



MINOR'S TRUST FUND AND EDUCATION/MEDICAL ADVANCE POLICY

I. MISSION STATEMENT

The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria provides Minor Trust Funds for its members under the age of eighteen (18). Further, Bear River recognizes the financial needs of parents with children. The approved Bear River Band Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) allows for advances for children of funds that accumulate for individual minors for medical and educational purposes. The purpose of this policy is to outline parameters for the normal vesting of a Minor's Trust Fund as well as how many advances of Bear River Minor Trust Funds for medical or educational purposes may be requested.

II. GOALS

To provide eligible minor Tribal Members access to their Minor Trust for items that are not covered under any other tribal policy and directly to relate to the education, health and medical, safety and welfare of the minor Tribal Member.

III. DEFINITIONS

Child(ren) – Person between the ages of birth and eighteen (18) for the purposes of this policy.

Grade School – Kindergarten through eighth (8th) grade.

High School – Ninth (9th) grade through twelfth (12th) grade.

Legal Guardian – Typically the parent(s) of the minor child but may be any individual who has legal custody over a minor Tribal Member.

Tribal Member – An enrolled member of the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria.

Vest/Vested/Vesting – The time in which the beneficiary of a trust fund becomes eligible to receive all the benefits outlined in that trust fund.

IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR REGULAR VESTING OF TRUST FUND

“Vesting”, or the moment the trust fund money is turned over to the beneficiary minor Tribal Member, requires that the minor Tribal Member reaches the legal age of

adulthood, eighteen (18), graduates high school or receives their G.E.D., and completes a budgetary/financial responsibility class that has been approved by the Bear River Tribal Council. A certificate of completion or other document verifying the course has been completed must be submitted to the Bear River Enrollment Department in order for this requirement to be met.

If these requirements are not met, the trust fund does not vest until the beneficiary minor Tribal Member reaches the age of twenty-one (21).

V. QUALIFICATIONS

Must be an enrolled minor Tribal Member with a vested trust fund account held by The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria.

VI. PROCESSING

Written requests to utilize this policy must be submitted to the Tribal Council. All supporting documentation to justify the request must be submitted in order for the request to be placed on the council agenda for consideration.

VII. LIMITATIONS FOR PAYMENT

A. EDUCATION

An eligible minor Tribal Member may receive funds for education expenses that are not otherwise covered under any other tribal program or policy. Eligible Tribal Members are encouraged to first check with our education department to determine if their need for education assistance is covered prior to submitting a request under this policy.

The education expense benefit will be distributed directly to a vendor. No reimbursement requests will be accepted.

B. HEALTH AND MEDICAL

An eligible minor Tribal Member may receive funds for health and medical purposes outside of items already covered under other policies. The health and medical condition must be life threatening or otherwise present a risk to the long term health and safety of the minor Tribal Member.

The health and medical expense benefit will be distributed directly to a vendor or health care provider. No reimbursement requests will be accepted.

C. SAFETY AND WELFARE

For the purposes of this policy Safety and Welfare are defined as essential items to ensure the wellbeing of a minor Tribal Member to include but not limited to emergency

housing. Requests for an advance under Section IV. Subsection B. will be reviewed on a case by case basis and must be emergency in nature, life-threatening or otherwise present a long term safety and welfare risk to the minor Tribal Member.

The safety and welfare expense benefit will be distributed directly to a vendor. No reimbursement requests will be accepted.

VIII. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- The minor student must be an enrolled member of The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria. The legal guardian and the minor child must apply together for educational assistance on behalf of the eligible school student attending grade school through high school
- Only the legal guardian of an enrolled minor of the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria may apply for the assistance on behalf of a child seeking an emergency medical advance. The legal guardian must acknowledge that the emergency medical advance will be a direct payment to the medical provider

IX. DEFAULTS

- A legal guardian that fails to provide or allow the Minor with access or use of supplies or equipment obtained for educational purposes will have to repay the funds advanced back to Bear River and will have future per capita distributions deducted to cover the benefit amount received.

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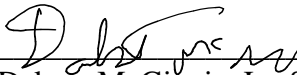
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Josefina Frank, Chairperson



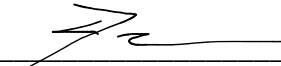
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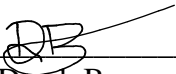
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