

Ponca Educational Trust Fund

Any student attending the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska at Kearney or University of Nebraska at Omaha** may be eligible to receive additional educational funding through the Ponca Educational Trust. Please send your documentation in one envelope to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Education Department, 1800 Syracuse Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701. For details, contact 402-371-8834 or educationtrustfund@poncatribene.org.

ELIGIBILITY:

- You must apply for funding assistance through the PTON's Education Department.
- You must include a copy of the award letter received from the PTON's Education Department.
- You must sign an information release form with the Ponca Education Department.
- You must submit a transcript of the previous semesters that you have completed at the University or other post-secondary educational institution from which you are transferring. If you are applying to the University as a freshman, your high school transcripts must be submitted.
- Since this is a supplemental scholarship opportunity, you must apply for any other applicable scholarship or grant available through the University.
- You must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
- A full time student will only be funded for a maximum of four years or eight semesters.
- This scholarship is limited to undergraduate students desiring a degree from one of the three University campuses that provide an undergraduate education.
- You must provide documentation that you are enrolled in 12 or more hours for the semester you are attending which must coincide with the semesters you are requesting reimbursement for educational related expenses.
- You must include an essay describing what personal and professional experience you hope to gain by attending the University.
- You must also include a letter that states how much funding you are requesting from the Trust.
- You may submit reimbursement for any books purchased for your classes; include an itemized receipt.
- You must include a copy of your official itemized student bill if you expect reimbursement for tuition, fees, room & board, parking or any other University related expense.
- Personal items unrelated to your education at the University will not be reimbursed.
- Reimbursement for off campus housing may be requested although will require submission of the applicable rental agreement.
- Completed application forms are due within two months after the beginning of the semester requested.
- You must be in good standing with the Ponca Education Department and the University.

This is a competitive grant, therefore aside from the criteria noted above, the Ponca Educational Trust Fund Board of Trustees will judge applications based on merit, financial need and the essay written as described above.

The Educational Trust Committee will determine annually the amount of scholarship funds to be awarded for the up-coming academic year which includes scholarships for the Fall and Spring semesters. The Trust Committee will determine the amount to be awarded during the summer prior to the next academic year. That amount will be determined by the growth of the Trust Fund and the amount awarded to the Trust Fund from Western Area Power Administration during the previous twelve months.