



# Academic Development Program

*Building Opportunity with Pride, Tradition & Strength*

## PURPOSE

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Ho-Chunk, Inc. will sponsor interested Winnebago tribal member students, 7th-12th grade, to attend educational events to boost their academic learning, provide exposure to colleges, schools, and other academic organizations outside of Winnebago, and help gap summer learning loss. The Academic Development Program (ADP) may fund travel, registration expenses, and other related expenses.

## FUNDING GUIDELINES

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ADP award recipients may be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 total for registration fees, travel costs, and other related expenses. Past recipients may reapply. However, the lifetime maximum amount a student can receive is \$2,000. Funding is only available for the student recipient.

Registration checks will be issued directly to the host organization of the event and arrangements will be made with the student's parent/guardian regarding travel. Ho-Chunk, Inc. reserves the right to determine the most economical method of travel based on the event location. If a student airline flight is required, the flight will be arranged by Ho-Chunk, Inc. The student's guardian will be responsible for transporting the student to and from the airport. Mileage to and from the airport will not be considered for reimbursement. If it is deemed that transportation by automobile to and from the event is the most economic mode of travel, the student's parent/guardian will be reimbursed at the Ho-Chunk, Inc. established mileage rate.

## ELIGIBILITY

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To apply to the Ho-Chunk, Inc. Academic Development Program, applicants must:

- Have an overall GPA of 2.5 or above
- Be a United States citizen
- Be an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and/or descendance
- Be a student between 7th and 12th grade. Students who are entering the 7th grade in the fall and those who have recently graduated from high school are also eligible.
- Be a student in good standing for school attendance and behavior.

## PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

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Each recipient will be required to attend all scheduled days of the event and to fully participate in the activities the event offers. Within one week of returning from the event, the student must write and submit a reflection essay detailing their event experience, what was learned, and relevant photos.

**This must be submitted to Caden Cleveland at [ccleveland@hochunkinc.com](mailto:ccleveland@hochunkinc.com) or 818 St. Augustines Dr., Winnebago, NE 68071.**

## HOW TO APPLY

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All applicants must submit the following items:

- Completed Ho-Chunk, Inc. ADP application forms, including the Liability Release Form and Student Code of Conduct Agreement, both signed by the student and parent/guardian. *(Pages 3-5)*
- Flyer and/or registration form that outlines the event dates, costs, location, schedule, etc.
- Proof of Winnebago enrollment and/or descentance. Tribal ID, Letter of Acceptance, etc.
- Grade transcript or report that is signed and dated by school staff
- For 7th-8th grades, list of community and school activities. For 9th-12th grades, include a one-page resume.
- One page statement written by the student that answers: What do you hope to gain by attending this event?

**Applications must be submitted at least **two weeks** before the event begins to allow adequate time for registration and travel considerations.** Applications not received two weeks in advance will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Sports camps are not eligible for this program.

## SUBMIT

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Please print or download the following forms, complete the information, and submit all required items by mail or email.  
**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

### OPTION 1: PRINT & MAIL

→ Caden Cleveland  
818 St. Augustines Dr.  
Winnebago, NE 68071

### OPTION 2: DOWNLOAD & EMAIL\*

→ [ccleveland@hochunkinc.com](mailto:ccleveland@hochunkinc.com)

*\*A single PDF attachment, containing all required documents, is preferred.*

## APPLICATION FORM

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All applicants must complete and submit this form, along with all other required documents listed on the previous page, at least two weeks before the event. *Questions can be directed to Caden Cleveland at [ccleveland@hochunkinc.com](mailto:ccleveland@hochunkinc.com).*

Student Name:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone Number:

Have you ever participated in the Ho-Chunk, Inc. Academic Development Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, when:

Name & Address of School:

Grade: ☐ 7th ☐ 8th ☐ 9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th ☐ Other: GPA:

What is the educational event you would like to attend?

Event Date(s): Are you able to commit to attending the entire event? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Estimate the cost to attend this event.

Event Registration:

If you list Other Related Expenses, please briefly describe what those may be.

