



SECTION 3 ENRICHMENT GRANT PROGRAM POLICY

3.1 – PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Enrichment Program is to allow Walker River Tribal members the opportunity to enhance their skills and enrich their lives by attending higher education classes on a part-time basis, summer classes, PhD, or Master's Programs.

3.2 – ELIGIBILITY:

A. To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must be:

1. An enrolled member, certified with the Walker River Paiute Tribe.

3.3 – DETERMINATION:

- A. Students previously in the Higher Education program may be eligible for the Enrichment Program. The responsibility of determining an applicant's eligibility lies with the WRPT Education Director. Students in good standing upon leaving another Walker River Paiute Tribal Education program will be in good standing upon entering the Enrichment Program.
- B. Students on academic probation when leaving another Walker River Paiute Tribal Education program will continue to be on academic probation upon entering the Enrichment Program. The student will remain on academic probation until such time as they have fulfilled the requirements to be off academic probation or have been suspended from the program. (*Refer to Section V – Academic Probation or Suspension*)
- C. Students on academic suspension upon leaving another Walker River Paiute Tribal Education program will not be eligible for funding under the Enrichment Program until such time as they have fulfilled suspension requirements. (*Refer to Section V – Academic Probation or Suspension*).

3.4 – STANDARDS OF GRANT APPLICATION & FUNDING:

- A. Enrichment funding is dependent upon the availability of funds.
- B. Up to nine (9) credits will be paid for, including lab fees – a maximum of \$1,050 per semester.
- C. Students who have paid for their tuition will be reimbursed upon submission of documentation of proof of payment. (Documentation may vary from school to school.)
- D. Students may be eligible for book costs up to \$125.00 per class if funding is available.
- E. Reimbursement will be on a first-come, first- served basis. Receipts must be provided for reimbursement.
- F. Students must submit grades or certificates of completion before receiving additional funding. GPA must be 2.0 or higher. Should a student not meet the 2.0 GPA, he/ she

will then be placed on academic probation. (Refer to Section V - Academic Probation or Suspension.)

- G. Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis:
 - a. 1st Quarter – December 15th deadline
 - b. 2nd Quarter – March 15th deadline
 - c. 3rd Quarter – June 15th deadline
 - d. 4th Quarter – September 15th deadline
- H. Applicants are not eligible for new funding until six (6) months after receiving funding.

3.5 – 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, which resulted in being placed on academic probation.
 - b. Notification of this action will be made to the student by letter, but the lack of a letter will not negate the action. If substantial progress is not made during the 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 if he/ she maintains the academic requirements stipulated by the program.
4. Special circumstances may be considered by the Board of Education on a case-by-case basis.

3.6 – APPEAL PROCEDURES:

1) RIGHT TO A HEARING

- A. Upon filing a written request as provided herein, a participant is entitled to a hearing before the Board of Education.

2) DEFINITIONS

- A. A participant is defined as anyone participating in a program funded by the WRPT Education Department.
- B. An appeal or complaint is defined as any dispute with respect to the WRPT Education Department regulations, guidelines, or procedures that affect the rights, duties, welfare, or status of the participant.

3) THE PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN A HEARING

- A. Any appeal or complaint must be in writing and signed by the participant and filed with the Education Director. After reviewing the appeal or complaint, a hearing before the

Board of Education will be held within twenty (20) days or at the next regular Board of Education meeting (whichever comes first).

4) THE HEARING

- A. If the participant fails to appear or make himself/herself available by phone at a scheduled hearing, the WRPT Board of Education may decide that the participant has waived his/her right to a hearing. The participant will then be notified in writing of the result and determination.
- B. At the hearing, the participant will be given the opportunity to address the Board of Education to present the issues in his/her appeal/complaint and to state the participant's requested relief. The Education Department staff will also be given an opportunity to address the issues raised in the appeal/complaint.

5) DECISION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- A. The decision of the Board of Education will be based solely and exclusively on the facts presented by both the participant and the Education Department at the requested hearing, and the applicable laws/regulations/policies governing the matter.
- B. The Board of Education shall prepare, in writing, its decision with the reasons for or against the participant's request within twenty (20) days after the hearing. A copy of the decision will be sent to the participant, and a copy will be kept on file.

6) FINAL DECISION

- A. If the participant is not satisfied with the Board of Education's decision after the hearing, the participant may appeal the decision to the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council.
- B. A final decision on the matter will be determined by the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council.
- C. Hearing Request: The participant shall submit a written request for a final hearing by the Tribal Council to the Tribal Council Secretary. The Tribal Council shall hold a hearing on the matter within twenty (20) days or by the next regular Tribal Council meeting (whichever occurs first), after receipt of such a request.
 - A. The decision of the Tribal Council shall be based solely and exclusively on the facts presented by both the participant and the Education Department at the hearing, and the applicable laws/regulations/policies governing the matter.
 - B. The Tribal Council shall prepare a written decision with the reasons for or against the participant's request within twenty (20) days after the hearing. A copy of the decision will be sent to the participant, and a copy will be kept in the file.
 - C. The Tribal Council's decision shall be final and not reviewable by any court or any other entity.