

Otsistakta Culture & Language Program

Program is located within the Norbert Hill Center
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This project is funded by grants and aims to increase the number of functional speakers within the Oneida community using Oneida language as the primary language for instruction and educational programming. This program aims to impact children and families within their prime age of language and culture acquisition development. This program has approximately 5-6 family enrollment spaces available for interested applicants for the first 10-week session. This program is overseen and administered by the Oneida Language Department (OLD) and organized within the Oneida Nation School System (ONSS). The program's classroom is currently located within the language and culture area of the high school in the Norbert Hill Center.

This program will be an Oneida Culture and Language program, using Oneida language and English as the two primary mediums of instruction within the classroom setting. This is done to foster a designated and sacred learning environment for the language to live and grow within the minds of our community's families. The program will be a holistic culture-based curriculum, which includes cross-cultural concepts interwoven into activities and lessons that will be taught in this program. This classroom will consist of two teachers, Oneida Culture & Language Program Specialist, Oneida Nation college and High School interns working together to teach and help the families. The program's curriculum is based around the Oneida ceremonial cycle, with activities and lessons supporting this target learning phase.

Acceptance in this program is based on a first come first serve basis. If all spaces are filled, families will be put on waitlist for next session.

APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED BY APRIL 29, 2026, IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ENROLLMENT; FORMS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. You can email the completed forms to Jpowles3@oneidanation.org or if you would like to drop off the forms in person. Complete applications will be reviewed, and acceptance letters will go out prior to the program.

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Application Parent Information

Parent #1:

Full name:	_____	Date:	_____
	<i>Last</i> <i>First</i> <i>M.I.</i>		
Address:	_____	Phone:	_____
	<i>Street address</i> <i>Apt./Unit #</i>		
	_____	Email:	_____
	<i>City</i> <i>State</i> <i>Zip Code</i>		

Are you enrolled Oneida Nation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If no, are you a descendant?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If no, are you enrolled in a different tribe?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, what tribe? _____

Parent #2

Full name:	_____	Date:	_____
	<i>Last</i> <i>First</i> <i>M.I.</i>		
Address:	_____	Phone:	_____
	<i>Street address</i> <i>Apt./Unit #</i>		
	_____	Email:	_____
	<i>City</i> <i>State</i> <i>Zip Code</i>		

Are you enrolled Oneida Nation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If no, are you a descendant?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If no, are you enrolled in a different tribe?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, what tribe? _____

Family Members

Please list all members in the household

Full name:	_____	Relationship:	_____
Birthdate:	_____	Phone:	_____
Address:	_____		

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Previous Experience

What is your current proficiency level in Oneida culture and language? Beginner, intermediate, advanced?

In a brief statement, state your previous knowledge of culture and language

Personal Statement

In a brief statement, state your and your families' goals towards culture and language

If your family is accepted into the Culture & Language Program, are you willing to sign a Letter of Commitment on behalf of your family committing to the program for 10 full weeks? (circle one)

YES or NO

Application Acknowledgment Signature

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

I certify that all the above information is true and correct. I understand that all information in this application will be held in strict confidence within the program. I also understand that all information given will be included to determine acceptance into the program. I will submit additional information if needed. Providing false information will result in nonacceptance.

Parent
Signature:

Date:

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