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**Tribal Youth Council**

**APPLICATION  
DEADLINE  
BY 5 pm CST,  
SEPT. 6, 2023**

## Seeking Applications

Cherokee Nation is seeking applications for the 2023-24 Cherokee Nation Tribal Youth Council. To apply you must read and understand the duties of the position, meet ALL of the eligibility requirements. Submit complete application and all required documents as specified by the deadline of 5 pm CST, **Wednesday, September 6, 2023.**



### Duties

- Physically attend required monthly Tribal Youth Council Meetings, if permitted. Meetings may be virtual. (No financial assistance for travel.)
- Physically attend quarterly Tribal Council Meetings, if permitted.
- Agree to serve a complete 1-year term.
- Adhere to deadlines and turn in all paperwork and forms in a timely manner.
- Actively participate in ALL community service projects and peer discussions.
- Be a positive influence in your community and on your friends.
- Maintain acceptable academic standing.
- Conduct your behavior properly as an ambassador of the Cherokee Nation.
- Abide by all CNTYC By-Laws and CNTYC Policy and Procedures.
- Follow all directions of the Advisor.

### E-Mail or Hand Deliver

Application to:  
**Cherokee Nation  
Tribal Youth Council**  
[youth-leadership@cherokee.org](mailto:youth-leadership@cherokee.org)  
**Cherokee Nation  
W.W. Keeler Tribal Complex  
Tahlequah, OK**

### Download Application From

[www.cherokee.org](http://www.cherokee.org)  
**Education Services**

### Eligibility

- Be a Cherokee Nation Citizen
- Be age 15-22, (must be 15 by 10/1/23 and must be 22 at time of application and may turn 23 during the 2023-24 term. Term is 10/1/23 - 9/15/24)
- Must have a permanent address inside the 14-county Cherokee Nation reservation.
- Must have a permanent address outside the 14-county Cherokee Nation reservation. (At-Large applicants)
- Be engaged in a program of education and in good standing, with a GPA of not less than 2.5 on a 4 point scale.
- Applicants selected to serve on the TYC 23-24, will not be allowed to participate in other Cherokee Nation youth programs simultaneously. Submit completed application by the deadline of **5 pm, CST, Wednesday, September 6, 2023.**

***Faxed applications will NOT be accepted -- No Exceptions.***



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Office of the Chief

**Chuck Hoskin Jr.**  
*Principal Chief*

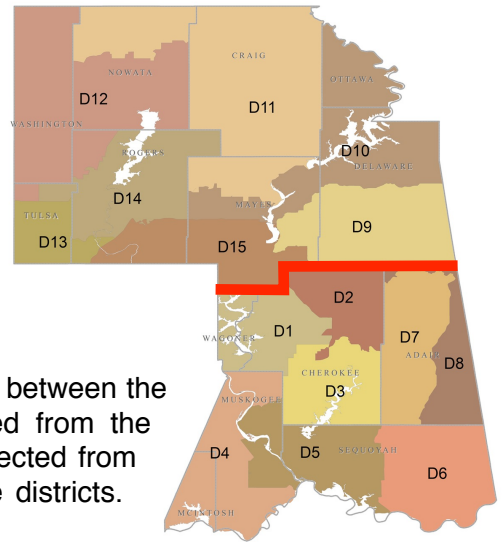
**Bryan Warner**  
*Deputy Principal Chief*

July 7, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to announce that Cherokee Nation is currently seeking applicants for the 2023-24 Cherokee National Tribal Youth Council (CNTYC).

The CNTYC was established with the endorsement of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council by Resolution on October 14, 1989. The Tribal Council introduced establishing the CNTYC Act, it passed unanimously on May 17, 2021. The purpose of the CNTYC is to promote mental and physical well being of tribal youth. The CNTYC will also play an advisory role to the Cherokee Nation, particularly when youth issues are being discussed. The goal of Cherokee Nation Education Services is to build leadership qualities in youth and prepare them for their futures. The CNTYC will play a vital role in ensuring that youth have a voice to those making decisions and policies that affect them. Councilors are expected to be leaders in their homes, schools and communities and will take part in community meetings and service projects. Councilors will also attend Cherokee Tribal Council meetings.



As illustrated on the map to the right, the red line indicates a division between the north and south districts; seven eligible applicants will be selected from the northern districts (9 thru 15) and nine eligible applicants will be selected from the southern districts (1 thru 8), and one At-Large from outside the districts. Your residence determines your District.

To be eligible for consideration for **one of the seventeen** seats open, on the CNTYC, the applicant must review and complete all steps found on the Application Eligibility, Duties & Check List found in this application packet.

