



## **Project IndigeCHOICE:**

### **Creating Helpful Options to Integrate Culture and Education**

Project IndigeChoice is a five-year United States Department of Education grant, awarded to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina to serve American Indian students. The Assessing Choices in Education (ACE) grant was designed to allow the Lumbee Tribe to set up a variety of education options and services from which parents or students can choose. The grant will begin providing services and programs October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025.

The grants offices are located at the Lumbee Tribal Office.

- Services for students who qualify will be available for students who reside in the Lumbee Tribal Service Areas (LTSA) of Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland
- Students must have either a Tribal Enrollment Card or a Title VI Indian Education 506 verification form complete in their district.
- Students may participate in most services if they attend either a Public, Charter, Private school, or are Homeschooled.

The grant has several services that students may request; these services are listed below. Please read the information that describes each service or program carefully before making a selection. There are three ways to submit an application. You may either

- (1) click on the **Description of the Service Provided** button at the end of the page to complete and submit the application or
- (2) you can print an application offline and return the complete application or
- (3) pick up and return an application to the Lumbee Tribal office located at 6984 Hwy 711 W, Pembroke N.C. 28372.

Applications will have a deadline date for submission and will vary per application.

This funding requires that we spend all monies to the best of our ability. This will require all students accepted into programming to attend and complete all scheduled events. Failure to complete the required activities and documentation may result in future services being denied. If accepted and the student cannot participate fully in programming they must notify the Lumbee Tribal grant Parent Liaison.

The Description of each service and the enrollment application link for various services are listed below. Please check which service you are interested in and complete the application. You will be notified via email or phone when the student selection is approved.

**\*add info about Nav. Services\***

### **Service 1:**

**Description:** This service will provide **Transportation** to American Indian students attending Robeson Community College for the College and Career Promise (CCP) classes, apprenticeships and training programs that lead to industry certifications or college enrollment.

**Start Date:** This Service starts October 1, 2022- Ends Sept 30, 2025

#### **Eligibility:**

- American Indian student in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Must complete an application for transportation
- Must be enrolled in the Public Schools of Robeson County and accepted to the CCP program.
- Have a Tribal Enrollment Card or enrolled in the Title VI Indian Education Program with a 506 verification form number.
- The student must be enrolled in a class(s) or a Certification degree program at Robeson Community College at the time of service.

**Selection method:** Selection of students served will be made based on meeting the Eligibility Criteria and funding availability which will be on a first come first serve basis. Students that enrolled previously must have completed the class(s) with a passing grade.

**Notification of application approval:** Students approved will be notified via email or phone

**To complete the Service 1 Transportation Application** [\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)

### **Service 2 A:**

**Description:** This service will provide American Indian Students **Educational Hardware and Software Materials** such as educational technology or hardware, including learning software, Computers, Chrome books, headpiece and microphone materials, or hardware needed for educational CCP classes at RCC and camp participation and other programs offered through this grant. **Add Tiffany statement**

**Start Date:** This Service starts Oct. 1, 2021 - Ends Sept 30, 2025

#### **Eligibility:**

- American Indian students in grades K-12<sup>th</sup> should have a complete application and show a need that is not supplied by the school they attend.
- The item must be a required educational tool for technology hardware, software, or educational material needed for the class, certificate program or camp they have enrolled in.
- Parent signature is verification of student need and will be reviewed by the grant staff for confirmation before acceptance.
- Student must reside in the LTSA of Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, or Scotland districts.
- Student should have a Tribal Enrollment Card or enrolled in the Title VI Indian Education Program with a 506 verification form.
- Student must be enrolled in a grade, class(s) or a Certification degree program at the time of service.

**Selection method:** Selection of students served will be made based on meeting all Eligibility Criteria and funding availability on a first come first serve basis. If the student request funding for technology hardware, software or other material limited funding is available and student's and will not be available if they have participated in the same program in the past from this grant. Students in a school where technology is provided cannot apply for computer hardware or software if it is provided by the school.

**Notification of approval:** Students approved will be notified via email or phone

To complete the Service 2A Educational Materials Application [CLICK HERE](#)

### Service 2 B:

**Description:** This service will provide American Indian **Textbooks** needed to participate in the Robeson Community College Career and College Promise CCP courses the American Indian student is enrolled in. The book will be provided to the Public Schools of Robeson County student enrolled at RCC in the CCP classes.

**Start Date:** This Service starts Oct.1, 2022 - Ends Sept. 30, 2025

#### Eligibility:

- Student should complete an application for their textbook(s)
- Student must be enrolled in the Public Schools of Robeson County,
- Student should have a Tribal Enrollment Card or enrolled in the Title VI Indian Education Program with a 506 verification form.
- Student must be enrolled in a CCP class(s) or a Certification degree program at RCC at the time of service.

**Selection method:** Selection of students served will be made based on Eligibility Criteria being met and funding availability on a first come first serve basis. Students that enrolled previously for textbooks must have completed the class with a passing grade to receive funding for books.

