

WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

TRIBAL GRANT POLICY

THE TRIBAL GRANT IS MADE AVAILABLE FROM TAX REVENUES COLLECTED ON THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE RESERVATION. EACH YEAR THE REVENUES VARY AND EACH YEAR THE AMOUNT ALLOTTED TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT VARIES. THIS FUNDING IS CONTINGENT ON THE AMOUNT OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED ON THE RESERVATION.

SECTION I – PURPOSE:

1. The Tribal Grant program is for the specified purpose of financially assisting eligible WRPT members who are enrolled in an accredited college, university or recognized Adult Vocational Training program.
2. The purpose of these policies is to set forth procedures and requirements to govern the awarding of the WRPT Tribal Grant as administered by the WRPT Education Department.
3. The funding source is tax dollars from business conducted on the reservation. We are in need to prioritize the disbursement method.

SECTION II – QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be an enrolled member, certified with the Walker River Paiute Tribe.
2. Fulltime, (12 credits or more), Higher Education student or a fulltime Adult Vocational Training (AVT) student.
3. A completed Tribal Grant Application.
4. *Completed Higher Education or Adult Vocational Training (AVT) application on file each quarter/semester.*
5. A completed Student Contract

SECTION III – DISBURSEMENT METHODS:

1. Priority will be given to the students who reside within the reservation. A \$1,000.00 grant will be awarded to each qualified Higher Education applicant who resides on the reservation each semester if funds are available. Those who do not reside on the reservation will receive funds divided equally after the funds have been disbursed to those who reside on the reservation first.
 - A. If selected the applicant will need to provide proof of residency if applying for resident grant of \$1,000.00 (See Section VII)

2. A \$1,000.00 grant will be awarded to each Adult Vocational Training applicant who resides on the reservation each semester if funds are available. Those who do not reside on the reservation will receive funds divided equally after the funds have been disbursed to those who reside on the reservation first.
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3. The Tribal Grant is in accordance with Higher Education deadline July 1 and November 1. Adult Vocational Training (AVT) March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15 deadlines.
4. The Tribal Grant check will be sent to each student.

SECTION V – ACADEMIC PROBATION OR SUSPENSION:

1. A student who does not meet the minimum academic requirement for one term will be funded on Academic Probation during the next term.
 - a) Academic Probation Requirement: Student will be required to receive a 2.0 or higher GPA on college credits equivalent to that amount that was lost that resulted in being placed on academic probation.
 - b) Notification of this action will be made to students by letter. If substantial progress is not made during probationary period, the student's Tribal funding may be suspended.
2. Once a student's Tribal funding has been suspended, the student will not be considered for funding **UNTIL** the student, through other funding sources, earns a minimum of college credits equivalent to what was previously funded for and lost, earning a 2.0 or higher GPA.
3. After a student reinstates his/her Tribal funding by fulfilling the requirements, he/she will continue to be eligible for funding as long as he/she maintains the academic requirements stipulated by the program.
4. Special circumstances may be considered by the WRPT Board of Education on a case-by-case basis in accordance with grievance procedures.

SECTION VI – WITHDRAWALS

1. If a student receives the tribal grant check and cashes it then decides not attend school or withdraw from school, they will not be eligible for any funding until they pay back the tribal grant check, or they attend and make up the credits lost during the semester.

SECTION VII – DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCY

1. Must be a Bono fide resident for 1 year prior to starting school or program.
2. Each student will need to provide proof of residency by neighbor or friend.
3. Utility bill with address.