**The application must be received by 5 pm CST Wednesday, September 6, 2023 to be eligible for consideration. Email applications to [lisa-trice-turtle@cherokee.org](mailto:lisa-trice-turtle@cherokee.org) or [youth-leadership@cherokee.org](mailto:youth-leadership@cherokee.org).** Faxed applications will NOT be accepted -- No Exceptions. All applicants will receive notice when and if they are selected. Councilors will be selected in October 2023 and there will be an official swearing in ceremony to be held, in October 2023 (attendance is required pending safety guidelines.) Councilors will serve a one-year term beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 15, 2024. Please contact [lisa-trice-turtle@cherokee.org](mailto:lisa-trice-turtle@cherokee.org) if you have questions or need further information.

Lisa Trice-Turtle  
Cherokee Nation Education Services

Hand Deliver or Mail Application to:

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Tribal Youth Council  
P.O. Box 948  
Tahlequah, OK 74465-0948**

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To apply for the Cherokee Nation Tribal Youth Council, you must read and understand the duties of the position, meet ALL of the eligibility requirements, and complete and submit all required documents by the specified deadline.

### Duties

- Physically attend required monthly Tribal Youth Council Meetings. Meetings may be virtual. (No financial assistance for travel.)
- Physically attend quarterly Tribal Council Meetings
- Agree to serve a complete 1-year term,
- Adhere to deadlines and turn in all paperwork and forms in a timely manner,
- Actively participate in all community service projects and peer discussions,
- Be a positive influence in your community and on your friends,
- Maintain acceptable academic standing,
- Conduct your behavior properly as an ambassador of the Cherokee Nation,
- Follow all directions of the advisor and adhere to the code of conduct.
- Abide by all CNTYC By-Laws and CNTYC Policy and Procedures.

### Eligibility

- Be a Cherokee Nation Citizen,
- Have a permanent address inside the 14-county Cherokee Nation reservation.
- Must have a permanent address outside the 14-county Cherokee Nation reservation (At-Large)
- Be engaged in a program of education and in good standing, with a GPA of not less than 2.5 on a 4.0 point scale,
- Be age 15-22,(must be 15 by 10/1/2023 and must be 22 at time of application, may turn 23 during the 2023-24 term. Term is 10/1/23 - 9/15/24.)
- Submit your completed application by the **deadline, 5 pm CST, Wed., September 6, 2023.**
- Applicants selected to serve on the TYC 23-24, will not be allowed to participate in other Cherokee Nation Youth Ambassador programs simultaneously.

### Check List

✓	Items to be submitted with your application.
Complete this application Packet including the following forms	
	Tribal Youth Council Application
	Applicant Profile Information
	Parent Information Sheet
	Consent and Release Form
	Media Release Form
3 Letters of Recommendation	
	1 Letters of Recommendation from School Official, Teacher, Counselor, etc.
	1 Letters of Recommendation from an Organization you are affiliated within a Tribal Community
	1 Letters of Recommendation from someone of your choice
	Personal Resumé including clubs or organizations you are a member and list any officer positions held and duration.
	Essay Questions: <b>1- Why do you want to be on the Tribal Youth Council? 2-What are three issues facing Cherokee Youth today? What causes these issues? Specifically, how could the Tribal Youth Council address/impact each issue? 3-If given the chance to propose tribal legislation, what would that be and why?</b> Essay length is up to you; 1 to 2 typed pages should suffice. Answer all three questions.
	Copy of most recent transcript. (official or unofficial accepted)
	Include a recent school-type photo (head and shoulders) referred to as a headshot

**Failure to meet and comply with any/all rules listed above  
will be ground for immediate dismissal from the program.**

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**Applicant Information (print or type)**

Full Name						
Permanent Address						
City, State Zip code						
Alternate Address (school address)						
City, State Zip code Alternate						
Cherokee Nation Registry # (CO# or Blue Card Number)				Date of Birth		
Email Address						
Cell Number				Text OK?	Y	N
Home Phone Number						
District Number				County		
Current Grade Level (circle)	9	10	11	12	College	Other
School Attending						
School Address						
School City, State Zip code						

**District and County Reference**

D1- Wagoner, Cherokee	D2 - Cherokee	D3 - Cherokee	D4 - McIntosh, Muskogee	D5 - Muskogee, Sequoyah
D6 - Sequoyah	D7 - Adair	D8 - Adair	D9 - Delaware, Mayes	D10 - Delaware, Mayes, Ottawa
D11 - Craig, Mayes	D12 - Nowata, Rogers, Tulsa, Washington	D13 - Rogers, Tulsa	D14 - Rogers, Tulsa	D15 - Mayes, Rogers
At-Large				

Please rank your proficiency in the following areas. 1 being no ability and 10 being an expert. Place an X in one box per line.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Speak Cherokee										
Read Cherokee										
Write Cherokee										
Public Speaking										
Desire to Learn GWY										
Parliamentary Procedure										
History of Cherokee Nation										

Tell us a little about your favorite things...

