



SNOQUALMIE INDIAN TRIBE

K-12 BENEFIT APPLICATION

The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe has established the K-12 Benefit Program to give Tribal children better access to educational opportunities by assisting Tribal families with K-12 education-related expenses. Proof of enrollment in school is required to be on file each year before funds are released unless homeschooling then you must declare you are homeschooling on this application and submit the proper declaration form to the school district in which you reside.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive this benefit, the child must be 1) a biological child of an enrolled Snoqualmie Tribal member, and 2) be receiving K-12 education.

HOMESCHOOLING

Definition of Homeschooling: Homeschooling is when parents or guardians act as full-time instructors and the child is not enrolled in a school. Homeschooling is not the same as distance learning or online schooling — also known as virtual school — in which a child is enrolled in a school which provides teachers who manage the student's studies virtually using a structured curriculum

Homeschool Applicants: Applicants with children who are homeschooled must submit with this application a pre-determined curriculum for the child's upcoming school year, curriculum can be submitted on a monthly, quarterly, each semester, or annual basis; the schedule should be established with the Education Department at time of initial application. The curriculum must meet tribal or state standards and include, at minimum, a rough estimate of expected expenses. The curriculum and expense estimate must be reviewed and approved by the Education Director before funding will be released. Changes throughout the year will not be accepted. The homeschooled child must complete and meet any testing and educational standards required by the state in which the child primarily resides, Kindergarteners are exempt from testing requirements. The Education Department reserves the right to assess curriculum to ensure age appropriateness in the event state standards are available for a given grade. Field trips for the purposes of homeschooling cannot be lavish or excessive, must be limited in number to be consistent to what would be offered in a traditional school setting, and must be directly tied to a portion of the submitted curriculum.

BENEFIT INFORMATION

An eligible child in grades Kindergarten through Grade 12 may receive up to \$15,000 per Tribal Academic Year to cover certain K-12 education expenses or to be used towards homeschooling expenses. The Tribal Academic Year, regardless of the student's school or program, begins on July 1 and concludes on June 30. This K-12 benefit is a discretionary benefit authorized by Tribal Council and subject to Tribal Council appropriations. Tribal Council reserves the right to alter or eliminate this benefit at any time. All requests must be dated within the current Tribal Academic Year to be considered for reimbursement or payment.



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ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Category A: School tuition, Running Start program expenses, summer school, tutoring, private evaluation for the development of an IEP (individual education plan), or other supplemental educational support or educational enrichment classes, lessons or programs including but not limited to: tuition, fees, test prep, exam fees, school fees (ASB, class fees, parking pass), field trip fees, uniform fees, and all other required fees, books and supplies needed by the course or program.

- *Applicants for homeschooled children must have an approved curriculum on file. Only services or supplies directly tied to the approved curriculum will be considered eligible expenses.*

Up to \$3000 of this benefit per Tribal Academic Year may be used towards the following categories:

Category B: Club fees, activity fees, and sports fees. Student may be required to provide proof of enrollment in the course or program.

Category C: School spirit expenses: school logo gear, letterman's jackets, class rings, student admission to school events, and school photos.

Category D: Graduation expenses: cap, gown, tassel, announcements and other senior gear included in graduation announcement packages.

Category E: Technology and software costs, including Microsoft Office or similar, educational software, and technology equipment as required or recommended by a teacher, tutor, or school program. Technology and software costs, including Microsoft Office or similar, other educational software, and technology equipment as required or recommended by a teacher, tutor, homeschool need, or school program. Purchase of same/similar technology equipment is only allowed every 3 years. Laptops, desktops, ipads, tablets are all defined for the purposes of this program as similar items.

ADULT APPLICANT PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

First and Last Name: _____

Enrollment Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Grade Level: _____ School: _____



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VENDOR/PAYMENT INFORMATION

Name of School/Program/Vendor: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Name of Contact Person: _____ Contact Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

HOMESCHOOLING

Check this box if you are declaring that you are homeschooling the above referenced student.
(Please ensure you have submitted the proper paperwork to your school district to be eligible for homeschooling)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

In the space provided below, please enter all fees you would like to submit for funding for:

Category	Description of Requested Expense(s)	Fee/Expense amount
A		
B		
C		
D		
E		

Total Funding requested: \$ _____

This request is for (please circle one): Reimbursement **OR** Payment to Vendor, I've attached their W-9



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FUNDING ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

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

_____ I hereby agree that my child is enrolled in the school/program indicated on this application and agree to follow all rules, regulations, and attendance requirements of the school/program. 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 any and all financial aid, scholarships, benefits, tuition waivers, etc., upon receiving them. 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 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.

Parent/Guardian Applicant Signature

Date



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STUDENT RELEASE OF INFORMATION FERPA (FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT) FORM

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 is a federal law that protects the privacy of financial and academic student education records. Generally, schools require have written permission from the parent or eligible student (if over 18 years of age) in order to release information from a student’s education record.

By signing, the applicant understands that the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe’s intent of collecting and maintaining this data is to determine eligibility for Tribal educational benefits and to provide a means of producing statistical records. Failure on the part of the applicant to provide the requested information will preclude the applicant from eligibility in obtaining K-12 education assistance under this program.

The administration of this program requires certain information from the applicant. The forms included in this packet solicit the required information. This information may be made available to authorized organizations or individuals in compliance with all applicable laws.

I, _____ hereby authorize
(Student or Parent/Guardian requesting release, print full name)

_____ to release any and all of the following information
(Program/School/University)

over the period of _____ to the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Education Department:
(Academic Year)

- Financial aid awards, application data, disbursements, and/or eligibility
- Billing statements, charges, credits, payments, and/or past due amounts
- GPA/grades, demographic, registration, student ID number, enrollment information, and/or academic progress status
- Access to student records maintained by the Registration Office and Financial Office, including all of the above examples

By signing below, I consent to the release of the student information listed above to the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Education Department. I acknowledge that this release is valid for the Academic Year listed above at the program listed above or until I have revoked this release in writing.

(Student or Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

Please Note: FERPA pertains to the release of records only. It does not give others the right to act on your behalf or change your records.