

Title: Youth Tribal Member Enrichment Funds Policy with Corresponding Procedure	Effective Date: Council Approved 9/30/2020
Policy Classification: Tribal Wide	Function: Financial

PURPOSE: To assure Kahtnuht’ana Dena’ina thrive forever by promoting and protecting the education, health and general welfare of Kenaitze Tribal Members.

APPLIES TO: All Kenaitze Tribal Members, 17 years of age and younger.

DEFINITIONS: **Tribal Member Enrichment Funds:** a source of Tribal Council Discretionary funding for the enrichment of Kenaitze Tribal Members.

Internal Revenue Code Section 139E “Indian General Welfare Benefit”: any payment made or services provided to or on behalf of a Kenaitze Tribal Member pursuant to Kenaitze Tribal Government programs that are administered under specified guidelines and does not discriminate in favor of Members of the governing body of the Tribe. The benefits provided under such program:

1. are available to any Tribal Member who meets such guidelines,
2. are for the promotion of general welfare,
3. are not lavish or extravagant, and are not compensation for services.

Educational Activities: approved education and career development activities, educational supplies, extracurricular activities including field trips, sports activity fees, clothing and/or equipment for Kenaitze Tribal Members, grade K - 12.

Enrichment: activities promoting and protecting the education, health and general welfare of Kenaitze Tribal Members.

Rolling 12-Month Period: a period of 12 consecutive months determined on a rolling basis with a new 12-month period beginning on the first day of each calendar month based on the month of the first approved request. Examples are provided below.

1. Assume a Tribal Member’s request for \$1,000.00 is approved on March 10, 2020, the same Tribal Member would not be eligible to submit a new request until March 10, 2021.
2. Assume a Tribal Member’s request for \$300 is approved on March 10, 2020 and the same Tribal Member’s request for an additional \$700.00 is approved on June 10, 2020, the same Tribal Member would not be eligible to submit a new request until March 10, 2021.

**POLICY
STATEMENT:**

Youth Tribal Member Enrichment Funds may be allocated to meet the needs of Kenaitze Youth Tribal Members when federal funding is insufficient to adequately fulfill federal trust obligations.

Youth Tribal Member Enrichment Funds shall be used to promote the education, health, general welfare and the best interests of Kenaitze Youth Tribal Members. The Tribal Member enrollment number shall be provided as the identifier for the application when presented to Tribal Council for consideration. The Tribal Council shall have the discretion to decide how funds are allocated throughout the fiscal year based on the following:

1. A Youth Tribal Member may be eligible to apply for a total of \$1,000.00 of Youth Tribal Member Enrichment Funds during a rolling 12-month period.
2. Benefits shall be paid on the basis of immediate need and shall not be treated as a resource of the Youth Tribal Members for consideration of any program or service.
3. Funding shall be subject to availability of budgeted funds and shall be consistent in purpose, eligibility and intent of Tribal programs and services at the discretion of the Tribal Council.
4. Funding shall be paid to the appropriate vendor unless Tribal Council waives this requirement.

Internal Revenue Code Section 139E "Indian General Welfare Benefit guidelines shall be applied.

PROCEDURE:

1. Tribal Council approval shall be obtained for a Tribal Member Enrichment Funds Application for financial assistance areas of need not to exceed \$1,000.00 in a rolling 12-month period for the following:
 - a. Transportation may include but is not limited to gas, repairs and car insurance if the vehicle is for the primary use of the Youth.
 - b. A computer and/or an electronic device which may include but is not limited to internet service for such purpose as education and/or health.
 - c. Educational activities which may include but is not limited to clothing, winter gear or sports equipment, enrollment and locker fees for school activities such band, choir, physical education, other sports or field trips
 - d. Day care assistance which may include but is not limited to membership fees for Boys and Girls Club.
 - e. Other health and dental needs which may include but is not limited to braces, hearing aids and crowns/bridges.
2. Youth Tribal Member Enrichment Funds shall not include the following:
 - a. Funding for bail or legal services such as criminal, child custody and/or divorce cases.
 - b. Funding for private business ventures

3. A completed Youth Tribal Member Enrichment Funds Application for financial assistance shall be filed with, and administered by the Tribal Programs Department.
 - a. Attach a copy of an invoice from the vendor(s).
4. The Tribal Programs Department shall verify that other sources of funding have been exhausted.
 - a. Tribal Member Memorial Policy with Corresponding Procedure
 - b. Funeral Assistance Policy with Corresponding Procedure.
 - c. Na'ini Family and Social Services funding
 - d. TDHE funding
 - e. Education funding
 - f. State of Alaska Job Services funding
 - g. Any other internal and/or external funding sources
5. The Tribal Programs Department shall submit the Youth Tribal Member Enrichment Funds Application at a Tribal Council meeting for approval.
 - a. Tribal Programs Department shall notify the Tribal Council Chair of a potential conflict of interest in accordance with the Tribal Council, Boards, Commissions and Committees Code of Conduct.
 - b. A Poll Vote of the Tribal Council may be conducted for urgent or emergent requests.
6. The Tribal Programs Department shall enter the request into ReqLogic upon Tribal Council approval for each request not to exceed \$1,000.00 in a rolling 12-month period.
7. Tribal Programs Director shall:
 - a. Authorize payment in ReqLogic to the vendor.
 - b. Prepare a Tribal Member Enrichment Fund Quarterly Report for Tribal Council.

- REFERENCES:**
1. Annual Budget Policy
 2. Procurement Policy with Corresponding Procedure
 3. Internal Revenue Code
 4. Funeral Assistance Policy with Corresponding Procedure
 5. Tribal Member Memorial Policy with Corresponding Procedure

CONTACT: If assistance or additional information about the policy is required contact the Tribal Programs Director.

RIGHT TO CHANGE: The Tribal Council, in its sole discretion, may amend or rescind this policy, in whole or in part, at any time without notice.

POLICY HISTORY: Origination Date: May 25, 2018 (Tribal Council Discretionary Funds Policy)
 Revision Date: August 3, 2020 (Tribal Member Enrichment Funds Policy with Corresponding Procedure)
 Revision Date: September 30, 2020