



# Public Health and Wellness Merit Scholarship

**Required Documents:** (to be included with this form)

- ❖ College Transcripts
- ❖ Essay
- ❖ Copy of Applicable Test Scores (ACT, SAT, MCAT, GRE, HESI, TEAS, etc.)
- ❖ Copy of Social Security Card
- ❖ Letter of Acceptance into your Academic Program
- ❖ Copy of your Fall 2026 Class Schedule

**Note:** There are no residency restrictions for this scholarship.

## I. Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
*Last First MI*

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School Email \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Email \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cherokee Nation Citizenship Number \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a veteran? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Educational Information

Name of University \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact at University \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Seeking \_\_\_\_\_

Major Area of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Area of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Approved Degree Plan on File with Institutional Advisor? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Name of Institutional Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor's Email \_\_\_\_\_

List any earned licenses or certifications in relevant field \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Cherokee Language Skills

Do speak Cherokee? Yes \_\_\_\_ Very Little \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do you read Cherokee? Yes \_\_\_\_ Very Little \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do you write Cherokee? Yes \_\_\_\_ Very Little \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

### IV. Essay

Please provide your answers to the following questions in essay form. The essay should be no more than 2,000 words. The essay weighs heavily toward your rating and will be judged by the Scholarship Committee on how well it is written.

- a. **Academic Performance** – Describe your approach to academic success or explain how you have overcome any academic hurdles.
- b. **Career Goals** - Describe your specific career goals related to your major and provide detailed examples of actions you have taken beyond coursework to achieve those goals.
- c. **Cherokee Community** – Describe any relevant participation in cultural activities, volunteer work, or education you have received on Cherokee language, history, cultural teachings, etc.
- d. **Cherokee Nation Labor Market** - Explain your interest in working for Cherokee Nation in a healthcare role and describe your long-term goals related to serving in the Cherokee Nation Reservation.
- e. **Community Involvement & Service** - Describe your involvement in service or volunteer activities that support Cherokee Nation or the broader community.
- f. **Cultural Contributions** - Explain the actions you have taken to promote Cherokee culture and how your background or experiences contribute to cultural preservation.
- g. **Extra-Curricular Activities** - Provide a list with a brief explanation of your role and involvement with extra-curricular activities in the capacity of leadership and excellence.
- h. **Work Experience** - Describe your work or volunteer experience related to public health or healthcare, including your responsibilities, skills gained, and relevance to your intended profession.