Funding is on a first come First serve basis and limited funding is available until all funds are spent.

**Notification of approval:** Students approved will be notified via email or phone

To complete the Service 2 B Textbook Application [CLICK HERE](#)

### Service 3

**Description:** Provide a **Culturally Relevant Tutoring Program for K-12** students for at most 100 elementary, middle and high school American Indian students that will enhance their reading and math skills.

**Start Date:** This Service starts October 1, 2021- Ends Sept 30, 2025

#### Eligibility:

- K-12 grade American Indian student should complete an application for tutoring.
- Student should show a deficit in math or reading comprehension based on the teacher recommendation
- Student must have a Tribal Enrollment Card or enrolled in the Title VI Indian Education Program with a 506 verification form.

**Selection method:** Selection of students served will be made based meeting the Eligibility Criteria and funding availability which will be on a first come first serve basis for 100 eligible students. Students with greatest academic need will be served first based on the current applications. Students that enrolled previously for tutoring may be placed on a wait list until other students have an opportunity to participate. Students in a school where tutoring is provided cannot apply for services on the same day this service is provided. **Failure to attend may result in ineligibility in another activity.**

**Notification of application approval:** Students approved will be notified via email or phone

To complete the Service 3 Tutoring Application [CLICK HERE](#)

#### Service 4:

**Description:** This service will provide American Indian students a choice of **Summer, Afterschool, or Saturday Camps** that are culturally related or are supported by evidence that suggested the services have a positive effect on relevant education. The camps may be Summer Residential or Day Camps, Afterschool or Saturday Camps listed on the application.

**Start Date:** This Service starts Oct.1, 2021 - Ends Sept 30, 2025

#### Eligibility:

- 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade American Indian student in the Lumbee Tribal Service Area (LTSA) of Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland districts.
- A Complete application for the selected camp.
- Student must have a Tribal Enrollment Card or enrolled in the Title VI Indian Education Program with a 506 verification form.
- Student(s) who fails to complete the full program will not be eligible for future camp services

**Selection method:** Selection of students served will be made based on a complete application. All eligibility criteria must be met and funding availability will be on a first come first serve basis until Camps is full. Students that enrolled previously for a camp may not be eligible for this Camp service but will be placed on a waitlist and notified according to the waitlist placement if a slot becomes available. Failure to attend may result in ineligibility in another activity

**Notification of application approval:** Students will be notified via email once selection is approved

To complete the Service 4 Camp Application [CLICK HERE](#)

#### Service 5

**Description:** Provide assistance with **One college admission application fee or (one SAT or one ACT)** College admission test fee.

**Start Date:** This Service starts October 1, 2021 - Ends Sept 30, 2025

#### Eligibility:

- Student should be a 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student or a 5<sup>th</sup> year Early College student
- Student should complete an application for the (1) selected test or the (1) college application fee.
- Student must have a Tribal Enrollment Card or enrolled in the Title VI Indian Education Program with a 506 verification form.

#### Selection method:

Selection of students to be served will be made based on: a complete application, meeting all Eligibility Criteria and funding availability on a first come first serve basis until funding is depleted.

Only one test or one application fee will be provided per student and students will be placed on a waitlist and notified according to waitlist placement if a slot becomes available for payment

Failure to follow thru may result in ineligibility in another activity

**Notification of application approval:** Students approved will be notified via email or phone

To complete the Service 5 College admission or the SAT or ACT Application [CLICK HERE](#)

## Service 6

**Description:** Provide **Culturally Relevant Supplemental Counseling**

### **STUDENTS MAY CHOOSE ONLY ONE COUNSELING SERVICE**

**Start Date:** This Service starts Oct. 1, 2021- Ends Sept. 30,2025

#### **INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING SESSIONS- Student Participation**

Eligibility Requirements Checklist:

- Student must be in grade K – 12<sup>th</sup>
- Student must reside in the Lumbee Tribe Service Areas (Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Cumberland)
- Must be willing to participate in the full program as scheduled. Failure to complete sessions may omit the student from future services.
- Student should have a complete application for the selected counseling area.
- Student must have a Tribal Enrollment Card or enrolled in the Title VI Indian Education Program with a 506 verification form.

Service Provides:

- Five sessions hour long sessions
- Will help to identify core healthy behaviors and determine desired outcomes for clients- goal setting
- Clients will reduce fear and feelings of being overwhelmed by actions and trauma, through practices of naming, discussing, and understanding triggers, stress reactions of fear and learning appropriate coping techniques
- Clients will practice decision-making and problem-solving activities to decrease dysfunctional attachments and enhance mindfulness
- Clients will use cultural identity, belonging activities and culturally appropriate strengths to increase resiliency and well-being

- OR -

#### **TALKING CIRCLES - Student Participants Only**

Eligibility Requirements:

- Student must be in grades 6th – 9th
- Student must reside in the Lumbee Tribe Service Areas (Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Cumberland)
- Must be willing to participate in the full program as scheduled. Failure to complete sessions may omit the student from future services.
- Student should have a complete application for the selected counseling area.
- Student must have a Tribal Enrollment Card or enrolled in the Title VI Indian Education Program with a 506 verification form.

