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Language Department

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“Teacher Institute of Excellence”  
**Cohort 2 Application**

**DEADLINE: August 22, 2025 at 5pm**  
**Classes start: September 15, 2025**

Teacher Institute of Excellence provides professional development and extended training for Cherokee language teachers associated with Cherokee language programs that are responsible for education while maintaining quality progress in language proficiency and to meet the needs of Cherokee language throughout the 14-county reservation and beyond.

All sessions are held in Tahlequah, OK, Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm. Instruction will be discussion-based in a Cherokee language immersion environment.

To be selected for the program, the following requirements must be met:

- Must be 18 years or older.
- Must pass a youth-sensitive background check.
- Must be willing to teach different age groups (children to adults).
- Must possess a strong desire to help revitalize the Cherokee language and culture, through teaching.
- Must score high-intermediate or low-advanced in speaking on the approved Cherokee language assessment.

Applications can be submitted to [eric-marshall@cherokee.org](mailto:eric-marshall@cherokee.org) or mailed to:  
Cherokee Nation Language Department  
Attn: Eric Marshall  
PO Box 948, Tahlequah, OK 74465

**No late applications will be accepted.**

Selected applicants will be contacted via email September 8-10, 2025.

For additional information contact  
Eric Marshall at 918-316-2988 or email [eric-marshall@cherokee.org](mailto:eric-marshall@cherokee.org)



Cherokee Nation Language Department  
Teacher Institute of Excellence  
Fall 2025, Cohort 2 Application

**Please print**

Last Name Enter Last Name		First Name Enter First Name	
Street address Enter Street Address			
City Enter City	State Choose State	Zip Code Enter Zip	
Phone number XXX-XXX-XXXX		Secondary Number XXX-XXX-XXXX	
Email Address Email Address			

**Please provide tribal citizenship number, as it applies.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Cherokee Nation: <u>Tribal Citizenship Number</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> United Keetoowah Band of Oklahoma: <u>Tribal Citizenship Number</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians: <u>Tribal Citizenship Number</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

**EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**

Are you currently enrolled in an accredited university? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If you are in a program, what is it?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Two year AA program	Expected completion date: <u>Click or tap to enter a date.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-year BA/BS program	Expected completion date: <u>Click or tap to enter a date.</u>

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Most Current Employer Enter Current Employer	Dates of Employment Enter Date – Enter Date
Supervisor Enter Supervisor	Phone Number XXX-XXX-XXXX

Why did you leave? Enter Reason	Job Responsibilities Enter Responsibilities
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Supervisor Enter Supervisor	Phone Number XXX-XXX-XXXX
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**REFERENCE LIST** – Please list individuals who are familiar with your current language learning/teaching.

Name Enter First & Last Name	Phone Number XXX-XXX-XXXX
Name Enter First & Last Name	Phone Number XXX-XXX-XXXX

**All participants must pass a youth sensitive background check.**

Have you ever been found guilty of, or entered a plea of no contest or guilty to, any felonious offense, of any of two or more misdemeanor offenses under Federal, State, or tribal law involving crimes of violence; sexual assault, molestation, exploitation, contact or prostitution crimes against persons; or offences committed against children?

- ☐ YES  
☐ NO

**CHEROKEE PROFICIENCY:** Based on the following scale, please rate your language proficiency.

- ☐ SUPERIOR: I can narrate and describe most situations in the Cherokee language, with accuracy and fluency.
- ☐ ADVANCED: I can narrate and describe most situations in the Cherokee language with no difficulty, I can understand Cherokee easily, and speakers understand me.
- ☐ INTERMEDIATE: I can ask and answer questions on familiar topics with confidence.
- ☐ NOVICE: I can communicate simple ideas with simple, memorized words or phrases.

**CHEROKEE LITERACY**

- ☐ I do not read or write the Cherokee syllabary.
- ☐ I do read and write the Cherokee syllabary.

### **Tell us about yourself**

What motivates you to want to learn and teach Cherokee language?

Enter Answer

What strengths would you bring to the program?

Enter Answer

What might be challenging for you?

Enter Answer

Describe your Cherokee language learning experience (Example: Did you learn from family, classroom, etc.) Why do you want to be part of the Teacher Bridge Program?

Enter Answer

If chosen to participate, how do you plan to use the knowledge and skills you would learn in this program to continue to revitalize the Cherokee language?

Enter Answer