

Program Goal

To assist Chickasaw Citizens with special needs so that they may participate in extra curricular activities such as the *Special Olympics*.

Vision Statement

To promote Chickasaw Citizens with special needs to participate in a wide range of extra curricular activities that might otherwise not be possible

Eligibility Requirements

- ♦ Be a Chickasaw Citizen
- ♦ Have a documented physical or mental disability

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Program Services

Reimbursement of up to \$500 per year for disability related assistive technology needed or expenses incurred for a Chickasaw Citizen with special needs to participate in extra curricular activities.

Information Required

- ◆ Completed Special Needs Assistance application form
- ◆ Copy of applicant's Chickasaw Citizenship
- ◆ Copy of applicant's current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or documentation of disability from a physician
- ◆ Receipts for disability related assistive technology needed or expenses paid to allow the applicant to participate in extra curricular activity.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Can the program pay expenses directly instead of reimbursing for funds expended?**
- A.** All funds are paid on a reimbursement basis only. Receipts for expenses paid must be submitted for consideration.
- Q. Do you have to live in the Chickasaw Nation service area to apply for the program?**
- A.** There are no residency requirements for the program.
- Q. Does your household have to make below a certain amount to qualify for the program?**
- A.** There are no income guidelines for the program.
- Q. Do you have to have a certain blood quantum to qualify for the program?**
- A.** There are no blood quantum guidelines for the program.

Sample Extra Curricular Activities



Therapeutic Sewing



Therapeutic Horseback Riding



Wheelchair Basketball



Piano Lessons



Special Olympics



Therapeutic Pets