



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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ORIGINAL

Resolution No. #00-0909-01

**Approving Supplemental Appropriation from the General Fund
in the amount of \$12,000.00 to Fund a College Book Stipend Program
in the Education Department (Special Revenue Fund Program #351)**

WHEREAS, the Tribe's status as a federally-recognized Indian tribe was reaffirmed and restored by Congress pursuant to Public Law 103-324, 108 Stat. 2156 (25 U.S.C. §1300k et seq.)(hereinafter "Little River Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution, has the power to provide for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, 7(i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Education Department is proposing to create a College Book Stipend program to provide qualified Tribal members enrolled in institutions of higher learning with funds to cover the cost of books;

WHEREAS, the Education Department requires a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$12,000.00 in order to fund that program for qualified Tribal member students who are enrolled in the Fall 2000-2001 academic year, which begins in September 2000; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation of funds from the General Revenue Fund account will require a modification of the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2000, which was approved on January 24, 2000.

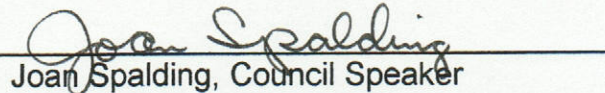
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves a modification of to the Operating Budget for the Tribal Government for Fiscal Year 2000 to include an appropriation of \$12,000.00 from the General Revenue Fund to be allocated to the Special Revenue Fund - Program #351 (Education).

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSENT, and 0 ABSTAINING, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Tribal Council held at the Little River Band Community Center on September 9, 2000, in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Charles Fisher, Council Recorder



Attest:

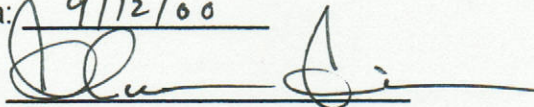
Joan Spalding, Council Speaker

Presentation of Resolution Budget Modification and Appropriating Tribal Funds to Tribal Ogema:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5(a)(6) and Section 5(c) of the Tribal Constitution, the foregoing Resolution modifying the Operating Budget for the Tribal Government for Fiscal Year 2000 and appropriating Tribal funds has been presented to the Tribal Ogema by the Tribal Council Recorder for his/her approval.

Date delivered to Tribal Ogema: 9/12/00

Signature of Council Recorder:



Action by the Tribal Ogema: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved (attach comments)

Date: 9/13/2000

Signature of Ogema:



The average cost of books and supplies for a full-time college student in Michigan public colleges and universities is around \$400 per semester. Although most Tribal members attending college in Michigan receive the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, and although most Tribal members who apply for the Tribal scholarship receive some funding, the high expenses of purchasing books and supplies still places an economic difficulty on many students and their families. Currently funding offered to students through Pell Grants and other federal funding often falls short of meeting the actual financial need most students have.

To help in minimizing the financial burdens faced by Tribal members pursuing higher education the Education department is proposing a program whereby the cost of college books and supplies would be met, yet not interfere with the financial aid a student receives. Additional financial assistance can be deducted from a student's Pell Grant and total financial aid package if it exceeds the estimated student budget for the year, even though there is often not a sufficient amount of funding to meet actual needs for the year.

Eligibility requirements and financial award amounts are listed on the attached draft College Book Stipend Application. Award amounts are based on the average of books and supplies costs listed for Michigan public colleges and universities in the 1999-2000 Michigan Postsecondary Admissions and Financial Assistance Handbook.

While this program is one that will be included in the 2001 Budget Proposal for consideration by Tribal Council for the 2001 Education programs, it was not a program that was budgeted for in the 2000 budget proposal. In order to meet the needs of students beginning the 2000-2001 academic year in September 2000 new funds would need to be allocated from the 2000 funding.

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

COLLEGE BOOK STIPEND

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet the following eligibility requirements before they are eligible for the College Book Stipend:

- A. Must be an enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- B. Must be at least 18 years of age (except in the case of high school graduates aged 17 or younger)
- C. Must be enrolled in an accredited college or university
- D. Must submit a College Book Stipend application each semester
- E. Must submit a copy of your semester class schedule at the beginning of each semester and again after the last day of official withdrawal, indicating the number of credits taken during that semester.
- F. Must make satisfactory academic progress, maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 2.0

FINANCIAL AWARDS

Stipends will be based on the above criteria. Amounts of the stipend will be dependent on the number of credits taken during a given semester. If a student withdraws from classes he/she will be required to repay the amount of the stipend based on the number of credits dropped. A student failing to maintain satisfactory academic progress will be ineligible for this program for the following semester and until a satisfactory cumulative grade point average is attained.

- 1-3 credits \$100.00 Book Stipend per semester
- 6-8 credits \$200.00 Book Stipend per semester
- 9-12 credits \$400.00 Book Stipend per semester

COLLEGE BOOK STIPEND APPLICATION

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Street

City

State

Zip Code

TELEPHONE: ()

ENROLLMENT #: _____**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY:**

SEMESTER: _____ **SEMESTER CREDITS:** _____

**LIST CLASSES, CLASS CODE/NUMBER, AND NUMBER OF CREDITS
TAKEN FOR THIS SEMESTER BELOW:** (please attach photocopy of semester schedule)

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**College Book Stipend Program:
Fall semester 2000 Budget**

On average, between 23 and 25 Tribal members receive the Tribal Higher Education Scholarship each semester. In addition to those receiving the scholarship there are Tribal members who are taking only one or two classes and don't apply for the scholarship, those who don't qualify because the financial aid office indicates the students do not have unmet need, and those Tribal members who are pursuing graduate degrees and therefore are ineligible for the Higher Education Scholarship. All of these students, those who have unmet need and those who don't, will benefit greatly from assistance of this type.

Request for funding 30 stipends for Fall 2000 semester will assure funding is available for any Tribal member meeting this program's eligibility requirements.

Based on 30 students taking 9-12 credit hours per semester

30 stipends @ \$400.00 \$12,000.00

The 2001 budget proposal for Education programs will include funding for 30 stipends for Winter/Spring 2001, Summer Session 2001, and Fall 2002. In order to initiate this program at the start of the 2000-2001 academic year it is necessary to request allocation of funds for the FY2000 budget.