



HIGHER EDUCATION

CNG Guidelines

Program Overview:

The Comanche Nation Higher Education Scholarship Program funds Comanche students that attend post-secondary institutions/colleges & universities to pursue an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, or a PhD.

The Job Placement & Training Program provides financial assistance for long-term vocational training and certification, associates of applied science (AAS) degree programs, and direct employment/relocation services.

The Adult Education program provides services related to short-term training licensing and certification which includes tuition assistance, books, supplies, and exam fees.

Services Provided:

- **Higher Education Scholarship Program**

1. CNG funds will be distributed to undergraduate students who do not qualify to receive PELL grant funding, and are attending an accredited college/university. Once BIA funds are extinguished, CNG funds will be used to assist PELL grant eligible students. Multiple degrees can be obtained to further their employment opportunities, if funding is available. Full-time undergraduate students (12+ credit hours) will receive \$4,000.00 per semester. Part-time undergraduate students will receive amounts based on the number of credit hours: \$3,000 for 9-11 credit hours; \$2,500 for 6-8 credit hours; \$2,000 for 3-5 credit hours.
2. CNG funds will be distributed to all graduate students seeking a Master's degree from an accredited college/university. Multiple degrees can be obtained to further their employment opportunities, if funding is available. Full-time graduate students (9+ credit hours) will receive \$5,000.00 per semester. Part-time graduate students will receive amounts based on the number of credit hours: \$4,000 for 6 credit hours; \$3,000 for 3 credit hours.
3. CNG funds will be distributed to all doctoral students seeking a PhD, MD, JD, etc., from an accredited college/university. Multiple degrees can be obtained to further their employment opportunities, if funding is available. Full-time doctoral students (9+ credit hours) will receive \$5,000 per semester. Part-time doctoral students will receive amounts based on the number of credit hours: \$4,000 for 6 credit hours; \$3,000 for 3 credit hours.
4. CNG funds will be distributed to all students that are taking summer classes. Summer funding is contingent on the availability of CNG funds. Full-time undergraduate students (6+ credit hours) will receive \$3,000.00 for the summer term. Part-time undergraduate students will receive \$2,000 for 3-5 credit hours for the summer term. Full-time graduate/doctoral students

COMANCHE

(6+ credit hours) will receive \$4,000 for the summer term. Part-time graduate/doctoral students will receive \$3,000 for 3-5 credit hours for the summer term.

5. CNG funds will be distributed on an annual basis to winners of the Dorothy Lorentino Scholarship at the Graduation Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Each scholarship winner will receive \$2,000.00. The number of winners depends on availability of CNG funding.
 6. CNG funds will be distributed to concurrent students that are taking one or two classes at an accredited college/university. CNG funds will be utilized to help cover the cost of tuition, books, and fees.
 7. CNG funds will be distributed to incarcerated tribal members that are taking classes at an accredited college/university. CNG funds will be utilized to help cover the cost of tuition, books, and fees.
 8. CNG funds will be distributed to undergraduate students that are studying abroad and may need additional financial assistance (airline tickets, passports, fees, etc.) other than the regular scholarship award amount. Service dependent upon funding availability. Funding provided in addition to regular scholarship amount (reference paragraphs 1 & 4).
 9. CNG funds will be distributed to students attending unaccredited institutions. The student must compile three (3) letters from accredited institutions in the relative area which state that these institutions will receive the student's course credit and allow it to be put towards degree completion at the accredited institution.
 10. CNG funds will be distributed to students that need financial assistance for unpaid balances to an accredited college/university. Students may receive hardship assistance after a five-year period, for one time only. This does not hinder eligibility for the Comanche Nation scholarship. Service dependent upon funding availability.
 11. CNG funds will be utilized for Student Events: Annual Graduation Banquet, College Day/Career Expo, Family Scholarship Night, and attending various college, high school, and tribal outreach events for recruitment purposes.
 12. CNG Funds will be utilized to provide financial assistance to NCAA Division I student athletes who are pursuing a degree at an accredited university. In accordance with NCAA regulations, this assistance will be provided directly to the student in the form of an athletic academic award and will not be categorized as "scholarship" through the Higher Education Department. This service will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- **Job Placement and Training Program**
 - Long-Term Vocational Training
 1. CNG funds will be distributed to tribal members that reside outside of the 5-county (Comanche, Caddo, Cotton, Tillman, and Stephens) area in southwestern Oklahoma, and that are seeking long-term vocational training (600 hours or more), will receive tuition assistance only.

