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Sault Tribe Board approves help for tribal college students

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians tribal board of directors has approved a one-time reimbursement program (up to \$1,000 per student) to enhance the technology infrastructure of Sault Tribe students pursuing higher education. Applicants must provide justification for how the technology related purchase is needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Sault Tribe Higher Education Technology Enhancement Reimbursement Program will be operated on a first-come, first-served basis and is open to any currently enrolled Sault Tribe higher education student with a permanent address tribe's seven-county service area.

Applicants must provide the following information by Oct. 30 to qualify:

- Completed technology enhancement application
- Copy of tribal card
- IRS W-9 form
- Proof of current enrollment in a higher education program
- Receipt for purchased item (with proof of purchase between March 1 and Oct. 30, 2020)

Reimbursement will be provided for allowable expenses only. The Sault Tribe will have full discretion to approve or deny reimbursements on an item-by-item basis. No reimbursements will be allowed for personal items such as cell phones, cell phone bills, in home internet bills, televisions, gaming consoles and accessories, etc. Please see the list of allowable expenses below:

- Computers (laptops/desktops/chrome books)
- Computer accessories (chargers, keyboards, mice, webcams, external hard drives, etc.)
- iPad/Tablets or accessories (chargers, cases, headphones, screen protectors etc.)
- Technology related software (Microsoft Office, Adobe Pro, etc.)
- Printers / Printer Ink / Scanners
- Online coursework subscriptions / e-textbooks (hard copy text books excluded)
- Wi-Fi routers / internet modems / Wi-Fi signal boosters

All applications and applicable documents must be submitted to the Sault Tribe Education Department no later than Oct. 30, 2020, by 5 p.m. Email submissions preferred. Reimbursement checks will be mailed to qualified applicants by Nov. 20. Please call or email with eligibility questions:

Sault Tribe Education Division

Attn: Cody Jodoin

2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Email - cjodoin@saulttribe.net

Phone - (906) 635-7010

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Higher Education Technology Enhancement Application - 2020

Applications can be found at www.saulttribe.com under the education tab.
(applicants must have a permanent address in seven county service area to qualify)

All applicants must submit the following information by 10/30/20:

- Completed application
- Copy of tribal card
- IRS W-9 form
- Proof of current enrollment in a higher education program (transcript/class schedule/etc.)
- Receipt for purchased item (item must be on list of allowable expenses and purchased between 03/01/20 – 10/30/20)

ALL documents MUST be submitted to:

**Sault Tribe Education Division
Attn: Cody Jodoin
2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
or emailed to cjodoin@saulttribe.net
Questions? Email Cody or call 906.635.7010**

PLEASE NOTE: Approvals, denials and requests for more information are sent via email. After submitting your request, please check your email periodically for updates. Program deadline is October 30th, 2020 – Reimbursement checks will be processed and mailed by November 20th, 2020.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Application for Higher Education Technology Enhancement

Section I – Applicant Information *(applicant must have a permanent address in seven county service area to qualify)*

Applicant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone (_____) _____

Email Address _____

College / University Information

Name of School _____

Degree Level (circle one) Associates Bachelors Masters Doctorate Other/Certificate

Course of Study _____

Applicants must attach a copy of their current tribal card, proof of enrollment in a higher education program (transcript/class schedule/etc), a purchase receipt(s) and a completed IRS W-9 form.

All applicants must provide justification for why this technology related purchase is needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please check (x) all applicable boxes below:

- _____ My college/university is providing course instruction in a virtual platform
_____ My college/university campus is closed and I am completing programming from my home
_____ My coursework/tests must be completed and submitted in an online platform
_____ Other (please provide justification in space below):

Allowable Expenses

Reimbursement will **ONLY** be provided for items on the list of allowable expenses below:

- Computers (Laptops/Desktops/Chrome Books)
- Computer Accessories (chargers, keyboards, mice, webcams, external hard drives, headphones)
- iPad/Tablet or Accessories (chargers, keyboards, cases, headphones, screen protectors etc.)
- Technology related software (Microsoft Office, Adobe Pro, etc.)
- Printers / Printer Ink / Scanners
- Online coursework subscriptions / e-textbooks (hard copy text books excluded)
- Wi-Fi Routers / Internet Modems / Wi-Fi Signal Boosters

******This is a one-time reimbursement for any allowable technology related item(s) up to \$1,000.00. Reimbursement will only be provided for items purchased between 03/01/2020 and 10/30/2020. Attached receipts must show proof of purchase date. Multiple receipts can be submitted but only one check will be cut for each qualifying applicant. No reimbursement for personal items such as cell phones, cell phone bills, in home internet bills, televisions, gaming consoles/accessories, etc. The Sault Tribe will determine reimbursement eligibility on an item-by-item basis – call 906.635.7010 with eligibility questions******

All information obtained in this application will be treated as privileged and confidential and will not be released or revealed to any other persons without prior written consent of applicant. I certify that all the information given is true and correct. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of funds; and I authorize Sault Tribe program officials to verify the information on this application; and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject suspension from the program and/or require return of funds.

Signature of Applicant

Date

