



SNOQUALMIE INDIAN TRIBE

HOMESCHOOL APPLICATION & DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FORM

The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe's Homeschool Benefit Program established pursuant to this Policy provides immediate assistance in the areas of Homeschool educational expenses and is intended to give Tribal children better access to educational opportunities by assisting Tribal families with Homeschool-related expenses. The goal is to help eligible Snoqualmie Tribal families by providing financial assistance to meet the basic needs of the Tribal community.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive this Benefit, the Snoqualmie child must be:

- A minor, enrolled Snoqualmie Tribal Member; and
- Homeschooled with a set of curriculum accepted by the Tribe; and
- No younger than six years of age, and of the age legally eligible for homeschooling per state law. In Washington, the minimum age is eight years; however, eligibility varies by state.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an 18 or 19-year old Snoqualmie Child may continue to be eligible to receive the Benefit, provided that they are being homeschooled in K-12 education.

DEFINITIONS

Homeschooling: when a parent or guardian acts as a full-time instructor to their child who is not otherwise enrolled in a school. Homeschooling does not include distance learning or online schooling (also known as virtual school), in which a child is enrolled in a school with teachers who manage the student's academics virtually, using a structured curriculum.

Department: the Tribe's Education Department.

Tribal Academic Year: for purposes of this Policy, each Tribal Academic Year begins on July 1 and concludes on June 30, regardless of the student's program or school.

Minor: A person under the age of 18.

Applicant: an adult parent/guardian applying to receive the Benefit on their child's behalf.

Snoqualmie Child: a minor enrolled Snoqualmie Tribal Member.

BENEFIT INFORMATION

This Policy provides up to \$7,000 USD per Tribal Academic Year per child for eligible homeschool expenses, as set forth in this Policy. The Tribe is a payor of last resort. If your State of residency offers funding for homeschooling that must be utilized first.

Program benefits are subject to change at any time based on the availability of funds, as may be determined by resolution of the Tribal Council of the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe. This homeschool benefit (the "Benefit") is a discretionary benefit offered by this Program and authorized by Tribal Council and subject to Tribal Council appropriations. Authorization of this program does not create any liability on the part of the Tribe for any future payment. Tribal Council reserves the right to alter or eliminate the Benefit at any time and for any reason.



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ITEMS ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE UNDER THIS POLICY INCLUDE:

1. *Technology expenses, subject to certain conditions:*
 - Up to \$1,500 of the Benefit may be used toward technology expenses, such as laptops, printers, and tablets.
 - Laptops, tablets, and printers will each be covered once every three years.
2. *Curriculum kits, including software, workbooks, answer keys, and video subscriptions, subject to the following restrictions:*
 - The curriculum purchased should be consistent with the learning level for the child for which the application is for. The department recognizes that the child may be at different learning levels for different subject areas and allowances will be made in accordance with the curriculum plan submitted by the parent or guardian.
 - The Department will not approve purchases in advance of future years' curriculum.
 - The Department will also not approve bulk purchases of curriculum.
 - The curriculum sets must be for single child use.
 - If the provided curriculum includes a subject area-specific project that requires materials, the materials must be considered for individual student use, and must be specific to the project in the curriculum.
3. *If the state of residency requires testing, testing fees are covered.*
4. *Field trip/study abroad expenses, subject to certain conditions:*
 - A maximum of 4 fields trips local to the child's place of residency will be covered per year.
 - The cost covered is only the admission fee for the student. Travel is not eligible.
 - Field trips/study abroad that exceed the child's local area must be affiliated with the local school district.
 - Only the cost of the expense for the qualifying student are eligible.
5. *Private or Center Based Tutoring*
 - Applicants must complete a tutoring supplement form at the time of application and provide attendance reports at the end of each month/term.
 - For students attending a tutoring program such as Sylvan Learning Center or other similar tutoring centers, the tutoring contract, assessment results and personal learning plan will be accepted in place of the tutoring supplement form.
 - Applicant is responsible for calling and rescheduling any tutoring sessions that the student is unable to attend. Any tutoring sessions that result in a "no call, no show" will not be paid for or reimbursed by the Program.
 - Applicant must ensure that an itemized invoice is submitted that lists the number of hours for which services are being rendered in order for the item(s) to be eligible for payment.
6. *Fees extracurricular or physical education activities will be approved, subject to certain conditions:*
 - *The activity must be consistent with a P.E. or extracurricular activity (music, dance, etc) that would be offered in the larger academic community.*
 - *Educational Summer Camps are also eligible.*
 - *Only up to \$3000 of the overall benefit can be spent on activities falling into this category.*



