

Choctaw Alumni Association (CAA) Alumni Memorial Scholarship

Background:

The Choctaw Alumni Association (CAA) has established the *Alumni Memorial Scholarship* to honor the memory and legacy of Choctaw High School (CHS) alumni, faculty, and staff.

- Many CHS alumni, faculty, and staff had profound impact and influence within their respective families, communities, and professions.
- Their individual and collective experiences in the C-NP Schools were instrumental in molding and preparing them for their future life and career endeavors.
- This scholarship seeks to honor their accomplishments, legacies, and memories – especially those whose loved ones have provided Remembrance/In-Memoriam donations to the CAA as listed in the following link: [Alumni Remembrance/In Memoriam - Choctaw Alumni Association \(CAA\)](#)

Scholarship Amount: \$2,000

Scholarship Type: Annual (starting in Spring 2023)

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:

- A graduating CHS Senior with plans to further their educational/career pursuits at an accredited college, university, and/or vocational-technical school;
- An individual exhibiting:
 - a GPA of 3.0 or better - reflective of a sincere commitment to learning;
 - an attitude of respect for student peers, C-NP school administrators, faculty, and staff;
 - the ability to work with others in the achievement of common goals;
 - conduct that illustrates dependability, honesty, integrity, and concern for others;
 - involvement/participation in activities outside the formal classroom environment (school-related extra-curricular; church; community; ... etc.);
 - overall characteristics that continue to honor the legacy of CHS Alumni and the mission of the CAA.

Scholarship Application Process Criteria:

- **Scholarship applicants** will be required to:
 - research the history of the Choctaw-Nicoma Park School District, the legacy of past CHS Alumni, and the Choctaw Alumni Association;
 - attend a C-NP School District Board meeting;
 - complete the scholarship application form supplied by the C-NP School District;
 - provide written recommendation from C-NP faculty member(s);
 - include typewritten report (two page minimum) on their research, Board meeting attendance, and their plans for scholarship use as part of the scholarship application package;
 - submit the completed scholarship application package to the designated C-NP School District office no later than 31 March.

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Scholarship Selection/Award Process:

- **CHS administration/faculty representative(s)** - as designated by the C-NP School District Superintendent - shall:
 - incorporate the **Alumni Memorial Scholarship** criteria as outlined herein into an approved C-NP School District scholarship application form/format;
 - include this document in its entirety in the scholarship application package;
 - refer applicants to the CAA website - www.choctawalumni.org - for additional reference.
 - advertise/communicate availability of the scholarship;
 - accept applications in accordance with C-NP School District policies and CAA scholarship criteria as outlined herein;
 - notify designated CAA scholarship point of contact of scholarship application review schedule.
- **The CAA** reserves the right to have at least one CAA representative involved in the scholarship application review/selection/award process.
- **The CHS/CAA scholarship review team** shall:
 - review applications, ensure compliance with scholarship criteria, and/or interview applicants as deemed appropriate;
 - determine the applicant to whom the scholarship will be awarded;
 - financial and/or any subjective "need based" criteria shall not factor into award consideration;
 - notify the CAA of the scholarship recipient and provide the recipient's application package.

Scholarship Presentation:

- **The CAA** will work with the designated CHS administration/faculty representative(s) and/or C-NP School District leadership to arrange for formal presentation of the scholarship.
 - Scholarship presentation at a C-NP School District Board meeting is the preferable option.

Scholarship Payment:

- **The CAA** will make scholarship payment by check - made payable and mailed directly to the registrar/bursar at the accredited institution where the scholarship recipient is enrolled.
- **The scholarship recipient** will:
 - obtain the applicable payee information and mailing address of the registrar/bursar office to whom the scholarship payment shall be made;
 - provide this payee information to the CAA via email to info@choctawalumni.org and caa@choctawalumni.org --or-- via written correspondence mailed to the CAA at PO Box 51, Choctaw, OK 73020.
 - allow a minimum of four (4) weeks lead time for the CAA to make scholarship payment arrangements.