



12th Grade Checklist

Side A

- Apply each Fall and Spring semester for the Cherokee Nation Concurrent Enrollment scholarship. You may contact Brenda Butler at 918-207-3948 or check our website at <http://www.cherokee.org/Services/Education/CollegeResources.aspx> for application and questions. Be aware of DEADLINES or program changes!
- Request admissions information and school catalogs for schools of your choice.
- Register for upcoming ACT/SAT testing throughout the school year.
- During 2016-2017, ACT will again make fee waivers for the ACT test available to economically disadvantaged high school juniors and seniors. Funds are limited. Speak with your high school counselor.
- Check online for scholarships, College Prep and ACT Prep camps offered thru the Cherokee Nation Foundation at 918-207-0950 or www.cherokeefoundation.org. Be aware of DEADLINES.
- Check the websites of your college choices for online admissions applications. If they do not have applications available online, request an application by mail.
- Attend financial aid information night or college fairs at your school.
- Begin researching and completing applications for every scholarship you wish to apply for. Be aware of DEADLINES!
- **For financial assistance regarding vocational/technical school, contact the Cherokee Nation Career Services Department at 918-453-5555 (Tahlequah Office), check with the local Cherokee Nation Career Services office in your area, or go to the website <http://www.cherokee.org/Services/Career.aspx>**
- Finalize all materials you wish to include with your college admissions/scholarship applications.
- Gather all documents you will need to fill out the FAFSA and start a new file with copies of everything, including the FSA ID for you and your parents.
- Watch out for early college admissions notices, because they may arrive in December or January.



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- Check with high school counselor to see if you will be eligible for a “Request for Waiver or Deferral of College Admission application Fee”.
- Start checking your mailbox or email for acceptance letters from your college choices.
- As soon as possible after October 1, have your parents gather their completed income tax forms.
- Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible.
- Check your email for a notice that your Student Aid Report (SAR) is available as well as scholarship and college admissions information.
- Verify your paperwork with the financial aid office of your final college choice and submit any additional forms, such as tax return forms, as requested. Return any financial aid award notifications to your final college choice.
- For FAFSA advice, please contact your college financial aid office.
- Beginning February of each year, check online at <https://scholarships.cherokee.org> for the *Cherokee Nation Promise or Undergraduate scholarship application. **DEADLINES for the Cherokee Nation Promise will be in April 12, 2017 and the Cherokee Nation Undergraduate will be in June 15, 2017.**
- *Cherokee Nation College Resource Center offers a scholarship for Cherokee Nation citizens that will be Valedictorian or Salutatorian of their graduating class. Your high school counselor will receive the application in **March 2017 with a DEADLINE of April 12, 2017.**
- Inquire about the housing deadlines for your college choices. Some colleges have limited housing and are on a first come-first served basis.
- Check with Cherokee Nation Housing Authority at www.hacn.org for college housing assistance or call 918-456-5482 (Tahlequah Office). Be aware of **DEADLINES!**
- Follow up with your high school counselor or registrar to ensure that your final high school transcript has been forwarded to your final college choice.
- Plan for registration, enrollment, orientation, and housing and mark your calendar with important dates at your final college choice.