

RAP PROGRAMS:

Tribal College Grant

The college grant we offer is for tuition assistance, books, and living allowance. For full-time students, (those carrying 12 hours or more per semester), we offer \$1,000.00 tuition assistance. For 6 through 11 hours, it is considered part-time, and this is \$500.00 per semester. This is paid directly to the college as the vendor. For assistance in purchasing college books, the amount for full-time is \$500.00. It is half that amount for part-time. We also offer a living allowance. In the fall semester, for full-time students, we offer \$800.00; in the spring, since there are five months, the living allowance for full-time students is \$1,000.00. We pay half that amount for part-time students. The books allowance and living allowance checks are sent to the student. We require receipts for the books, but not the living allowance amounts. A student has to re-apply for the grant each semester. We require a W-9 to be sent in if the student is applying for the living allowance. We fund each semester until our funding is depleted.

Vocational Training Assistance Grant

Short-Term Training

This grant provides tribal members the opportunity to enhance their current employment status or to learn new skills in order to improve their skills and abilities in the work force. Courses must be at least two weeks, but less than nine months long, and must be job-skills related. The program has limited funds, therefore, each completed application will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. Each eligible student may receive up to \$300.00 per year in assistance, and the program will fund as many as possible. Payments are made directly to the vocational training facility.

Long-Term Training

This grant provides tribal members the opportunity to enhance their current employment status or to learn new skills in order to improve their skills and abilities in the work force. All Sac and Fox adult tribal members who are unemployed or under-employed and who wish to enroll in a long term program of study at an accredited vocational training institute are eligible to apply. Programs must be at least 9 months in duration and result in a degree or technical/trade/professional certification. Each eligible full-time student may receive up to \$1,000.00 per semester in assistance.

Incentives

For tribal members who graduate from college with a degree, we offer a one-time incentive. College degree recipients receive \$1,000.00, those receiving certification from a vocational school receive \$750.00. Those graduating high school receive \$200.00, and those finishing 8th grade receive \$100.00.

In order to receive the incentive, a tribal member has to make a copy of their diploma or transcript (8th graders can bring in a copy of their report card). They also have to send in a copy of their tribal membership card, along with the application and privacy statement. The incentives must be applied for within 60 days of graduation. We will fund as many as we can until funds are depleted. The check goes directly to the student.

Straight "A's" and Perfect Attendance

We have a new incentive for those students in 7th through 12th grade who have all "A's" on their report card, or from Pre-K through 12th grade who have perfect attendance all year. This is a \$50.00 incentive. We require a copy of the student's report card, a copy of the student's tribal membership card, as well as the application and privacy statement. The check will go to the student. There is limited funding, and is first come, first served.

12th Grade Graduation Assistance Grant

This grant is for seniors to help with graduation expenses. It can pay up to \$500.00 to the vendor for cap & gown, announcements, senior pictures, or class ring. The student is required to fill out the application, provide a copy of tribal membership card, sign the privacy statement, and provide an invoice from the vendor. The check will go to the vendor. If we don't already have a copy of the vendor's W-9, one is required before a check can be issued.

School Clothing/ School Supplies Grant

The Sac and Fox Nation recognizes the necessity for its school-aged children to be adequately and appropriately clothed to attend school in clothing that is comparable to what other students/peers wear. The school clothing grant will assist parents in purchasing school clothing and/or footwear for their children in school. It is in the amount of \$200.00, and we will assist as many as funding allows.

The school supplies grant will help to buy the appropriate school supplies for their school-aged children. It is in the amount of \$30.00. The school clothing and school supply grant is on one application, and one is needed for each child.