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Sault Tribe establishes K-12 Technology Enhancement Reimbursement Program

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 help K-12 students enrolled in a virtual or hybrid education program. Applicants must provide justification for how the technology-related purchase is needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program is open to any Sault Tribe K-12 student residing in the tribe's seven-county service area who has been enrolled in a virtual or hybrid education program for the 2020-2021 school year. **It applies only to the 2020-2021 school year and not to the end of the 2019-2020 school year.** Parent/Guardian must provide proof that the student was enrolled in a virtual/hybrid prior to Sept. 8, 2020.

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

- Completed K-12 technology enhancement application
- Copy of student's tribal card
- Parent/Legal Guardian IRS W-9 form
- Proof of current enrollment in a virtual or hybrid education program
- Receipt for purchased item (with proof of purchase between March 1 and Oct. 30, 2020)

Applications can be found at www.saulttribe.com under the Education tab.

Reimbursement will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis 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/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 Dept. no later than Oct. 30, 2020 by 5 p.m. Reimbursement checks will be mailed to qualified applicants early-December.

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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K-12 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 K-12 technology enhancement application**
- **Copy of student's tribal card**
- **IRS W-9 form (to be completed by Parent/Legal Guardian)**
- **Proof of current enrollment in a virtual/hybrid education program**
- **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 K-12 Technology Enhancement Reimbursement

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

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Parent Daytime Phone (_____) _____

Parent Email Address _____

School / Online Education Program Information

Name of School _____ Grade Level _____

My child's school has provided him/her with a laptop/chrome book for the school year (circle one): **YES NO**

MUST SUBMIT ONE APPLICATION PER CHILD. Applicants must attach a copy of their child's current tribal card, proof of enrollment in a virtual/hybrid education program as of 09/08/20, a purchase receipt(s) and a parent/legal guardian must complete the IRS W-9 form. Reimbursement checks will be made payable to the student's parent/legal guardian.

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 child's school is not providing any in person instruction due to COVID-19 (100% Virtual Instruction ONLY)
- _____ I elected to enroll my child in a completely virtual instruction program (100% Virtual Instruction)
- _____ I elected to enroll my child in a hybrid instruction program (Mix of in person instruction & virtual instruction)
- _____ 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/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

******K-12 students must have a permanent address within the 7 county service area to qualify for this program. This is a one-time reimbursement for any allowable technology related item(s) up to \$1,000.00. Students must be enrolled in a virtual or hybrid schooling program in order to qualify. 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 Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type.	See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<p>1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.</p> <hr/> <p>2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above</p> <hr/> <p>3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____</p> <p>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____</p>	<p>4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any) _____</p> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____</p> <p><small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small></p>
		<p>5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.</p> <hr/> <p>6 City, state, and ZIP code</p> <hr/> <p>7 List account number(s) here (optional)</p> <hr/>	<p>Requester's name and address (optional)</p> <hr/>

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
-				-					
or									
Employer identification number									
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.