



EDUCATION (PRE-K - 12TH) FUNDS POLICY

I. Introduction

The Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria recognizes the financial needs of Tribal members who wish to enroll their Tribal member children into private schooling for personal and/or educational needs. This Policy defines the authority of the Tribal Council and the Education Department to create a program to issue educational funds to eligible Tribal members. This policy applies to all minor Tribal members who are enrolled in an accredited educational institution from Pre-Kindergarten through twelfth (12th) grade. Pre-Kindergarten benefit applies in the year prior to when the child is eligible for kindergarten.

II. Definitions

Reserved.

III. Legal Obligation

The Tribal member who is issued educational funds must sign a release of information (attachment 1) and a repayment acknowledgement/agreement in the event of default.

The parent and/or responsible party of the minor who is receiving funding must provide the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria with final course grades on a semester basis within thirty (30) days of completion. Failure to submit final grades will be considered default (semester not successfully completed) and funds may be withheld until such documentation is provided.

IV. Limits

An eligible minor Tribal member may receive educational funds at a minimum of fifty (50) percent not to exceed seventy five (75) percent of the annual cost; depending on the family annual income. For Families whose income exceeds eighty five (85) percent of the State Median Income (SMI) the Tribe will contribute fifty (50) percent of the annual cost of the tuition. For Families whose income is below eighty five (85) percent of the State Median Income (SMI) the Tribe will contribute seventy five (75) percent of the annual cost of the tuition. Educational funds are vendor payment only to the educational institution of enrollment.

V. Program Requirement

The minor must be an enrolled member of the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria. Tribal members must submit final grades at the close of each semester to the Education Department. A Tribal member must successfully complete the total number of units required for promotion each semester.

VI. Defaults

If the minor Tribal member is not successfully completing the semester units they will be placed on a probationary period for the following semester. If they do not improve the following semester they can be disenrolled from the program after review/ruling of the Tribal Council. If the minor fails to complete the probationary period successfully, the parent and/or responsible party will be required to repay all monies rendered by the Tribe for the years that the default occurred.

Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria:



William Sand, Tribal Chairman

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Date