
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 /	24 / Memorial Day 31					
30						

June 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 College Clothing Fall Opens	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday, Councilperson Anthony Dillard	25	26
27	28 Happy Birthday, Councilperson James Frazier	29	30			

Student Volunteer Hour Track Sheet

Name: _____

DATE	LOCATION/EVENT	VOLUNTEER DUTIES	TIME STARTED	TIME STOPPED	TOTAL TIME	SUPERVISOR

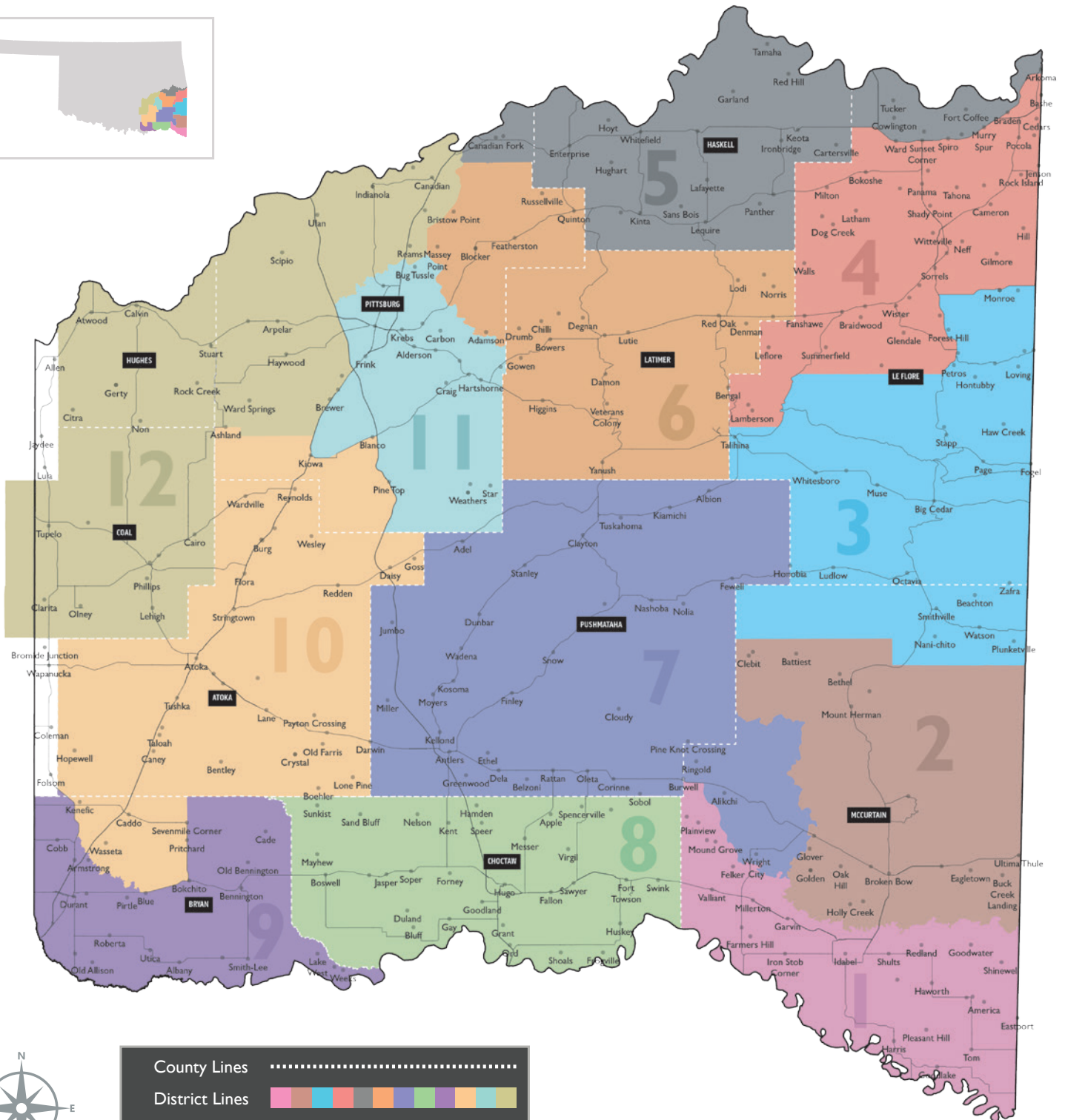
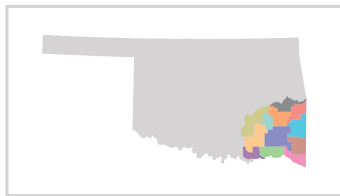
The Choctaw Nation High School Student Services encourages you to make a difference in the lives of those around you. Volunteer.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL DISTRICTS & COUNTIES





Choctaw Nation

Chief
Gary Batton



Assistant Chief
Jack Austin, Jr.



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District 2
Tony Ward



District 3
Eddie Bohanan



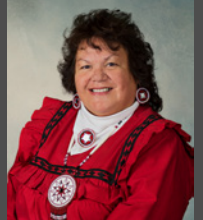
District 4
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District 6
Jennifer Woods



District 7
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District 8
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District 10
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