



Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism Group
Education Tour Grant Program
Spring 2020

Application Open Date: January 13, 2020
Application Close Date: February 29, 2020

Education Tour Grant Purpose:

The purpose of the CNCT Education Tour Grant Program is to increase the education, knowledge, and opportunity for elementary students attending public schools within the Cherokee Nation's 14-county jurisdiction.

Application Instructions:

If your school is eligible in one or more of the areas below, please submit a grant application on or before the deadline. Please note: funding is awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those that do not meet these requirements are still encouraged to book the tour at a cost of \$10.60 per student.

Education Grant Eligibility:

Full or partial grants will be awarded on a sliding-scale basis to public schools who meet the following criteria:

1. The school is located within the 14-county Cherokee Nation jurisdictional boundary.
2. A majority of the school's students hold Cherokee Nation's citizenship cards or citizenship cards for any federally-recognized tribe.
3. A majority of the school's students are eligible for free and/or reduced school lunch program.
4. The school's class size does not exceed the maximum amount of students.

2020 Education Tour Options:

- 1. Cherokee History Tour: *Downtown Tahlequah Capitol Square, Hunter's Home***
Students will enjoy Tahlequah, the capital city of the great Cherokee Nation, while touring historic properties including the Cherokee National History Museum, Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum, Cherokee National Prison and John Ross Museum.
- 2. Cherokee Civil War Tour: *Downtown Tahlequah Capitol Square, Hunter's Home, Fort Gibson Historic Site***
Students will enjoy a tour of historic Downtown Tahlequah Capitol Square, Cherokee National History Museum, Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum and Cherokee National Prison Museum. Next, students will tour Fort Gibson Historic Site to learn about the colorful history of the Fort during the War Between the States. The site has been reconstructed with a log fort and original buildings for the late 1840's through the 1870's and is listed on the Nation Register of Historic Places.
- 3. Will Rogers History Tour: *Will Rogers Memorial Museum, Dog Iron Ranch***
The Will Rogers History Tour will celebrate the life and work of Oklahoma's favorite son and world-famous Cherokee. The journey will take visitors through his life from his Cherokee roots in Indian Territory to his days as a Hollywood actor and famed politician. Students will have the chance to tour the Will Rogers Museum in Claremore and Rogers' birthplace, Dog Iron Ranch, in Oologah, to view the historically restored house where Will grew up.
- 4. Sequoyah's Cabin: *Sequoyah Cabin Museum, Picnic Area***
Located in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, Sequoyah's Cabin Museum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was designated as a National Literary Landmark in 2006. Sequoyah, creator of the Cherokee written language, built this one-room log cabin in 1829, shortly after moving to Oklahoma. Surrounded by a 10-acre park, the actual cabin is located inside a stone memorial structure, built by the Works Progress Administration in 1936. Stepping inside, you'll experience what it might have been like when Sequoyah originally lived there. Relics and documents associated with his life are on display for visitors to see.

Guidelines:

- i. A **maximum of 50 students** will be allowed per education tour.*
- ii. Education tour transportation must be provided by the school. Transportation on CNCT's 22 passenger shuttle bus may be arranged for an additional fee.
- iii. One (1) adult chaperone for every ten (10) students is required at all times during the tour.
- iv. **Education tours are limited to grades 3 - 12** and college students.
- v. Education tours run for three months each semester. **Spring: March-May**, Fall: September-November. Two (2) education tours will be offered each week during spring and/or fall, for a total of 20 tours per semester.
- vi. Inclement weather: per www.NOAA.gov, if the weather forecast is **80%** chance or higher for rain/snow or temperature is projected to be **40°** or below, tour will be cancelled and rescheduled at a later date.
- vii. All education tours include: teachers curriculum supplement guide, student activity booklet (these will be sent to teacher in disk format when tour is booked) and an interpretive guide.
- viii. **Lunch is to be provided by the students and/or school**. If lunch needs to be prepared and delivered during the tour, that can be arranged for an additional fee per person.
- ix. **Cherokee History and Cherokee Civil War tours** are given on **Tuesday-Friday** and **Will Rogers tour** is given **Monday-Friday**.

**Special circumstances may apply*

For more information or to book an education tour, call Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism at (918) 456-7336 or email kenneth.philpott@cnent.com

Spring education tours begin March 02, 2020

Fall education tours begin September 01, 2020



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OFFICIAL APPLICATION

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Participating Grade: _____

How many students do you expect to attend the tour?	
Number of class students holding a Cherokee Nation blue citizenship card:	
Number of class students holding a white CDIB card of any federally recognized tribe (including Cherokee Nation citizens)	
Number of class students participating in free and reduced school lunch program:	

Name and title of person submitting application: _____

Please provide your email address, phone and cell number so that we may contact you if your school is approved for funding: _____

Tour Option (circle one): Cherokee History Tour - Cherokee Civil War Tour - Will Rogers History Tour

Tour Date: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

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Time group needs to be back to school: _____

Mail, fax or email completed application to:

**Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism
Attn: Education Tour Grant Committee
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Catoosa, OK 74015
Fax (918) 794-3877
Email: kenneth.philpott@cnent.com**

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