



FUNDING FACTS - FAQ

What does the EBCI, Education & Training department fund?

- Associates Degree from a Regionally Accredited School
- Bachelor's Degree from a Regionally Accredited School
- Master's Degree from a Regionally Accredited School
- Vocational/Technical Degree/Certificates from Regionally Accredited School
- Vocational/Technical/Certificate from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges

How do I know if my school has the right accreditation?

Search for your school/institution on these sites:

<https://www.ed.gov/accreditation> <https://ope.ed.gov/dapip> www.accsc.org

Can I go to a Nationally Accredited school and if not, what is the difference?

- Choosing the right school to meet your needs is up to the student; however, the program will not fund schools that are Nationally Accredited.
- Why don't we fund Nationally Accredited Schools?

Credit hours from regionally accredited schools are more widely transferrable to other institutions. Regionally accredited schools are more academically oriented, non-profit, or state-owned institutions.

What if I don't want a degree, can I get a certificate?

- Yes, if you meet program requirements, you can apply for a certificate program from an institution that meets the requirements above.

Can I get my G.E.D. through Education & Training?

- No. However Southwestern Community College offers classes at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex for free! These are scheduled and coordinated by the school and not by the program.

Do I get any benefits for completing my G.E.D.?

- Yes, complete a Graduation Bonus Application found on this website.

Can I go to a trade school?

- Yes, you must meet program requirements and the school/institution must meet accreditations listed above.

For more information, please contact our office at (828)359-6650.

Funding is available for enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.