



CATCHING THE DREAM

"Education is the seed that provides spiritual and individual growth."

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

IMPORTANT: Please read all application materials thoroughly before completing this application. Applications that are incomplete or unsigned will not be reviewed. **MUST BE TYPED! NEVER FAX OR EMAIL. ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE ORIGINAL. THE CIB MUST COME DIRECTLY FROM TRIBAL OFFICE. THE FINANCIAL NEEDS ANALYSIS MUST COME DIRECTLY FROM THE COLLEGE.**

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION:** CTD's objective is to recognize and reward outstanding student achievement. This supplemental award is intended to help Native American Indian students who are *¼ or more degree American Indian, and an enrolled member of a U.S. tribe.* "U.S. Tribe" is defined as federally recognized, state recognized or terminated. All awards are based on merit, academic achievement and ambition. *Students must attend a college or university on a full-time basis, seeking a BA or higher. CTD does not fund students studying out of the country or attending non-accredited institutions, vocational, technical institutions, distance learning or online programs.* Catching the Dream scholarships are awarded for life. If you win, you will never have to apply again. However, if you are not selected for scholarship with CTD, you cannot apply again.
2. **DEADLINES:** It is the applicant's sole responsibility to meet all final deadlines of CTD. Missing material due to failure by others to meet final deadlines will cause your application not to be processed. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to follow up and ensure that CTD receives valid documents on or before designated deadlines. **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

<u>Important Deadlines:</u>	<i>Summer Session</i>	<i>March 15</i>
	<i>Fall Semester / Autumn Quarter</i>	<i>April 30</i>
	<i>Spring Semester / Winter Quarter</i>	<i>September 15</i>

3. **FUNDING:** Because we are a supplemental aid program, applicants are required to apply for *all other sources* of funding for which they are eligible; this includes applying for campus-based aid. We strongly recommend that applicants look through private scholarship directories for information on over 100,000 scholarships, grants, loan and internships. Go to www.fastweb.com, www.scholarship.com and www.salliemae.com. A wide range of corporations, unions, trust funds, religious and fraternal organizations, associations, and private philanthropists can provide you with financial assistance you need to continue your education. Please use our form to list all scholarships you have applied for and fill out completely.
4. **AWARDS:** Scholarships are on a competitive basis. Awards are based on CTD's projected income. Student that are awarded will be notified by letter as early as possible.
5. **PLEASE TYPE ALL MATERIAL SUBMITTED:** **Do not staple, bind, or clip any part of the application; leave it loose leaf. Submit all documents on standard size paper (8 ½ x 11).** Documents should be placed in the order as specified on page 4 of the application. Do not place labels or dividers in application packet. Use extra pages if necessary. **DO NOT LEAVE BLANK SPACES.** Failure to supply the requested information may preclude an applicant from being eligible for assistance under this program.
6. Proper completion of this application will determine your eligibility for scholarship funding. Students never funded by CTD are considered new students. Continuing students (those who are currently funded by CTD) do not have to reapply. **Instead,** go to our website at www.catchingthedream.org look for **Renewal Forms:** Follow the instructions they must be completed two weeks after the start of each semester. CTD does not place a limit on the number of terms/semesters for funding. We consider our scholarships "lifetime" awards. Therefore, it is in your best interest to make the time and the utmost effort to complete the application in its entirety.
7. **NO! Faxed or E-mail applications or documents will not be accepted.** All applications must be mailed and received in our office by the designated deadline in order to be processed.