Service Provides:

- Five or Six sessions
- Clients will identify trauma wounds/adverse experiences and discuss how the wounds cycle and impact past and present behavior/choices
- Clients will identify harmful behavior and practices and how the outcomes effect self and others-relational health
- Clients will practice shared conversation in the context of Indigenous identity, perception of self, and others, cultural connections, and establishing strengths in Indigenous identity
- Clients will discuss appropriate coping techniques and connect meaning to well-being
- Clients will identify sources of pride and cultural processes that enhance self and others and continue to create a culturally appropriate toolbox that builds holistic well-being

- OR -

### **TALKING CIRCLES- Student and Parent Participants (Referral by Counselor Required)**

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Student must be in grades 4th-9th Student must reside in the Lumbee Tribe Service Areas (Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Cumberland)
- Must be willing to participate in the full program as scheduled. Failure to complete sessions may omit student from future services.
- Student should have a complete application for the selected counseling area.
- Student must have a Tribal Enrollment Card or enrolled in the Title VI Indian Education Program with a 506 verification form.

#### Service Provides:

- Client, Parent or Guardian will identify child development span ranges, family structures, and expectations (boundaries)-how does these behaviors and actions look in the home and outside in the community
- Client, Parent, or Guardian will identify problem solving techniques and learned behaviors used in family dynamics and predicted responses-what outcomes are being achieved, what outcomes are most effective for situation
- Client, Parent, and Guardian will identify characteristics of individual personalities and parenting styles used and discuss positive and negative outcomes in challenging contexts
- Client, Parent or Guardian will share Indigenous cultural characteristics, beliefs, and norms, practiced in the family context and in social settings
- Client, Parent or Guardian will practice intentional shared conversation to identify strengths in cultural practices to be used in family dynamics and in social settings

#### **Selection method for all three of the Counseling Services:**

Selection of students to be served will be made based on:

Complete Application

All Eligibility Criteria is met

Funding availability on a first come first serve basis until funding is depleted.

If students wish to participate in another counseling service, the student name will be placed on a waitlist and notified according to waitlist placement if a slot becomes available.

**Failure to attend may result in ineligibility for another service**

**Notification of application approval:** Students approved will be notified via email or phone

**To complete the Service 6 Supplemental Counseling Application** [CLICK HERE](#)

## **Service 7**

**Description: Culturally Relevant Navigation Services** to support American Indian students and parents with navigating pertinent educational academic options and overcoming potential barriers to full participation in programs. Students will receive one on one educational academic information that will enable them to make the most informed choices to meet their education goals.

**Start Date:** This Service starts Oct. 1, 2021- Ends Sept. 30, 2025

### **Eligibility:**

- American Indian K-12th grade students in the Lumbee Tribal Service Area of Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland districts interested in setting goals and making informed decisions about the student educational needs.
- Student should complete an application for the Navigation service
- Student must have a Tribal Enrollment Card or enrolled in the Title VI Indian Education Program with a 506 verification form.
- Student must agree to meet with the Navigation service provider.

### **Selection method:**

Selection of students to be served will be made based on:

A Complete Application

Meet all Eligibility Criteria

Funding availability on a first come first serve basis until funding is depleted and student's will be placed on a waitlist and notified according to waitlist placement if a slot becomes available.

**Failure to attend may result in ineligibility in another activity**

**Notification of application approval:** Students will be notified via email once selection is approved

**To complete the Service 7 Culturally Relevant Navigation Application** [CLICK HERE](#)

## **Service 8**

**Description:** Provide **College Day and/or University/College Tours**

**Start Date:** This Service starts October 1, 2021 - Ends Sept 30, 2025

### **Eligibility:**

- High School students in grade 9<sup>th</sup> and up for **College Day**

- Students enrolled in grades 10th and 11<sup>th</sup> at the time of the application for the **University Tour**.
- Reside in the Lumbee Tribal Service Area of Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland districts.
- Student should complete an application for the selected College Day and/or The College Tour.
- Student must have a Tribal Enrollment Card or enrolled in the Title VI Indian Education Program with a 506 verification form.
- Student should attend College Day before applying for a College Tour.

**Selection method:**

Selection of students to be served will be made based on:

Complete Application

Meeting all Eligibility Criteria

Funding availability on a first come first serve basis until funding is depleted.

Both activities have limited numbers and students will be placed on a waitlist when the program fills up and will be contacted in order of placement on the list if service becomes available.

**Failure to attend may result in ineligibility in another activity**

**Notification of application approval:** Students will be notified via email once selection is approved

**To complete the Application for Service 8 College Application fee or the ACT or SAT application fee funding [CLICK HERE](#)**

