

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

CHOCTAW TEACHERS INITIATIVE

Application Form

Academic Year: AUG 2019 – MAY 2020

1. Applicant Full Legal Name:

2. Social Security Number: _____
3. Are you an enrolled Tribal member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Mailing address:

5. Phone number(s):

6. Tribal Scholarship recipient: Yes _____; No _____
7. Tribal Elementary School where currently employed:

8. Grade level currently teaching:

9. Fluent in Choctaw language: Yes _____; No _____
10. College or university you will attend (must be within Mississippi):

11. Have you already completed a minimum of 60 semester hours?
Yes _____ No _____
12. Number of semester hours already completed:

13. Have you submitted your official transcripts? Yes _____ No _____

14. Academic major:

15. Number of semester hours you will seek in Fall 2019 semester:

16. Availability to teach summer school in your nominating school:

Yes _____ No _____

17. Have you met all requirements for Background Investigation and Adjudication?

Yes _____ No _____

18. What grade level do you intend to teach once you complete your degree?

19. Will you be able to complete your B.A. or B.S. degree within two years?

Yes _____ No _____

20. Will you be able to receive your teacher's license from the Mississippi Department of Education within two years? Yes _____ No _____

21. Are you interested in teaching in the Choctaw Tribal School System once you receive your degree? Yes _____ No _____

22. Describe your cost-of-living needs or challenges you experience:

Transportation:

Childcare:

Household expenses:

Other:

23. List the names of three references who are not related to you, and who are familiar with your skills and abilities to succeed as an elementary teacher:

(1) Name: _____

In what capacity does this person know you? _____

How long has this person known you? _____

Phone number: _____

(2) Name: _____

In what capacity does this person know you? _____

How long has this person known you? _____

Phone number: _____

(3) Name: _____

In what capacity does this person know you? _____

How long has this person known you? _____

Phone number: _____

24. You will be required to write a proctored essay at a designated location within your nominating elementary school. Your assignment will be to write an informative essay describing why you desire to become a certified elementary teacher.

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Rules on Proctored Written Essay

1. The proctor should be either the school principal or his/her designee. The proctor should remain in the room at all times while the applicant is writing. The room should be quiet and free from noise and distractions.
2. Time limit for writing the essay is 90 minutes. Dictionaries, books, notebooks, computers, cell phones, etc., are not allowed with the applicant at the writing desk.
3. Applicants should be provided with several pages of blank 8 ½ x 11-inch paper to write their essays on.
4. The goal of the essay requirement is to gauge applicants' writing ability and thinking skills as a determining factor of likelihood of success in finishing their degrees and being teachers.

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Participation Acceptance / Declination Form**

I, (print name) _____, am hereby (check one of the following) _____ (Accepting); _____ (Declining) the offer presented to me to participate in the 2019-2020 Program Year of the Choctaw Teachers Initiative. By initialing below, I do certify and attest that I satisfy the qualifications to participate:

- _____ 1. I have completed the Application Form;
- _____ 2. I am a member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians;
- _____ 3. I am a Tribal-member Teacher Aide currently employed in the Choctaw Tribal School system;
- _____ 4. I am enrolling in a college or university within the state of Mississippi;
- _____ 5. I am majoring in Elementary Education that leads to teacher licensure in Pre-K through grade 6;
- _____ 6. I have indicated the number of credit hours I am pursuing each semester;
- _____ 7. I am able to satisfy all Background Investigation and Adjudication requirements;
- _____ 8. I have already earned at least 60 or more college credit hours;
- _____ 9. I have submitted my official transcript of all college course work completed to date to the Tribal Scholarship Officer;
- _____ 10. I am eligible to receive a Tribal scholarship;
- _____ 11. I am in good standing with Tribal Scholarship Program rules;
- _____ 12. I will be able to satisfactorily complete all college coursework within a 2-year period;
- _____ 13. I will be able to secure Teacher certification and State licensure from the Mississippi Department of Education within a 2-year period.

Signature

Date Signed