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INTRODUCTION

The Fort Peck Tribes Education Department has developed an Incentive Program to encourage all of our tribally enrolled members to further their education. All of these programs are designed to award and recognize completion of academic progress. Each award is in the form of a monetary amount. Each program has their own eligibility policies and requirements, please read them carefully.

We have one program that awards completion of 8th grade, high school diplomas, G.E.D. or college degrees and vocational certification programs. College students who complete one full academic year are eligible to receive an incentive award, upon completion of each successful academic year. Students who travel to colleges off the reservation, we provide travel assistance. For graduates we have a limited amount of funding to assist with Master or Doctorate degrees. This handbook contains all the information you will need to understand each of these programs and applications are included.

You are encouraged to contact the Education Department if you have any questions at: (406) 768-5136 or 1-800-799-2926.

Applications can be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to:

Fort Peck Tribes Education Department
501 Medicine Bear Road
P.O. Box 1027
Poplar, MT 59255

TITLE III CHAPTER 4, SUBCHAPTER C

Sec. 407 A. Protection of member of the Tribal Executive Board, judges, tribal and federal officers and employees.

- a. Whoever forcibly assaults, opposes, impedes, intimidates, or interferes with (1) any member of the Tribal Executive Board, or (2) any Judge or Acting Judge of any court created under authority of the United States, or (3) any officer or employee of the Tribes or of the United States, on account of the performance of official duties, or while such member, judge, officer employee is engaged in official duties, shall be guilty of felony.
- b. Whoever forcibly assaults or intimidates any person who formerly served as a person designated in Subsection a on account of the performance of official duties such person's term of service, shall be guilty of a felony.
- c. Whoever, in the commission of an act described in Subsection a and b, uses a deadly or dangerous weapon, shall be guilty of a felony for which a mandatory penalty of one year shall be imposed, plus a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- d. Where the victim of an assault is against a person described in Subsection a and b, it shall be no defense that the action of such person is contrary to law, so long as the action or failure to act is within the scope of such persons duties or employment.

(Amended as per Resolution No. 2302-94-11, Dated 11/21/96.)

GRADUATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program is available to all tribally enrolled members of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes who are pursuing a post-graduate degree, such as a master or doctorate degree program. This funding is solely dependent upon on money available at the end of the each fiscal year. Funding amount is subject to change without notice.

Application procedures are as follows:

1. First time applicants must provide a copy of acceptance letter, a copy of class registration, and a letter requesting the graduate assistance program.
2. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credits for full time status and must maintain a minimum of 3.0 GPA, if student fails to meet these requirements, the student will be placed on probation. Probation status requires the student to improve GPA and/or increase credits during the next quarter/semester. If student fails to improve GPA and/or complete the minimum required credits within the next quarter/semester, student will be placed on suspension. (See item #4)
3. Continuing students must provide a copy of official transcripts at the end of each semester, Fall by January 10 and Spring by June 10. Quarter students have 15 days to submit grades after each quarter ends. Failure to do so will result in suspension. In addition, students must provide a copy of class schedule for next quarter/semester for continuation of funding.
4. Suspension status requires the student to attend one quarter/semester on their own and maintain required credits and GPA guidelines for graduate students as defined in Item #2 listed above.

All documents are to be submitted to the Education Department by September 25th for the Fall and Spring semester/quarter. Only one (1) masters or doctoral degree will be funded. Correspondence or extension courses are not eligible for graduate funding. Funding will be dispersed twice a year, once for the Fall and once for the Spring. Graduate scholarships will be mailed out after October 1st. The award amounts will be determined at that time.

DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

Degree completion awards are available to all tribally enrolled members of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes. Requirements are listed below.

1. Student must provide a copy of diploma, certificate or an official transcript.
2. For student completing a G.E.D. a copy of certificate and tests scores are necessary.
3. Diplomas and certificates must be earned at a fully accredited college/institution and the program duration must last a minimum of twelve (12) months.
4. Certificates earned at workshops or seminars are not eligible.
5. Diplomas or certificates earned while in police academy or nursing CNA training are not eligible.
6. All degree completions must be submitted to the Education Department within one (1) year from the date earned to be eligible. No retroactive awards will be given.
7. Only one (1) incentive award will be given per degree, no multiple awards allowed.

AWARD AMOUNTS

Headstart	10.00
8 th Grade Diplomas	25.00
G.E.D. Certificates	50.00
High School Diplomas	75.00
Vocational One-Year Certificates	100.00
Vocational Two-Year Certificates (AAS Degree)	200.00
Associate of Arts/Science Degrees	200.00
Bachelor Degrees	300.00
Master or Doctorate Degrees	400.00

COLLEGE TRAVEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The College Travel Assistance Program is available to all tribally enrolled members of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes; to undergraduates only. This program is designed to provide financial assistance for students traveling to attend colleges/universities off the reservation and to those who will be traveling more than 100 miles to college. It is not intended to provide daily gas money. Students attending college on the reservation are not eligible. Travel assistance amount is \$120.00 however, student may split amount between semesters. Student can request \$60.00 for the Fall and \$60.00 for the Spring semester/quarter. No retroactive travel assistance will be allowed.

The following documentation needs to accompany this application:

1. New students must complete the form below prior to travel date and attach the following documents:
 - a. Copy of acceptance letter.
 - b. Copy of Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB), can be obtained from the Fort Peck Tribes Enrollment Department: (406) 768-2319.
 - c. If another individual is picking up travel, student must fill in authorization portion of form below and sign.
2. Returning or continuing students must provide copy of class schedule and application.
3. All students must meet the minimum standards as set forth in our Higher Education Handbook. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits and maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA.
4. If student decides not to attend college selected than all travel money must be returned to the Education Department, if student fails to return the money, student may be disqualified from future assistance.

Date: _____

I, _____, am requesting the college travel assistance (Resolution #2493-91-8) for the amount of \$_____ to travel to _____ (College name) in _____. I will be leaving on: _____.

I, _____, authorize _____ to pick up my college travel check from the Education Department.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

UNDERGRADUATE INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION

All undergraduate students whether they are receiving Higher Ed or Adult Vocational Training funding are eligible to apply for incentive if they meet the following requirements:

- are in good academic standing with the Education Department (not on Suspension or Probation)
- transcripts are turned in by deadline June 10th
- has completed of one full academic year with a minimum of 12 credits each quarter/semester and with a minimum of 2.0 G.P.A. (Not cumulative G.P.A. or career credits earned).

No incentive applications will be honored if official transcript and application are not turned in by the June 10th deadline. Incentive award amount is \$50.00.

The following documents must be provided with application:

1. An **official** transcript for verification, **no exceptions**.
2. A copy of High School Diploma or G.E.D.
3. A copy of Certificate of Indian Blood.
4. Items 3 & 4 above must be provided if we do not have a copy on file.

COLLEGE INCENTIVE PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

Date: _____

I, _____ am requesting the Fort Peck Tribal Incentive Award.

I certify that I have met all the requirements and have provided all the required documentation listed above and that everything is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Please have my Incentive check mailed to: _____

I authorize _____ to pick up my Incentive check.

Signature: _____

Date: _____