Revised & Updated: September 2, 2025
Approved by CBC via Resolution ###-####

COMANCHE

2. The long-term vocational training students must be enrolled in a program for a school period of at least nine (9) months, not to exceed twenty-four (24) months. Long-term vocational training tuition assistance maximum amount is \$2,500.00 every 525 hours.
 3. Additional and subsequent payments may be provided for students completing longer programs. Total payments for tuition assistance shall not exceed \$10,000.00.
 4. CNG funds will be distributed to tribal members that reside outside of the 5-county (Comanche, Caddo, Cotton, Tillman, and Stephens) area in southwestern Oklahoma, in order to help them purchase supplies. The maximum amount for supplies is \$600.00 every 525 hours.
- Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
 1. CNG funds will be distributed to AAS students seeking a two-year degree in an applied science field. Emphasis is placed on courses which enable the student to focus on specialized academic interest which allows for immediate employability upon graduation. Multiple degrees can be obtained to further their employment opportunities, if funding is available. Full-time AAS students (12+ credit hours) will receive \$4,000.00 per semester. Part-time AAS students will receive amounts based on the number of credit hours: \$3,000 for 9-11 credit hours; \$2,500 for 6-8 credit hours; \$2,000 for 3-5 credit hours.
 2. CNG funds will be distributed to AAS students during the summer term. Full-time AAS students (6+ credit hours) will receive a maximum of \$3,000.00 for the summer term. Part-time AAS students will receive \$2,000 for 3-5 credit hours for the summer term.
 - Direct Employment
 1. CNG funds will be distributed to tribal members who have obtained new employment and have been employed for less than 60-days. Financial assistance will be provided to tribal members who need help transitioning into a new job. Tribal members may need assistance with utilities, gas/transportation, work attire, rental deposits, etc.
 2. CNG funds will be distributed to tribal members who have obtained part-time employment will be paid a one-time subsistence payment of \$600.00.
 3. CNG funds will be distributed to tribal members that have obtained full-time employment who are not head of household and who do not have dependents, will be paid a one-time subsistence payment of \$800.00.
 4. CNG funds will be distributed to tribal members that have obtained full-time employment who are head of household and who have dependents, will be paid a one-time subsistence payment of \$1,000.00.
 5. Direct Employment applicants may be eligible to receive services after a one-year waiting period. Funding dependent upon availability.
 6. Workforce Work Experience clients, sub-contractors, temporary, seasonal, contractors (less than 1-year), and/or staffing agency clients are ineligible.
 - a. Eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

COMANCHE

- Relocation
 1. CNG funds will be distributed to tribal members who must relocate for employment. The amount that tribal members will receive is \$1,500.00. Relocation applicants may be eligible once a year.
 2. There is no waiting period for this assistance between jobs.
- Student Events
 1. CNG funds will be utilized for Student Events: Annual Graduation Banquet, College Day/Career Expo, Family Scholarship Night, and attending various college and tribal outreach events for recruitment purposes.
- **Adult Education Program**
 - Short-Term Training
 1. CNG funds will be distributed to tribal members that reside outside of the 5-county (Comanche, Caddo, Cotton, Tillman, and Stephens) area in southwestern Oklahoma, and that are seeking a short-term (600 hours or less) licensing or certification at an accredited vocational school or technology center.
 2. CNG funds will be distributed in the following areas:
 - A) Tuition (maximum amount is \$2,000.00)
 - B) Books (maximum amount is \$500.00)
 - C) Supplies (maximum amount is \$500.00)
 - D) Conference Registration (maximum amount is \$500.00)
 - E) Vocational/Technical Competitions (maximum amount is \$500.00)
 - F) Professional Certifications/Licensing (maximum amount is \$400.00)
 - G) Continuing Education Units (maximum amount \$400.00)
 - H) Licensing Certification, GRE, MCAT, LSAT, Entrance Exams (maximum amount is \$400.00)
 - I) Urinalysis (maximum amount is \$200.00)
 - J) Background Checks (maximum amount is \$200.00)
 - K) Psychological Evaluations (\$200.00)
 - L) 400-599 Course Hours Completed Incentive (\$300.00)
 - M) 200-399 Course Hours Completed Incentive (\$200.00)
 - N) 1-199 Course Hours Competed Incentive (\$100.00)
 - O) Exams, Certificates, Licenses Completion Incentive (\$100.00)
 - P) Student of the Month Incentive (\$100.00)

***Applications will not be processed until all required documentation is submitted.
Incomplete applications will be held for at least 30 days.
Services contingent upon funding availability.***