Background:

***The Choctaw Alumni Association (CAA) - in partnership with CHS Class of 1970 Alumnus, Dr. Robby Whiteley - has established the Robby Whiteley Health Profession Scholarship to encourage and motivate Choctaw High School seniors to pursue a career in the health profession to serve others.***

Scholarship Amount:  Two at $2,500 each

Scholarship Type:  Annual (starting in Spring 2025)

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:

* A graduating CHS Senior with plans to further their educational/career pursuits in the health profession at an accredited college, university, and/or vocational-technical school.
* An individual exhibiting:
  + a GPA of 3.75 or better - reflective of a sincere commitment to learning
  + shadow a health professional in desired field (documented minimum of 8 hours)
  + demonstrate via work experience, volunteering or written reference, a compassion to help others
  + write an essay on why you desire a career in the health profession
  + 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:
  + 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 why they are pursuing a career in the health profession 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 the deadline outlined in the application process.

Scholarship Selection/Award Process:

* **CHS administration/faculty representative(s)** - as designated by the C-NP School District Superintendent – shall:
  + incorporate the ***Robby Whiteley Health Profession Scholarship*** criteria as outlined herein into an approved C-NP School District scholarship application form/format
  + 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 chair 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 the Scholarship Chairperson
  + allow a minimum of four (4) weeks lead time for the CAA to make scholarship payment arrangements.