



## Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma's Career Development Program

### Department of Education's Indian Education Teacher Preparation Project

The goal of the Choctaw Nation's Teach to Reach Project is to provide support and professional development to Native American individuals to complete a bachelor's degree in Education and meet all requirements for full state certifications or licensure as an Oklahoma teacher. The focus of this funding is to train more Native Americans to enter teacher education programs and become highly qualified educators.

#### **Benefits of Participation:**

- Receive Funding for Tuition, Books & Fees
- Monthly Living Stipend
- Technology Allowance
- Mentor Teacher Support
- Professional Development & Cultural Experiences
- Testing or Exam Fees
- Assistance with Job Placement
- Support for the First Two Years of Employment
- Funding for Classroom School Supplies upon Employment

#### **Qualifications:**

- Member of a Native American Tribe
- Choctaw Tribal Member Preference
- Accepted to a Teacher Education Program
- Enrolled at one of the Partner Universities (ECU, NSU, OSU, OU and UCO)
- Willing to Teach at a Public School with a High Population of Native American Students

#### **Service Payback:**

- Awardees will teach in a school with a significant Indian population equivalent to the length of time that benefits were received.
- Failure to complete the degree or service payback will result in a required cashback to the Office of Indian Education for the total amount of benefits received.

#### **A complete application packet must consist of:**

- Application
- Copy of Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)
- Copies of all College Transcripts (unofficial is accepted)
- Minimum Accumulated GPA of 2.5
- Letter of Acceptance into Education program from one of the Partner Universities

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