Catawba Nation Foundation 2026 Grant Application Cleveland County Region

You can collaborate with colleagues on your application using the blue Collaborate button in the upper right-hand corner.

For more information on this feature, see the following Collaboration Tutorial.

Application Checklist

This checklist is for reference and preparation use. Completing it is optional.

To print, click the Question List (paper icon) at the top right of your screen. This will the checklist at the top, followed by all the application questions.

<u>Please note</u> that as you move through the application, slightly different information may be requested from different types of organizations (for instance, a scholarship applicant must provide school information while no other applicant type will do so).

Choices

IRS or State Determination Letter Confirming Tax Exempt Status
Fiscal Sponsor Information (Students or Fiscally Sponsored applicants only)
Mission Statement
Organizational History
Organizational Budget Description
Organizational Budget File (CNF Template)
Fiscal Year Start Date
Current Board of Directors List
Grant Request Name
Focus Area
Funding Category
Request
Community Priority Alignment
Amount Requested
Use of Funds
Communities Served & Estimated Impact
Measurable Goals & Impact Tracking
Organizational Capacity
Additional Funding Plans
Long-term Sustainability
Collaboration & Partnerships
Grant Oversight Plans

Eligibility Question

Organization Type*

If you select "Fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3)", you will be required to respond to an additional set of questions about your fiscal sponsor.

If you select "None of the above", you are ineligible for this grant process and should not proceed. Please reach out to Tanya at tanya@catawbanationfoundation.org with questions.

Choices

501(c)(3) or other tax-exempt organization

Fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) or other tax-exempt organization

NC Tribal Government or other tax-exempt organization dedicated to Native American communities.

None of the above - ineligible to apply, DO NOT PROCEED

Ineligible

ATTN Applicant!

Based on the responses entered, you are not eligible to apply for a grant from the Catawba Nation Foundation.

Please abandon your application by clicking the **Abandon** button at the bottom-left of your screen.

If you have questions, please contact Tanya Varanelli at tanya@catawbanationfoundation.org.

Area of Focus Eligibility

New in 2026: Catawba Nation Foundation now offers three separate grant cycles.

Please review the timelines carefully. Organizations will apply during one designated cycle in 2026.

- Nonprofits in Cleveland County Region: March 1 – March 31, 2026
- NC Tribes and Native Organizations: September 1 – September 30, 2026
- Catawba Nation - Fall 2026 (More Details To Come)

What if I'm not sure which cycle applies to me?

Contact Catawba Nation Foundation staff before applying—we are happy to help.

Grant-related inquiries for Catawba Nation can be answered by Michele.Atkinson@catawba.com and Morgan.Webster@catawba.com.

Area of Focus - Grant Cycle Timeline*
Please select the Area of Focus that applies to your organization or Tribe.
Choices
Nonprofits in Cleveland County Region
NC Tribes and Native Organizations
Catawba Nation

Area of Focus - Not Yet Eligible
ATTN Applicant!

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Fiscal Sponsor Detail

These questions are required only if you have a fiscal sponsor.

If you are a student applying for a scholarship, your sponsoring school will serve as your fiscal sponsor. You will need the school's relevant information and use the school's EIN.

Fiscal Sponsor Name*
Character Limit: 250

Fiscal Sponsor Address*
Character Limit: 250

Fiscal Sponsor EIN*
Character Limit: 25

Name of Contact Person*
Fiscal Sponsor - first and last name

Character Limit: 250

Title of Contact Person*
Character Limit: 100

Contact Email*
Character Limit: 254

Fiscal Sponsor Tax Exemption*
If you are a student applying for a scholarship, upload the IRS Letter Confirming Tax-Exempt Status for your school.

File Size Limit: 4 MB

501(c)(3) & Tax-Exempt Organizations

Tax Exemption Documentation*
Upload your organization's IRS or State Determination Letter Confirming Tax-Exempt Status.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Organization Information

You may use your Candid profile to help populate your application form. Before doing so, please be sure that your Candid profile contains the most up-to-date information.

To auto-populate your form with Candid profile answers, click the "Copy Candid Profile" button in the top right corner. Simply pick and choose which answers you would like to pull into the

form by clicking the checkbox next to the applicable answer. When finished selecting, click the "Copy Answers" button in the bottom right of the pop-up, and the Candid data will be pulled into the applicable fields in the form.

Please note that copying answers will not overwrite any existing answers, and any answers pulled from Candid that populate into your form can be edited and updated. If you do not have a Candid profile, you may simply answer the questions by typing or copying/pasting your response.

Mission Statement*
Character Limit: 3000

Organizational History*
Provide a brief history of your organization including key milestones and impact.

Character Limit: 5000

Organizational Budget*
Character Limit: 20

Fiscal Year Start*
Character Limit: 10

Current Board of Directors*
Provide the names and contact details of your current board of directors.