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INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Items not covered by this Benefit include, without limitation:

- Childcare, except where all eligible adults in the household work non-traditional hours (i.e., 6 PM–6 AM). In such cases, the Tribe's Childcare Program will review the applicants on a case-by-case basis.
- Therapies or services rendered by third party vendors that are medical in nature (such as speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy), unless mandated by the State's curriculum requirements.
- Utility and communication expenses (i.e., internet services).
- Regular school supplies.
- Recreational camps must go through TCR.

APPLICATION AND PAYMENT PROCESS

1. Applicants must submit a completed Homeschool Benefit Application and have a W-9 on file before payments may be issued.
2. Applicants must complete an Homeschool Application and Demographic Information Form.
3. Completion of the form requires the parent or guardian to review the [Homeschool Laws By State \(hslida.org\)](https://hslida.org) website and acknowledge any requirements that will be enforced by the Department.
4. The student demographic information will be referenced when approving age-appropriate curriculum and projects.
5. Applicants must submit a curriculum plan, with flexibility to submit for the current year, quarter, or semester as applicable.
6. The Education Department will provide a curriculum template. The template must be used by the parent applicant to fulfill this requirement.
7. The curriculum plan will be reviewed by the Education Manager and must be approved before funding may be accessed.
8. Curriculum plans must be consistent with the mandatory subject areas the state of residency requires.
9. Curriculum plans must also be specific in nature.
10. Changes to a curriculum plan require written notice to the Education Manager with written approval on any change(s).
11. Items or projects not expressly listed or connected to the submitted curriculum plan will not be approved for payment
12. Before payment will be issued, applicants must submit a Homeschool Funding Request Form with all supporting documentation for an expense and provide proof of payment, such as an original receipt or cancelled check showing the purchase.



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ADULT APPLICANT PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (THIS SHOULD BE THE INSTRUCTOR)

First and Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION- ENROLLED SNOQUALMIE MINOR

Name: _____ Minor ID#: _____

Grade Level: _____ State of Residency: _____

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

TERM TYPE (CIRCLE ONE)

SEMESTERS QUARTERS YEAR ROUND OTHER: _____

STATE TESTING/EVALUATION

Does your State require testing/evaluations: YES NO

If yes, when was the above student's last testing/evaluation date: _____

If testing/evaluation is due or out of date please provide the future date you intend to fulfill this requirement: _____

Is a copy of this testing/evaluation on file with the Education Dept. YES NO

If NO, please include the last testing/evaluation results with your application.

REQUIREMENTS AS SET BY STATE OF RESIDENCY

Does your State have a minimum number of hours of instruction? YES NO

If YES, how many hours: _____

Does your State require the parent/guardian instructor to meet certification requirements? YES NO

If YES, who is providing the student instruction. Name: _____



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Does the instructor meet state requirements to be performing homeschooling education? YES NO

State Required Subject Areas to be taught:

FUNDING ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

Parent/Guardian Applicant, please initial that you understand and agree to the following:

_____ I hereby agree that my child will be homeschooled for the academic term listed on this application and agree to follow all rules, regulations, and testing/evaluation requirements. I further agree that the funds issued to me for these educational purposes will be used solely for such purposes.

_____ I understand that I am required to disclose if my State of residency provides funding & materials to care out homeschool instruction. I understand that if I fail to fully and completely report the financial aid, scholarships, and other benefits I received, I will be required to REIMBURSE benefited funds to the Tribe and I will not be eligible for additional funding until the amount is paid in full.

_____ I understand that I am required to turn in all original receipts and all receipts must be dated between **July 1 and June 30** for the current Tribal Academic Year.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of this Funding Acceptance Agreement. By signing, I certify the information contained in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that in submitting this form I am confirming the listed student's intent to be homeschooled and recognize this makes me ineligible for K-12 program funding and GW Childcare funding. I agree that the Education Department may contact other Tribal programs for pertinent information as it applies to this application. I agree to repay any funds that the Tribe deems to have been misused, and that the Tribe may pursue any available remedies at law and/or equity to recover misused funds.

Signature

Date