



Cherokee Nation Chief and Deputy Chief Honor Awards (Formerly Valedictorian/Salutatorian Scholarship)

The Cherokee Nation Chief and Deputy Chief Honor Awards are a one-time scholarship program for high school seniors who are registered Cherokee citizens in a public high school located within the Cherokee Nation Reservation or contiguous counties and have been named as the Valedictorian or Salutatorian for the Class of 2025. Students must have a 3.5 GPA or above. In cases where schools do not name Valedictorians or Salutatorians, a Class Rank of 1 or 2 will qualify for the scholarship award. Residency restrictions apply. See map on reverse side for service area. The map indicates the Cherokee Nation Reservation area that is in the Northeast Oklahoma area and the contiguous counties (blue area on map) include:

Arkansas – Sebastian, Crawford, Washington, & Benton Counties.

Missouri – McDonald County.

Kansas – Chautauqua, Montgomery, Labette, & Cherokee Counties.

Oklahoma – LeFlore, Haskell, Pittsburg, McIntosh, Muskogee, Wagoner, Tulsa, & Osage Counties.

Cherokee Nation will pay for one (1) Chief Honor Award (Valedictorian) in the amount of \$1000 and one (1) Deputy Chief Honor Award (Salutatorian) in the amount of \$750 per school. If the high school decides to select more than one Valedictorian or Salutatorian, the award will be distributed equally between the number of eligible awardees.

For example, if your school named four (4) Cherokee Nation citizens as Valedictorians, we would give each of those students a \$250 award for a total of \$1000; if your school named five (5) Cherokee Nation citizens as Salutatorians, we would give each of those students a \$150 award for a total of \$750.

Each registered Cherokee Nation citizen that has been selected as a Valedictorian or Salutatorian for the Class of 2024 will apply online and applications must include all required documentation.

Apply online at <https://gadugiportal.cherokee.org/>

Opens:
March 4, 2025

Deadline:
March 31, 2025

Required Documents:

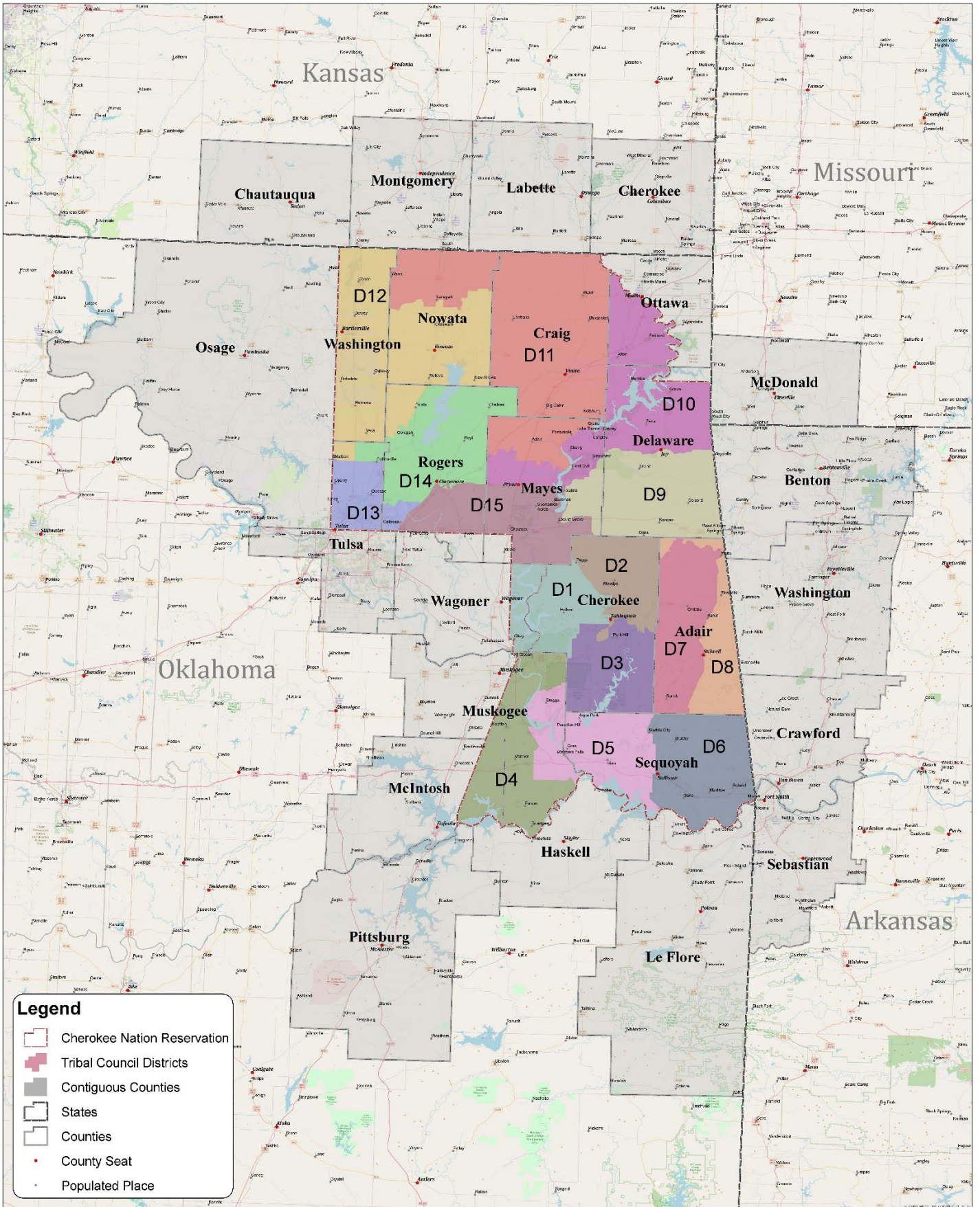
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W-9 Form

(Individual Cherokee Nation W-9 form can be obtained on College Resources Center website at <https://www.cherokee.org/all-services/education-services/college-resources/high-school-resources/> under the “Downloads” section)

For more information, call (800) 256-0671 ext. 5465, email collegeresources@cherokee.org or visit our website <https://www.cherokee.org/all-services/education-services/college-resources/>



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