Character Limit: 5000 | File Size Limit: 5 MB

Grant Request Details

Grant Request Category*
The grant request may be awarded to support any of these purposes. Please select the category that applies to the requested funds:

- **General operating support** is funding that is used for ongoing operations of an organization. This may include, but is not limited to, rent/utilities, staff salaries, or other administrative expenses for your organization.

- **Program/project support** is funding that is designated to support a specific program or project. This may include, but is not limited to, supplies, venue costs, and other program-related expenses.

- **Capital/equipment support** is used for planning significant investments in long-term assets (normally greater use than one year), such as machinery, buildings, or improvements, technology upgrades, vehicles, etc.

General Operating
Program/Project
Capital/Equipment

Grant Request Name*

The name of the request is attached to every form within your process. This is the "identifier" for the request. This is a required system field that cannot be deleted. It may be renamed in the question label.

Character Limit: 250

Area of Focus*

Choices

The Catawba Nation
Cleveland County & Nearby Communities
NC Tribal Communities

Funding Category*

Choices

Cultural Preservation
Economic Development
Educational Advancement
Environmental Conservation

Request Summary*

Provide a brief summary of the request, including key objectives and expected milestones.

Character Limit: 5000

Alignment with Community Priorities*

Describe how the request aligns with the priorities of the community you serve. Where possible, reference community planning documentation. Please include specific datapoints, if available.

Potential Impact Metrics

- **Social Impact**: Assess long-term changes that can be attributed to the organization's programs (e.g., reductions in poverty, or improvements in environmental conservation or cultural preservation).
- **Community Engagement:** Track how the community is involved, such as through volunteerism, advocacy, or partnerships.

Character Limit: 5000

Alignment with Community Priorities Documentation

Optional documentation to demonstrate alignment with community priorities.
File Size Limit: 5 MB

Amount Requested*

Funding requests may range from $1,500 - $25,000.

Note: the Foundation reserves the right to grant higher than requested.

Character Limit: 20

Minimum Award Amount*

What is the minimum award amount that would be impactful to the organization?

Character Limit: 20

Matching Funds (Optional)

Will other funders be able to match this grant? If yes, what is the anticipated matching amount?

Character Limit: 20

Use of Funds*

Explain how the requested funds will be allocated and used effectively?

Character Limit: 5000

Supplemental Documentation

Please upload any supplemental documentation here. This is optional.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Grant Request Metrics

Communities Served & Estimated Impact*

Define the communities this request will serve and the estimated number of people the project will impact. Please include specific datapoints, if available.

Potential Programmatic Metrics

- **Number of Beneficiaries Served:** Track how many individuals or groups the nonprofit is reaching (e.g., students, families, communities)
- **Program Output:** Measure the actual delivery of services (e.g., workshop held, meals served, training provided).
- **Program Outcomes:** Evaluate the changes or results in the lives of beneficiaries (e.g., improved health, educational achievement, increased access to conserved land, strengthened cultural knowledge or participation in traditional practices).

Character Limit: 5000

Measurable Goals & Impact Tracking*

Outline the measurable goals associated with the funds. Describe how you will track and measure the impact of the request, considering both output metrics (e.g. # of people served, # of engagements) and outcome metrics (e.g., impact of services provided).

Character Limit: 5000

Budget Template & Financial Oversight

Organizational Budget Description (Optional)

Provide a detailed budget including anticipated expenses and revenue sources.

Character Limit: 5000

Budget Template Upload (Required)*

You must use the Excel template available via download here [link] to share required and optional financial information. Detailed instructions are provided on the first tab of the Excel workbook. Save the file to your computer to edit, and save your edits. Create a pdf of the final budget (operational budget and, if applicable, the program/project budget or the capital budget) and upload the pdf version with your application.

File Size Limit: 11 MB

Grant Oversight*

Describe how financial accountability and stewardship of funds will be ensured.

Character Limit: 5000

Sustainability & Collaboration

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability, but if a field does not apply to your organization enter N/A.

Organizational Capacity*

Describe your organization's experience and capacity for delivering the request.

Character Limit: 5000

Plan for Additional Funding*

Outline plans for securing additional funding or in-kind support for the request.

Character Limit: 5000

Long-Term Sustainability*

Provide details on how the project will be sustained beyond the funding period.
Character Limit: 5000

Collaboration & Partnerships*

Identify any partners involved in the project and describe their roles.

Character Limit: 5000

Additional Funding Considerations

Provide any additional details about project feasibility and sustainability.

Character Limit: 5000

Next Steps

Anything else?

Is there any further information you would like to share with us? Feel free to upload a file or share via the text field.

Character Limit: 10000 | File Size Limit: 5 MB

Once you submit your application, you cannot edit the form. Please review your answers before submitting.

After you submit this application, check your email for the submission confirmation. Grant applications for the Cleveland County region close on March 31, 2026. Decisions will be announced by August 1st, 2026.