
San Carlos Apache Tribe Education Department

Higher Education Program

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Dear San Carlos Apache Tribe Member,

The Higher Education serves eligible San Carlos Apache Tribal Members and provides them the opportunity to complete their educational goals beyond high school. Grants are made available for students who are enrolled members of the SCAT and are accepted for enrollment to an accredited college or university and who have established financial need.

Good luck with your studies,

Executive Director Flora Talas

Higher Education Check List: Are you a...

First Time Applicant – First time applying to the Higher Education Program or denied and reapplying again.

Lapsed Applicant – applicant who was a part of the Higher Education Program but dropped or left the program 3 or more years ago.

- o Tribal Higher Education Program Application/ Policy Agreement
- o Current Certificate of Indian Blood – **Copy Not Accepted**
- o Official High School Transcripts/GED Certificate with Scores
 - o Official College/University Transcripts (If applicable)
- o Free Application for Federal Student Aid – Copy of Student Aid Report, obtained from **fafsa.ed.gov**
- o Admission Letter of Acceptance
- o Class Schedule
- o Education Course Plan
- o Higher Education Financial Needs Analysis (FNA) (This form is submitted by the student to their College/University Financial Aid Office to complete.)
- o Dorm/Apartment Lease Agreement (Only for SCAT who have a permanent address on the SCAT Reservation and are moving closer to their college/university.)

Reapplying Applicant – applicant who was currently awarded this past semester(s).

***Reapplying Transfer Applicant** – applicant who were currently awarded this past semester(s) and is transferring to another college/university.

- o Tribal Higher Education Grant Application/Policy Agreement – Updated
 - o Official Transcripts with Posted Semester Grades
 - o Unofficial due as soon as available
 - o Free Application for Federal Student Aid – Copy of Student Aid Report
 - o Class Schedule
 - o Education Course Plan – Updated
 - o Higher Education Financial Needs Analysis – Updated
 - o Dorm/Apartment Lease Agreement - Updated (Only for SCAT who have a permanent address on the SCAT Reservation and are moving closer to their college/university)
 - o *Letter of intent for reason of Transfer (For Transfer applicants ONLY)
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Deadline Dates:

June 1

Fall Semester

November 1

Spring Semester

Important Announcement

As a Post-Secondary Student: You are responsible to ensure that **all required documents are on file and completed** with the Higher Education Program.

Any misrepresentation or falsification, including failure to submit required documents as listed on Check List is cause for cancellation/denial of San Carlos Apache Tribal Higher Education Program Award.

All completed applications are reviewed on first come, first served basis.

It is the applicant's responsibility to follow up on their application and documents submitted to SCAT Higher Education Program.

It is not the responsibility of the Higher Education Program to submit FNA on the applicant's behalf or follow up with them, nor are they required to notify student of their pending documents.

Applicant Information

Mark which term best describes you - Please see Cover Page for Definition of a Higher Education Program Applicant

First Time Applicant Lapsed Applicant Reapplying Applicant Reapplying Transfer Applicant

Semester(s) Fall: _____ Spring: _____

Have you ever been a part of the Job Placement & Training Program?

No Yes Date – Month/Date _____ Start: _____ End: _____

Have you ever been a part of the Higher Education Program?

No Yes Date – Month/Date _____ Start: _____ End: _____

Contact Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ SSN: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ District: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____
(P.O. Box/Apt. # Street, City, State, Zip)

Mailing Address while at College/University: _____
(If Different than above) (P.O. Box/Apt. # Street, City, State, Zip)

Email Address: _____ Student's School Email Address: _____

Personal Data

Marital Status: _____ Spouse Name: _____ No. of Dependent(s): _____

Father's Name: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____
(First Name) (Last Name)

Mother's Name: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____
(First Name) (Last Name)

College Information & Goals

Name of College/University you are attending: _____

College/University's Mailing Address: _____

Year in College/University: Freshmen Sophomore Junior Senior

Degree Goal: Associate Degree Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree PhD/Doctorate's Degree

Proposed Major: _____ Minor: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Housing arrangements while attending school:

Dormitory Apartment Rental Home Owner With Parents Other: _____

Educational History – Please List Most Current to Past

Name of College/Univ.	City/State	Date of Attendance	Credits Earned

I received my: High School Diploma G.E.D. Certificate Date of Graduation : _____

Name of High School: _____

Type of High School: Public Private Online Public Foreign BIA Boarding

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

As a Post-Secondary student, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE to ensure that all required documentation is on file and complete with the Higher Education Program – Education Department. Any misrepresentation or falsification, including failure to submit required documents as listed below is sufficient cause for cancellation/denial of San Carlos Apache Tribal Higher Education Program Award.

