

**SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA
JUDGMENT FUND PROGRAM
ADVANCED DEGREE / POST GRADUATE CONTINUING EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

General Information:

Advanced Degree:

A person who has earned a bachelor's degree and is in pursuit of a masters degree, PH.D., Juris Doctorate degree, medical degree, pharmacist degree, or other similar type of advanced degree that is an educational program offered by an institute of higher learning.

Required Post-Graduate Continuing Education:

A person who has ongoing educational activities, including short courses and seminars for: (1) a person who possesses any advanced degree, who is in a teaching profession or other profession requiring an advanced degree, and who is required to engage in continuing education related to his/her profession by licensing requirements or other similar regulatory requirements related to his/her profession, or (2) a person who is in pursuit of an additional degree.

Requirements:

1. Applicant must provide a front and back copy of their Seminole Nation of Oklahoma membership card, if not already on file.
2. Applicant must provide a copy of their Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card, if not already on file.
3. Applicant must provide a copy of their class schedule and grades of previous classes.
4. Applicant must provide a copy of their official college transcript once per year (beginning of every Spring semester).
5. Applicant must provide a copy of certificate of completion (if applicable).
6. Applicant must maintain a 2.0 GPA for continued funding.
7. A part-time student must provide copies of receipts for tuition, books and fees.
8. Applicant must provide an equivalency or conversion chart, if you do not attend in semesters (if not on file already).

Deadlines:

1. There is a thirty (30) day deadline from the start of each quarter or trimester. (Ex: if the semester starts Sept. 10, the applicant must have the application and all required documents turned in at the Judgment Fund Office by Oct 10.)
2. The following is the deadline for applications and all required documents to be turned in for semester students:

Fall Semester	November 10
Spring Semester	April 10

Award Amounts:

Total award amounts for Advanced Degree and Required Post-Advanced Degree Continuing Education shall not exceed \$5,100.

Advanced Degree Awards:

1. Full-time students will be awarded \$850 per semester, \$566 per trimester, or \$425 per quarter, not to exceed \$1,700 per year.
2. Part-time students will be awarded \$250 per semester, \$166 per trimester, \$125 per quarter, or the actual cost of tuition, books, and fees, whichever is less.
3. Students attending the summer session shall receive \$500 per semester, \$333 per trimester, \$250 per quarter, or the actual cost of tuition, books, and fees, whichever is less.

Required Post-Advanced Degree Continuing Education:

Students shall be awarded for the actual cost of tuition, books, and fees, not to exceed \$600 per year.

Information concerning an application or payment to an applicant is confidential and shall **ONLY** be given to the applicant unless a written statement is on file at the Judgment Fund Office that another person(s) can inquire the information.

Applicant's Rights and Responsibilities:

I have read both sides of the application or it has been read to me. I have willingly completed this application and truthfully answered the indicated questions. I authorize the Seminole Nation Judgment Fund Office staff to make any investigation necessary to verify the answers given, and to obtain information required to determine eligibility. I have a right to a hearing on such action of the tribe I consider improper, and shall submit a written request with explanation of need for a hearing to the Judgment Fund Coordinator. By signing below, I certify the above to be true, complete, and accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Application is incomplete if not signed, and all requested documents are turned in.