

Comanche Nation Higher Education Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Scholarship-2023

Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino, who served for over thirty years as a classroom teacher, is the first and only Native American to be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. Lorentino's teaching career was inspired by events in her childhood. It took an Oklahoma Supreme Court action on the part of Mrs. Lorentino's parents to allow Dorothy to attend public schools in Oklahoma in 1918. It also was the first major test of the 1924 Citizen Act and a landmark decision for all Native American children at that time.



Dorothy Lorentino seized the opportunity to go to a public school and in turn spent her career of 34 years teaching in Special Education. Mrs. Lorentino's story spans almost a century examining how policy makers denied her and all Native American children from attending public schools, and how Lorentino provided leadership in the struggle to overcome educational barriers for Native American children. In honor of Mrs. Lorentino's accomplishments and dedication, the Comanche Nation would like to acknowledge her memory in assisting our tribal members, who wish to continue to strive toward higher education. With a scholarship dedicated in her name for one special undergraduate student at the 2023 Graduation Banquet. To college students who have not already graduated with a bachelor's degree.

This scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000 and will be made payable to the school of the recipients' choice.

Requirements:

- Must be attending an accredited 2- or 4-year College/University
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student.
- Submit a Theme Essay in response to prompt.
- Must have GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Provide most recent official transcript
- Provide College Letter of Admissions
- Provide Comanche CDIB
- Provide Recent Photo.

Applicants for the scholarships will be judged on the information within the essay submitted and winners will read their essay at the Comanche Nation Higher Education Reception Saturday, June 10, 2023. The deadline for the Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Memorial Scholarship must be received by **Friday, May 19, 2023.**

ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BE CONSIDERED.

Send Scholarship Applications to:

Comanche Nation Higher Education
ATTN: Memorial Scholarship
PO Box 908
Lawton, OK 73502

If you have any questions, please call the Comanche Nation Office of Higher Education at (580) 699-7218
email: highered@comanchenation.com

*Comanche Nation Higher Education
Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Scholarship Application-2023*

Name: _____

Name of High School (If, 2023 Graduate): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _ _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Tribal Enrollment # _____

Date of Birth: _____ Are you a Veteran ? Yes _____ No _____

College/University: _____ Major: _____

Minor: _____

College/University Address: _____

Current Undergraduate Classification: _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

GPA: _____

Year and Month you expect to graduate: 20_____ Month: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

ESSAY OUTLINE

THEME: How does this quote relate to your aspirations and goals that you have set forth for your future?
“You have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars and change the world”-Harriet Tubman

INTRODUCTION: Please introduce yourself and why you deserve this scholarship.

ACADEMICS: Tell us who or what inspired you to pursue your chosen field of study. Describe what courses you have taken or will take to prepare your chosen career.

CAREER PLANS: Describe your personal interests, strengths and tell how they are related to your planned career. Explain what you plan to do after you finish school and what your ultimate career goals are.

SERVICE TO PEOPLE: Tell us about your ties to your Comanche heritage and what this means to you. Describe what plans you have to work with the Indian community and how your work will directly benefit Native people.

LEADERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIPS: List any clubs and honors and their significance. Describe any elected or appointed positions in school or college. How are these organizations related to your planned career and what were your responsibilities as a member. List any scholarships and how you earned them. Describe any work study/study abroad/internship/summer work/community service relevant to your planned career and/or your service to Native people.

IMPORTANT! YOUR ESSAY MUST BE TYPED LIMIT TO 1-2 PAGES

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