As student I shall adhere to the guidelines listed below:

1. **Submit a Higher Education Application by June 1st each academic year and November 1st for Winter/Spring semester.**
2. Documents must be postmarked by the deadline date.
 - a. Documents submitted after deadline date will be considered late and will result in Denial of the application.
3. **All first time/lapsed** applicants must submit their Office High School transcript or G.E.D. Certificate and Test Scores.
4. Submit an official Certification of Indian Blood from the San Carlos Apache Tribe Enrollment Office on a yearly basis.
5. Submit an Official Transcript before June 1st for Fall Semester and November 1st for Spring Semester.
 - a. High School Transcripts (First Time Applicant)
 - b. Official College/University Transcripts (Lapsed or Reapplying Applicant)
6. Complete an Application for a Free Application for Federal Student Aid Report – Student Aid Report
7. Submit a Letter of Admissions/Acceptance or Verification of Enrollment from an Accredited College/University.
8. Submit Financial Needs Analysis to your college/university Financial Aid Office
 - a. Submit in a timely manner to college/university Financial Aid Officer
 - b. Follow up with FNA with Financial Aid Officer
9. Submit a copy of Current Class Schedule
10. Submit a copy of Degree Plan I will be following
11. Submit a copy of Current Dorm/Lease Agreement while attending a College/University (Only for student who has Permanent Address on the San Carlos Apache Reservation)
12. Comply with the following academic standard **prior to receiving** funding:
 - i. Student shall maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average of a **2.50 or higher** with twelve (12) or more credit hours or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours. Graduated **High School Senior 2.0 G.P.A.** required. Students working **a Master's Degree or PhD** are required to have a **3.0 G.P.A.**
 - ii. Student shall **IMMEDIATELY** submit an official transcript upon completion of each academic semester/quarter.
13. The Higher Education Program shall place recipient on a **Probationary Award** status if the recipient did not earn enough credit hours according to applicable academic standard during the last academic term and complete term with grade point average between a 0.00-2.49.
14. The following types of classes will not be accepted as part of a full-time course load; Audit, Repeats, Workshops or Continuing Education Units (CEU) credit classes.
15. The Higher Education Program shall place a recipient on a **Probationary Award** status if the recipient repeated courses within the minimum twelve (12) credit hours from previous academic terms while receiving financial assistance.
16. Submit a signed disclosure statement "Student Consent Release" specifying the individual(s) to receive this information.
 - a. The Higher Education Program will not release any information, verbally or written to any third-party individual or agencies, parents, spouse and elected officials etc.
17. A recipient shall utilize the awarded funds specifically for educational expenses. Other use shall warrant automatic suspension and repayment of funds.
18. Although Deadline dates are posted, All Completed Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - a. All applicants are responsible for following up on their application status with the Higher Education Program.
19. Be RESPONSIBLE for understanding my rights and accountabilities regarding financial assistance, including to be informed of the Higher Education Policies herein.
20. Immediately report any **CHANGES** in Enrollment, Withdrawals and Transfers to the Higher Education Program.
21. Notify the Higher Education Program of your GRADUATION Date and shall submit a copy of degree and Official Transcript.
22. **All Applicants must be officially and fully accepted to a Post-Secondary institution accredited by one of the six national accrediting associations as recognized, approved and adopted by the SCAT Education Committee:**

MSA – Middle State Association of College and Schools	NCA – Northern Central Association of College and Schools
SACS – Southern Association of College and Schools	NEASC – New England Association of College and Schools
NASC – Northwest Association of College and Schools	WASC – Western Association of College and Schools
23. Consider all available scholarships; such as Federal, State, Intuition Aid and Private Sources separate from SCAT Higher Education Program Award.
24. Contact Indian Health Services for Medical Coverage Information (928) 475-2371

I hereby certify that information on this application and all the required documents that are submitted on my behalf are true and complete. I understand fully that any falsification or misrepresentation including Failure to Submit the required documents by deadline dates are sufficient for denial of Tribal Grant Award.

If and when, this application is approved I accept and agree to abide by and comply with the San Carlos Apache Tribe, Higher Education Program Policy and Procedures.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

STUDENT CONSENT FORM

NOTICE: ALL APPLICANT'S FILES SHALL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL BY THE SCAT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

In order for the Education Department to disclose any information in regards to the recipient's records, **a written consent form must be completed and on file.** No direct or indirect information will be revealed to a third-party individual, such as spouse, parent(s), extended family member(s) and any elected official.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ SSN: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____
(P.O. Box/Apt. # Street, City, State, Zip)

Marital Status: _____ Spouse Name: _____ No. of Dependent(s): _____

Father's Name: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____
 (First Name) (Last Name)

Mother's Name: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____
 (First Name) (Last Name)

43 CFR Subtitle A. 2.56 Disclosure of Records: No record contained in a system of records may be disclosed by any means of communication to any person or to another agency except pursuant to a written request by or with prior written consent of the individual to whom the record pertains.

I hereby give authorization to the SCAT Education Department to release any information or documents to the following individual(s):

Please mark one

I Authorize no one to receive information on my behalf, other than myself.

I Authorize these individuals listed below to receive information on my behalf.

Individual's Name	Relationship to Applicant	Information to be released
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Applicants Authorized Signature	Date