

is what they allow for scholarships--grants, we call them. They go to one of the Council members and whoever they resort to can get help or support from the other members of the council. Of course, that comes up before the Committee. If they vote in favor of that, that's what it goes to. That's how it's being anticipated of help. They gave my granddaughter five hundred dollars but we didn't ask for it. My son-in-law and my daughter didn't ask for it. But they found her record-- she graduated from high school and she graduated from Bacon and she's going to Tahlequah Teachers College--that's when they helped her out. Tribal money.

(Do they ever turn down anything like that--?)

When the case is questionable they do. Like they want your record of the school that you graduated from to be complete and so they will have something to go on. If they don't have that the money becomes questionable. Oh, if they show their diploma and their interest in what they're gonna major in--all those factors comes in. I got a granddaughter now--she'll be seventeen in May, I think. She'll be graduated from high school in El Reno this year. She wants to be a registered nurse. Well, we have asked nothing, but my daughter and son-in-law have been asked what kind of aid did they expect for their daughter to receive from the tribe. They said they didn't know yet. We usually take care of our own kids, you know, in my family. But they eventually will probably give her aid--a scholarship for tuition or something like that. I know my granddaughter that got that five hundred dollars--she spent about a hundred and forty dollars for clothes. Two or three pairs of shoes--the rest of it she just put in the bank.

(When you were serving on the Tribal Council did people come to you and ask you for favors?)

No, not that time. We didn't have that kind of money. I had a personal rig up-- furnish money by our best means for their help. Now they got all this big money. No officers--no counter claims against it--all clear--fifteen million. We set aside five hundred thousand for schooling--higher education. That's paid out to tuition and scholarship grants for the senior graduates who want to go higher.