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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 <u>www.saulttribe.com</u> 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 <u>cjodoin@saulttribe.net</u> 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 c (transcript/cla	copy of their cur ss schedule/etc)				

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 programing 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.

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

	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above						
on page 3.	following seven boxes. ✓ Individual/sole proprietor or □ C Corporation □ S Corporation □ Partnership □ Trust/estate	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):					
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	7 List account number(s) here (optional)						
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Employer identification number

Certification Part II

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	Signature of		
Here	U.S. person ▶		

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)

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- 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.