

Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP)

GRANTEE: Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Tribal Organization

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FEDERAL AWARD: \$479,490

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

The project is designed to provide American Indian individuals from economically disadvantaged families in the 10 ½ counties that comprise the Choctaw Nation with high-quality STEM related education programs. Each program should result in an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or associate degree so participants are properly equipped to secure employment in high-growth, high demand occupations. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has a coverage area that includes over 11,000 square miles of remote, rural hill and valleys in southeastern Oklahoma. The area is extremely rural and poverty stricken.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To work with up to 100 individuals each year to fully prepare them to enroll in programs of interest. To enroll a target number of students per year (minimum of 26 per project year) in STEM related skill development programs resulting in 20 participants successfully completing their training and locating employment each year.
- The Nation will carefully select, support, and work with participants to ensure that a minimum of 75% attain the program proficiency credential, certificate, or degree.
- To provide quality services that consists of: individual assessments, career guidance, financial support, academic remediation, and employment services upon completing of training.

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL(S) OF PARTICIPANTS: Postsecondary

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAMS:

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>
Automotive and Diesel Technologies	Certificate / AAS Degree
Construction Technologies	Certificate / AAS Degree
Engineering Technologies	Certificate / AAS Degree
Health Sciences	Certificate / AAS Degree
Information Technologies	Certificate / AAS Degree
Manufacturing Technologies	Certificate / AAS Degree
Renewable/Sustainable Energy	Certificate / AAS Degree

AVAILABLE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS:

Career Guidance and Counseling
Financial assistance (tuition, books, fees, and program related supplies)
Academic Support
Assistance with Program Application
Employment Service Assistance

NUMBER OF PROGRAM SITES: 3

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIVES:

Local Technology Centers
Tribal College
Technical and Community Colleges
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Choctaw Asset Building Program
Native American Business Resource Center
Potential Employers

ACCREDITATION STATUS:

North Central Association of Schools and Colleges
Southern Association of Schools and Colleges
Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Assurance Award earning accreditation as a High Performance Career Development program issued by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE)
Workforce Development Professionals Network (WDNP)