Color:		Food:	
Drink:		Snack:	
Sport/Activity:		Non-Profit Organization:	
Do you work?	Y      N	If Yes, Employer:	

If employed, please provide days and hours you work:

**Personal References (in addition to your three recommendation letters)**

Name	Number	Relationship	Years Known

**Parent/Guardian Information (print or type)**

1	Full Name			
	Address			
	City, State Zip code			
	Cell Number		Text OK?	Y    N
	Home Number			
	Email Address			
	Work Number			
2	Full Name			
	Address			
	City, State Zip code			
	Cell Number		Text OK?	Y    N
	Home Number			
	Email Address			
	Work Number			
E1	Emergency Contact Name			
	Number		Relationship?	
E2	Emergency Contact Name			
	Number		Relationship?	

**I permit my child to self administer the following prescription  
 or over-the-counter medications as needed or prescribed.**

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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL/DENTAL CONSENT**

By signing below, I give permission for CHEROKEE NATION, CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL, and persons acting for or through them, permission to have me/my child treated for any medical/dental emergencies that are necessary while attending sponsored trip(s). I understand that Cherokee Nation will not be responsible for, or liable for, any medical/dental emergency treatment rendered by a licensed emergency medical facility or cost incurred due to emergency treatment provided. (Please provide copies, front and back, of medical and/or dental insurance card).

This authorization of permission to have me/my child treated for any medical/dental emergencies that are necessary will remain in effect as long as my child is actively participating in a CHEROKEE NATION program from the date given below unless revoked in writing.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN PEER DISCUSSION GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES**

I further authorize my child to take part in all activities and peer group discussion. Students have participated in activities including: ropes courses, swimming, science and chemistry lab experiments, robotics, air travel, public transportation, walking, bike riding, use of tools to construct floats, homes and other displays for program promotion. The youth are encouraged to discuss any topic of social significance and there is no limit the subject matter of discussion. They are further encouraged to think critically and develop an understanding of their personal biases when taking part in peer discussion.

In case I cannot be reached, any of the following persons is designated to act on my behalf.

Lisa Trice-Turtle or designated staff representative.

*By signing below, I/WE certify that all the information given in my application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that, if selected, I am willing and able to fulfill the obligations of Cherokee National Tribal Youth Councilor, including attending all mandatory meetings and other requirements. I promise that I am not now and have not been involved with delinquency or substance abuse. I promise that I am a citizen of Cherokee Nation and am not affiliated with any other tribe and will perform the duties of Councilor with honesty and integrity, to the best of my ability. I understand some travel will be required. As the Parent I agree to support my child's decision to participate in this program and will provide and necessary transportation for my child to and from events and other obligations as needed.*

Authorization and Consent			
Party	Name	Signature	Date
Tribal Youth			
Parent (if under 18)			





## Media Release Form

I hereby allow the CHEROKEE NATION and its entities to use my image for non-commercial purposes, including publication and release to media outlets and websites. I release, discharge, and agree to save the CHEROKEE NATION and its entities from any liability for non-commercial use of my image.

I hereby represent that I am over the age of 18 years, and have read this authorization and release prior to its execution. I have not been induced, other than by the consideration received, to execute the same by any representation or statement made by the CHEROKEE NATION.

Authorization and Consent			
Party	Name	Signature	Date
Tribal Youth			
Parent (if under 18)			



-Include copies of the following:

Photo  
DL  
Student ID (if your school provides)  
Copy of Cherokee Nation Blue Citizenship Card  
Most recent transcript(s)  
Resume  
Reference Letters (3)  
Essays (3)

-Make sure to answer all three essay questions.

-Make sure to submit your complete application packet, by the deadline of 5 pm CST, Wednesday, September 6, 2023 or sooner. You may submit your application prior to the deadline.

-Submit to Email: [lisa-trice-turtle@cherokee.org](mailto:lisa-trice-turtle@cherokee.org)

-Submit by Hand Delivered: W.W. Keeler Tribal Complex, Education Services, Tribal Youth Council, 17675S. Muskogee Ave., Tahlequah, OK 74464, Phone: (918) 453-5000.

-Submit by US Postal Service, but must be received by the deadline, 5 pm, September 6, 2023.

