



Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program

Do you have what it takes to become a great leader?

The Chickasaw Nation proudly announces our newest initiative to develop future Chickasaw leaders. The *Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program* will:

- Provide opportunities for young Chickasaw men and women
- Be open to qualifying students ages 14-18
- Host a series of activities designed to discover and develop leadership skills

The program will focus on:

- Exposure to existing tribal, state and national governments
- Immersion in Oklahoma culture, both native and non-native
- Meetings with outstanding leaders from the Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation, the state of Oklahoma and the United States



Participants will also:

- Learn business etiquette
- Tour higher education facilities
- Discuss behaviors and attitudes that will enhance chances for future success

The program consists of:

- A leadership series designed to provide students with knowledge of powerful communication and presentation skills, how to handle conflict situations, successful organizational leadership, diversity, cultural aspects such as learning the Chickasaw language, Chickasaw history and the different creative crafts that Chickasaw people have developed over the years
- Expeditions and tours focusing on leadership skills learned within the leadership series
- A tour of the Oklahoma State Capitol and the Oklahoma City National Memorial
- A two-day tour focusing on tribal governments and including a Chickasaw Nation legislative session and meeting with Chickasaw tribal officials
- A tour planned for students selected from the program who will serve as the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Executive Committee

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Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi Program Application

The Chickasaw Nation is pleased to announce the **Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program**, a program available to Chickasaw **citizens** only. This program is designed for Chickasaw students who have an interest in government and leadership. No student shall be considered for the program who does not have a Chickasaw citizenship card. Submit your completed application along with required documentation.

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program Itinerary

September 11, 2010: Leadership Challenge (Group Dynamix, Dallas)

October 23, 2010: Oklahoma State University Tour

November 22, 2010: Professional and Business Etiquette

December 28, 2010: Culture and Fine Arts

January 15, 2011: Dating and Domestic Violence/Abstinence

February 19, 2011: Chickasaw Culture

March 14 - 18, 2011: Spring Break Community Service Opportunity

April 9, 2011: Oklahoma and Native American History

May 26, 2011: Future Careers and Opportunities

June 13, 2011: Building Future Leaders

July, 2011: National Tour

August 5, 2011: Graduation Ceremony



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Personal Information

First name: _____

Middle name: _____

Last name: _____

Social Security number: _____

Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Email address:

I do not have an email address.

*SSN is needed for security purposes at government facilities

School Information

Name of school: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Grade classification: _____

Counselor: _____

(signature required)

Counselor's email address:

Student Checklist

- Completed and signed application
- Copy of Chickasaw citizenship card
- Recommendation letter from high school and/or college official
- Copy of current official high school and/or college transcript
- Typed essay stating what makes you a strong candidate for the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi Program, your past accomplishments, future goals, career and college plans after graduation, tribal involvement, community involvement, etc. (minimum of 500 words — size 12 font — double-spaced)
- Applicant must be between the ages of 14 and 18

Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi Program Contractual Agreement

I certify the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to 100% participation in each of the program's scheduled activities (if selected). I further agree to conduct myself in a professional manner at all times while representing the Chickasaw Nation as set forth by the participating sponsors of each event and will do so with pride in myself and our great Nation. As a commitment to this program, I agree to do my best to become a great leader and a role model for others. I understand if at any time during these events my conduct is inappropriate or if I fail to participate in an event, the Chickasaw Nation reserves the right to remove me from the program.

Signature of student

Date

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

Chickasaw Nation representative

Date