



Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association

15th Annual Conference

“Protectors of the Sacred Circle”

November 29th, 30th and December 1st, 2022

Choctaw Casinos and Resorts

Durant, OK

2022 OICWA Conference Scholarship Application

Through the Oklahoma ICWA Partnership Grant, there are a limited number of conference registration and lodging scholarships available to attend the 15th Annual OICWA Conference “**Protectors of the Sacred Circle**”. OICWA is now accepting scholarship applications for registration for attendance and hotel lodging. This scholarship award enables child welfare professionals who practice in the field of Indian Child Welfare who lack company financial support to have an opportunity to attend the conference. This year the scholarship award is extended to include foster parents providing care to Native American children in Oklahoma. Scholarships are valued at complimentary full- conference registration (\$150) and up to two-night hotel stay.

Conference application includes the following for submission for **child welfare professionals**:

- Contact and demographic information
- Essay questions about your career and learning objectives
- A Statement of support from a supervisor or colleague

Conference application includes the following for submission for **foster parent applicants**:

- Contact and demographic information
- Essay questions about your experience providing foster care placement for American Indian Children. Include ways in which you have supported Indian children connecting with their kin, culture and tribe and what you hope to gain from the OICWA Conference training opportunity
- A statement of support from the licensing agency or licensing tribal program

The conference committee will select individuals with a financial need and plan to apply the skills and knowledge gained to benefit their organizations, ICWA partnerships and foster parents caring for Native American children. If selected for a scholarship, applicants must confirm their ability to attend the event and sign a release so they can be featured in conference promotions, including but not limited to press and video interviews. Scholarship recipients will be expected to provide a follow up interview to discuss their expectations and share what they learned.

- Scholarships waive registration fees for all three (3) days of the conference.
- The Lodging Scholarship application must be attached to the general scholarship application. Lodging scholarships will be awarded to attendees traveling over 60 miles one way. *(In the event that you are attending the conference through a sponsorship and are applying for a scholarship for lodging only, please indicate the sponsor and contact person. Complete the scholarship application in its entirety and submit according to instructions).*
- Scholarship Application Deadline is October 24th, 2022.
- Scholarship awardees will be notified by email and a code for registration will be provided after approval by October 28th, 2022. Online registration will be required by the scholarship recipient *(Registering for the event does not guarantee a scholarship award).*
- Per Diem or Mileage are the responsibility of the Scholarship Attendee.
- Please seek approval from your agency to ensure all scholarships are utilized.

For more information contact: Te’Ata Loper, OICWA Grant Coordinator, ICWA Partnership Grant- [oiawa.gc@gmail.com/](mailto:oiawa.gc@gmail.com) (405) 464-5655

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Scholarship Application Form

Form must be completed by each attendee. Scan and email Scholarship Application to oucwa.gc@gmail.com.

Deadline for Submission: October 24th, 2022

First Name

Last Name

Job Title / Foster Parent / Student / Volunteer

Agency/Organization/Institution/School

Mailing Address:

City

State

Zip

Phone & Extension

Email *(E-Mail Notification of Scholarship Awards will be made to designated email listed)

Signature:

Date:

Scholarship Application Questions (Type answers in narrative form on a separate document and submit with this form):

1. Please explain what direct services you or your agency provide in the area of Indian Child Welfare.
2. Please explain what resources are available for staff training in the area of Indian Child Welfare.
3. Please explain how attending this conference will benefit you in your job.
4. Describe the current practice and collaboration efforts regarding ICWA cases.
5. Are you a team member of a multidisciplinary team or child protection team?
6. Will you be attending the conference with a coworker, team member or colleague from OKDHS, Indian Child Welfare or a Court representative?
7. Please include a statement of support from supervisor or colleague.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE STAFF

1. Is there an OKDHS or court partner that you work with that would gain value from attending the OICWA Conference?
Please provide name and contact info of partner.

Scholarship application Request: _____ Registration _____ Lodging _____ Registration & Lodging

Lodging Scholarship Application

Minimum travel status requirement: Travel status must be a minimum of sixty (60) miles from home/ office site to Choctaw Casino and Resort, Durant, Oklahoma.

Child Welfare Office site location: _____.

Foster Parent Home Location: _____.

Double Occupancy encouraged when applicable. I want to share a room with:

_____.

I need a room for the following nights. Lodging is limited to two nights.

November 2022 _____ Tuesday 29th _____ Wednesday 30th

I acknowledge that should I be unable to attend the conference I am to call and cancel my hotel reservation 24 hours prior to the reservation date. Reservations that are not cancelled and are considered a No Show WILL BE PAYABLE BY ME _____ (Signature of Applicant).

I am the above employee's supervisor and confirm that this organization is unable to provide lodging reimbursement for the employee. I acknowledge that should a scholarship be awarded to the above employee, the employee will be permitted to attend the conference and must attend the entirety of the three day conference.

Supervisor signature: _____

Applicant signature: _____

Date: _____

For information on the scholarship application, including deadlines, requirements, and submission forms please contact oiawa.gc@gmail.com.

All submissions must be received by October 24, 2022.
Submissions should be emailed to oiawa.gc@gmail.com