Travel Expense:

Other Related Expenses: →

**Total:**

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION & AUTHORIZATION

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Parent/Guardian Name:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone Number:

**My signature verifies that my child has my permission to attend the event described in this application.**

Signature:

Date:

## LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

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In consideration for being accepted by Ho-Chunk, Inc. for participation in the Academic Development Program ("Program"), we (I), on behalf of our/my child-participant who is under the age of 21 years, agree to hold harmless Ho-Chunk, Inc., its officer, directors, employees and agents from any and all liability, injury, loss, cost, damage, attorney's fees or other expenses which may be sustained or incurred by our/my child as a result of or arising out of, or connected with our/my child's participation in the Program from any cause. This liability release is specifically intended to include any negligence, active negligence or primary liability of the Program, its sponsors, organizers, agents, and employees, and any owner, operator, lessee, or other provider of facilities for the Program and their agents and employees, as well as the responsibility of any other person.

As further consideration, we (I) assume all risks and hazards incidental to our/my child's participation in the Program, including transportation to and from the Program. We (I) fully and forever release and discharge Ho-Chunk, Inc., its officer, directors, employees and agents, from any and all claims, agreements, action, suits, obligations, injuries, loss of life, judgments and liabilities of whatever kind or nature, whether now known or unknown, which might be alleged in connection with or attributable to the Program, its sponsors, organizers, agents, and employees, and any owner, operator, lessee, or other provider of facilities for the Program and their agents and employees, as well as the responsibility of any other person. It is understood that this release is given to Ho-Chunk, Inc. in exchange for sponsoring our/my child's participation in the Program.

Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to Ho-Chunk, Inc. to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging for this child-participant.

We (I) are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this child-participant, and hereby grant our/my permission for our/my child to participate fully in all trip and event activities of the Program.

Child's Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature 1:

Date:

Parent Signature 2:

Date:

*Both parents must sign this liability release form unless parents are separated or divorced, in which case the custodial parent or legal guardian must sign.*

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

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Emergency Contact Name:

Relationship to Child:

Phone Number:

## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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**Student:** Carefully read the following Code of Conduct. If you agree and are willing to comply with all of the expectations of the Code of Conduct for the Ho-Chunk, Inc. Academic Development Program, please sign at the bottom of the page.

**Parent/Guardian:** Please read and sign the following to indicate your intent to support this Code of Conduct concerning your child.

If selected as an award recipient of the Ho-Chunk, Inc. Academic Development Program, I agree that I will:

- Participate in all aspects of the camp program and follow the daily event schedule.
- Conduct myself appropriately during the entire duration of the trip and event.
- Be committed to participate in educational and leadership activities.
- Display good sportsmanship during any competitive activities.
- Show respect towards other participants, students, advisors, instructors, and staff.
- Follow instructions from any advisor, adult supervisor, or event staff.
- Only use the recreation areas at the scheduled times and follow the policies in place for that area.
- Assume personal responsibility for any event equipment I use and will pay for any loss or breakage due to misuse.
- Respect the event property and equipment.
- Not bring or use any form of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or fireworks while at event.
- Wear appropriate clothing at all times, and I will not wear items with inappropriate advertising, including drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, or violence.
- Not enter any area that houses members of the opposite sex.
- Be in my assigned room for the night prior to curfew.
- Not participate in any act of violence. I understand that acts of violence will not be tolerated and that firearms and weapons, including knives, are prohibited while traveling to or from event and during event.
- Furthermore, I understand that any use of inappropriate language, conduct or harassment is prohibited.

Failure to meet these standards will result in the following:

- I may be asked to call my parents/guardians and report conduct not in compliance with these guidelines.
- At the event staff or Director's discretion, non-compliance with these standards may result in student removal from event and parents guardians arranging transportation home.
- Inappropriate conduct will make the student ineligible for additional event funding for minimally a full year, or indefinitely, depending on the degree of misconduct.

## STUDENT COMMITMENT

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I have read and understand the Code of Conduct above, and I agree to abide by the rules stated therein. I understand the consequences of failing to meet these guidelines.

Student Name:

Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Signature:

Date: