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## "WHERE WE ARE GOING"

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## PEORIA LONGHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER AND WOODLAND ACADEMY LEARNING CENTER UNDERWAY



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AND UPDATES ON  
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FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF HARPER:  
JULY 13TH, 2020

Aya.

Since the first of March, we as Peoria citizens have found ourselves acting or reacting to this pandemic caused by the Covid-19 Virus. There is not an aspect of our lives that it has not affected. From where and how we work and play, to the places that we eat and entertain ourselves. During this time we have seen this turmoil boil into social and racial tensions. I pray that we find peace in what grounds us personally and corporately.

Our tribe has been focused on protecting our citizens, customers, staff and enterprise employees during this prolonged season of uncertainty.

But during the tests of life there are also milestones to celebrate and remember.

There have been both high school and college graduations since our last newsletter. There have been births, deaths and weddings to remember since our last newsletter.

The longevity of our story as a Tribe depends on the comfort that for every rising of a sun there is a setting and for every ending there is a beginning.

I will close by mentioning the newly enacted Covid-19 Public Health Emergency Relief Fund and the application that is included in this newsletter.

This Virus has had a negative impact on each of our lives. This application is intended to make financial support easily available for each of our eligible members. Please apply promptly and call our Headquarters for any necessary explanations needed.

Please keep safe and stay well until we are able to gather together again.

#PeoriaProud.  
Be well.  
Craig Harper  
Chief

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PRESS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**July 8, 2020**

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF THE PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA  
ANNOUNCES COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND**

The Business Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, on July 7, 2020 approved the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Relief Fund Program as part of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma General Welfare Program Ordinance. The Business Committee has worked diligently over the last quarter preparing to pass Tribal legislation regarding CARES Act funding, taking into consideration all released budgets and guidelines. The purpose of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Relief Fund Program is to provide direct emergency financial assistance from the Peoria Tribe’s COVID-19 Relief Funds. Eligible Tribal Citizens may apply for a one-time disbursement of \$1,200.00.

Eligible Tribal Citizens are those who are 18 years of age or over as of March 16, 2020—this date coincides with Executive Order 2020-03-16-A, Proclamation of State of Emergency regarding COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). Eligible Citizens must complete and submit the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Relief Fund Program Application certifying they have suffered economic hardship due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and that economic assistance is necessary.

Applications will be mailed out to all Tribal Citizens over the age of 18 as of March 16, 2020, that have addresses on file. If your address is not on file or needs updated, the form can be downloaded from the Peoria Tribe website. In addition, applications will be posted on the website at [www.peoriatribe.com](http://www.peoriatribe.com). The application period will open on **July 13, 2020** and will close on **October 31, 2020** in order to meet Federal reporting requirements. Please respond promptly.

Our hope is to do good for all of our People in this time of need. May our Citizens stand strong together through this pandemic. Stay safe. #PeoriaProud

### end ###

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COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND APPLICATION

TRIBAL CITIZEN: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name                      Middle Name                      Last Name                      Maiden Name

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ ROLL NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (    )    -    EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street    City                      State                      Zip Code

Please check any of the following situations which apply to you as a direct effect of COVID-19 (*check all that apply*):

- ☐ Household member has been ill with COVID-19
- ☐ Increase in medical and health expenses
- ☐ Temporarily furloughed
- ☐ Loss of employment or decreased income
- ☐ Increased child care expenses
- ☐ Grocery and/or food delivery expenses increased
- ☐ Incurred expenses related to remote learning and education
- ☐ Incurred expenses related to working at home/remotely
- ☐ Household size increased
- ☐ Increased utility expenses
- ☐ Mortgage or rent payments

WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAY INFORMED OF PEORIA TRIBAL PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES, UPDATES, EVENTS AND MORE?

By checking yes, this allows Peoria Tribal Programs to send updates, correspondence, and information relevant to Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma citizens.

☐ Yes    ☐ No

How would you like to receive the Peoria Tribe's Newsletter?

☐ Electronic Email    ☐ Postal Service    ☐ Opt out of Newsletter

**APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN JULY 13TH TO OCTOBER 31ST, 2020. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED. PLEASE APPLY PROMPTLY.**  
SUBMIT APPLICATION VIA EMAIL AT COVIDRELIEF@PEORIATRIBE.COM OR AT P.O. BOX 1527 MIAMI, OKLAHOMA 74355 ATTN: COVID RELIEF FUND

By signing this application I certify that all of the information provided on this form is true and accurate regarding the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency in my household.

NAME (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_ Relief Requisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND PROGRAM  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**WHY ARE ONLY TRIBAL CITIZENS OVER THE AGE OF 18 ELIGIBLE?**

Federal Guidance only allows for need-based welfare assistance. Payments must be made directly to the person financially affected by the Public Health Emergency.

**WHY THE MARCH 16TH CUTOFF DATE FOR TRIBAL CITIZENS TO BE 18 OR OLDER?**

March 16th is the date of Chief Harper's Executive Order of Emergency.

**WHY IS THE DEADLINE OCTOBER 31ST FOR THE APPLICATION?**

The deadline is October 31, 2020 because all CARES Act funds must be spent by December 31, 2020. The October 31, 2020 deadline provides the Tribe 60 days to reconcile and report accurately.

**WHY DO TRIBAL CITIZENS HAVE TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION?**

This is to ensure that direct emergency financial assistance from the Peoria Tribe's COVID-19 Relief funds is provided to Peoria Tribal Citizens who are eligible.

**WHY DO WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL MONDAY TO SUBMIT OUR APPLICATION?**

The application period opens July 13, 2020 and closes on October 31, 2020. Turning it in sooner would invalidate the application.

**WHY CAN'T I FILL OUT ONE APPLICATION FOR MY ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD?**

Each eligible Tribal Citizen must have their own application in order for the United States Treasury to verify the hardship affecting the Tribal Citizen.

**DO I HAVE TO PROVE HOW COVID-19 HAS AFFECTED ME OR MY FAMILY?**

The application provides numerous instances where COVID-19 has had an impact, by selecting one or all that apply that will be all the documentation needed.

**HOW SOON WILL I RECEIVE MY CHECK?**

The processing time is anticipated to be about 2 weeks.

**HOW CAN I TURN IN MY APPLICATION?**

Turn in your application by mail to P.O. Box 1527 Miami, OK 74355, by email to covidrelief@peoriatribe.com or drop it off at our office (118 Eight Tribes Trail, Miami OK 74354).

**CAN I CALL AND GET MY TRIBAL ROLL #?**

You cannot get your Tribal Roll # over the phone. You must submit a membership card application. However, this will not effect processing time on your COVID-19 funding.



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ANNETTE BLACK	2021
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MARK DAVEY	2024

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CEMETARY COMMITTEE  
JOHN FROMAN

Call for Committee Members

One of the most important responsibilities of our Tribe is to represent our committees enthusiastically and proudly from the Education Committee all the way to the Repatriation Committee. Our newly revitalized structure of committees can be a source of pride and give ownership of the Tribe back to our Tribal Citizens. We Depend on the commitment of our citizens to keep the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma strong. The work of each committee is developed each year by the committee and approved by the Business Committee.

Below are the committee opportunities that are currently available. Let us know by **September 23, 2020** if any of the opportunities meet your interests and skills. Please list your top two choices as there may not be vacancies on all committees.

Appointments stand four years on their committee and begin on April 1st, 2021.

☐ **Cemetery:** This Committee is charged with the responsibility of ensuring the care of Peoria Tribal Cemetery properties and that the Tribal Citizen's needs are met, as well as, helping coordinate Tribal events at the cemetery.

☐ **Culture and Language:** The Cultural Preservation Committee has the responsibility of preserving, promoting, researching, and maintaining the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma's Culture in all forms.

☐ **Repatriation:** This committee's objective is to guide the Staff Liaison to secure the return of Peoria human remains, sacred objects, funerary objects and objects of cultural patrimony to the Tribe under the provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

☐ **Education:** Twice a year, in January and August, the Education Committee meets to review scholarship applications from members of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma in addition to advocating for the higher education of Tribal Citizens.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Committee Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Choice 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly summarize your experience, skills, and interest in the committee(s) you selected:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form to Logan Pappenfort at [lpappenfort@peoriatribe.com](mailto:lpappenfort@peoriatribe.com) or  
P.O. Box 1527 Miami, Oklahoma 74355





At the March 2020 Annual Meeting of the Peoria Council, the Enrollment office offered historical documents of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma's annual census data from 1885 to 1892 along with 1969 interviews with Chief Guy Froman. If you would like a copy of these historical Peoria Census documents and interviews send a request via email with your name and mailing address attached to: Enrollment Director, Donna Harp [dharp@peoriatribe.com](mailto:dharp@peoriatribe.com)



# MARCH 7TH, 2020 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PEORIA COUNCIL

THE 2020 PEORIA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD AT THE PEORIA SHOWPLACE AT BUFFALO RUN CASINO ON MARCH 7, 2020. THE ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WAS MET WITH GREAT SUCCESS. ATTENDANCE WAS ESTIMATED AT 125 PEOPLE, WITH 86 VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT. CHIEF HARPER PROVIDED UPDATES ON THE PEORIA TRIBAL PROGRAMS AND ENTERPRISES, AS WELL AS HAVING STAFF PROVIDE UPDATES. IN ADDITION, EACH DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE PEORIA TRIBE WAS PRESENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND WELCOME ATTENDEES. A SPECIAL GUEST FROM ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM WAS IN ATTENDANCE AND DISPLAYED NUMEROUS PEORIA ARTIFACTS THAT ARE PART OF THE PEORIA ARCHEOLOGICAL COLLECTION AT ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM. THE DAY WAS CONCLUDED WITH A GROUND BREAKING AT THE FORMER MIAMI COUNTRY CLUB, WHERE CHIEF HARPER UNVEILED THE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE PEORIA CAMPUS WITH WILL INCLUDE WOODLAND ACADEMY LEARNING CENTER AND PEORIA LONGHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER.

THANK YOU TO CHIEF CRAIG HARPER, HIS STAFF, AND THE PEORIA CITIZENS FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO TO MAINTAIN OUR STRENGTH AND SOVEREIGNTY AS A TRIBAL NATION! WE ARE #PEORIAPROUD!



## In Memory Of:



**Rita Joy Howard**  
**Clarabelle May**  
**Jean Elaine Russell**  
**Robin Fay Scott**

### The Peoria Tribal Burial Assistance Benefit

The Peoria Tribal Burial Assistance Benefit is \$10,000 per member. All Burial Assistance Applications must be completed and returned with an original certified death certificate no later than 180 days from the date of death. All deceased must be enrolled members of the Peoria Tribe. Payment will be made directly to the funeral home. Please visit with the funeral home concerning this policy. You may request a copy of the application by contacting the Tribal Enrollment Director, Donna Harp via email at [dharp@peoria-tribe.com](mailto:dharp@peoria-tribe.com), postal service at 118 S. Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, Oklahoma 74354, or by telephone at 918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987.

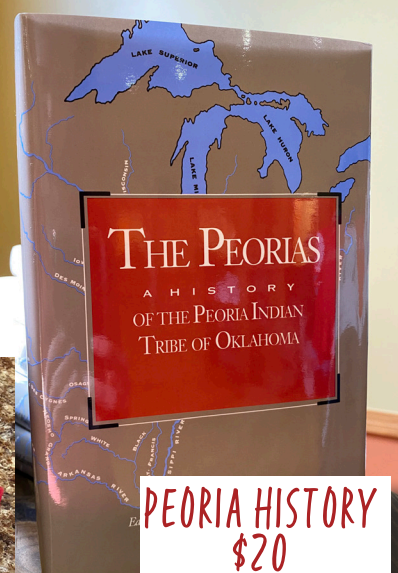


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BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE VIDEO OF THE CELEBRATION ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE! [FACEBOOK.COM/PEORIATRIBE](https://www.facebook.com/peoriatribe)

A DAY FULL OF FUN! THE PEORIA TRIBE CELEBRATED THE 4TH OF JULY, 2020 AT BUFFALO RUN CASINO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF MIAMI, MIAMI REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND PEORIA CCDF PROGRAM THE DAY WAS FULL OF FUN WITH HORSE RIDES, BOUNCE HOUSES, FIGHTER JETS, TRACTOR RIDES, FIREWORKS, FREE FOOD AND MORE!



# PEORIA LONGHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER AND WOODLAND ACADEMY LEARNING CENTER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



WE WERE OVERWHELMED WITH EXCITEMENT FOR THE PEORIA LONGHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE WOODLAND ACADEMY LEARNING CENTER FOLLOWING OUR GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH. JOINED BY ARCHITECT, JASON HOLUBY, WITH NEW FIRE NATIVE DESIGN GROUP, OUR COUNCIL AND CITIZENS GATHERED TO CELEBRATE THIS MOVEMENT FORWARD. THE LONGHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER WILL SERVE AS A PLACE TO GATHER AND CELEBRATE OUR CULTURE AND SOCIAL RELATIONS WHILE THE WOODLAND ACADEMY LEARNING CENTER WILL SUPPORT CHILDREN UP TO 5 YEARS OF AGE, AS WELL AS HOST AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR CITIZENS OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA. PLANS ARE STILL IN THE MAKING TO EXPAND THIS CAMPUS EVEN FURTHER TO INCLUDE A WELLNESS CENTER, AND A CULTURAL CENTER IN THE FUTURE. THE CAMPUS WILL BE LOCATED ON ELM STREET, ON THE LAND THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY THE MIAMI COUNTRY CLUB. THIS PROJECT IS HUGE AND WE ARE THRILLED TO SEE THE VALUE AND STRENGTH IT WILL BRING TO OUR CITIZENS AND OUR COMMUNITY. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR STAFF, CHIEF HARPER, AND NEW FIRE NATIVE DESIGN GROUP FOR THEIR CAREFUL PLANNING AND DEDICATION TO THIS PROJECT OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS.

#PEORIAPROUD

DAREN ABERNATHY AND JAMIE WILLIAMS WORK ALONGSIDE JACK DALRYMPLE TO GATHER AND TEST SOIL ON PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA PROPERTY IN ORDER TO BEGIN THE FOUNDATION OF WHAT WILL BE THE PEORIA LONGHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER!



PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA STAFF JOIN WITH NEW FIRE NATIVE DESIGN GROUP AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE TO COLLABORATE ON FLOOR PLANS FOR WHAT WILL BE THE PEORIA LONGHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER & WOODLAND ACADEMY LEARNING CENTER! PROGRESS IS BEING MADE!

PRE-BID MEETINGS UNDERWAY FOR THE PEORIA LONGHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER AND WOODLAND ACADEMY LEARNING CENTER! WE ARE EXCITED TO BE MOVING FORWARD EACH AND EVERY DAY WITH THIS SITE! A BID WAS ACCEPTED IN JUNE!





# PEORIA PROUD

DR. KAY BACKUES STANDS NEXT TO CHIEF HARPER IN FRONT OF TULSA ZOO'S BALD EAGLE EXHIBIT AFTER EXPERIENCING A WALKTHROUGH AND MEETING THE EAGLE WHO WAS SHOT IN OTTAWA COUNTY IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. SHE IS BEING REHABILITATED, HOWEVER, WILL NO LONGER FLY. WE REACHED OUT TO TULSA ZOO TO COVER ANY REHABILITATION COSTS AND ARE LOOKING INTO OPTIONS OF BRINGING THIS GORGEOUS EAGLE BACK HOME TO US.



KORIE PAYTON (RIGHT) GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, WITH THE HELP FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING, AND HAS NOW RETURNED HOME AND IS WORKING TO HELP US, WITH HER BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE IN ADVERTISING DEGREE, TAKE OVER MEDIA BASED PROJECTS, DOCUMENT OUR STORY, AND BE OUR VOICE THROUGH ALL OF OUR UPCOMING AND EXCITING EVENTS!



JACCI CONNELL, PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR THE PEORIA TRIBE, VOLUNTEERING AT LOCAL DAYCARES IN MIAMI, OKLAHOMA DURING "READ ACROSS AMERICA" WEEK TO CELEBRATE DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY!

### Very Thankful and Proud!

Samantha Rider, granddaughter of Jeanette Myers Rider and Horace Rider, great granddaughter of Homer and Myrtle Myers, started her venture into university life as a Chancellor's Scholar, she was on the Dean's List all four years, was inducted into UW-Madison's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, and completed a thesis in biological research. Samantha graduated in May 2019 with Honors in the Major and received a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology and Philosophy.

After receiving her degree, Samantha moved with the Ansari Lab to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN to continue her research.

With the assistance from our Peoria Tribe family, Samantha has been able to experience incredible opportunities of learning and training toward her goals in biomedical research. We are truly grateful and appreciative of the scholarships awarded to Samantha, and we look forward to another member of the tribe moving forward and onward.

A special thank you to Chief Craig Harper and the Education Director of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma!

*Be Well,  
Shannon Rider Family*

ARE YOU **PEORIA PROUD** OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS? SEND THEM TO US AT [KPAYTON@PEORIATRIBE.COM](mailto:KPAYTON@PEORIATRIBE.COM) OR [LHICKEY@PEORIATRIBE.COM](mailto:LHICKEY@PEORIATRIBE.COM) TO BE FEATURED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!



**ELLA HUTCHISON**, BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

SUBMITTED BY CONNIE HUTCHISON

**JAY SOHAR** IS A STUDENT OF FAIRLAND SCHOOLS, HE PLACED 1ST IN THE 8TH GRADE POWERLIFTING MEET 220 LB WEIGHT CLASS. SQUAT: 420 BENCH:205 AND DEADLIFT:420 TOTALING OF 1,405 POUNDS. AMAZING JAY!! JAY IS ALSO A MEMBER OF GIFTED AND TALENTED, HE PLAYS FOOTBALL AND ENJOYS FISHING AND TIME WITH FAMILY. HE IS THE SON OF TABITHA SIXKILLER AND JOHN SOHAR.

SUBMITTED BY CHEYENNE LASITER





# PEORIA PROUD



**DR. NICHOLAS BROADBENT** (LEFT) IS AN INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY RESIDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT PEORIA. AFTER MONTHS OF STUDYING AND PREPARING FOR HIS RADIOLOGY BOARD EXAM, NICK TOOK THE TWO-DAY, 13.5 HOUR TEST. NOT ONLY DID HE PASS, BUT HE RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NATIONAL SCORE.

FROM 2006-2010, NICK WAS A RECIPIENT OF THE PEORIA TRIBE UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, FOR WHICH HE IS VERY GRATEFUL.

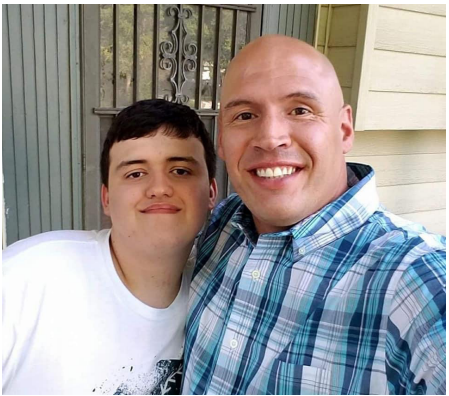
NICK IS THE GRANDSON OF DAVID AND BARB WALKER, AND THE SON OF GREG AND SHERRI BROADBENT.

SUBMITTED BY LINDSAY BROADBENT

**SETH PADGHAM**, THE 17-YEAR-OLD SON OF JASON & SHERRI PADGHAM AND BROTHER OF EMILY PADGHAM, HAS BEEN AWARDED EXCALIBUR DEMOLAY OF THE YEAR FOR 2019-20. IN ADDITION, SETH IS THE OKLAHOMA STATE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. SETH CURRENTLY SERVES AS EXCALIBUR CHAPTER'S SENIOR COUNSELOR AND WILL BE INSTALLED AS MASTER COUNSELOR (HIGHEST LOCAL OFFICE) IN AUGUST. DEMOLAY IS A SERVICE ORGANIZATION SPONSORED BY THE MASONIC LODGES. OKLAHOMA DEMOLAY IS THE TOP JURISDICTION IN THE WORLD AND EXCALIBUR CHAPTER WAS RECENTLY NAMED THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF THE YEAR. SETH, ALONG WITH EXCALIBUR CHAPTER, RECENTLY COMPETED AT THE INTERNATIONAL, CENTENNIAL RITUAL COMPETITION IN KANSAS CITY (IT IS ONLY HELD EVERY 25 YEARS). THEY WERE AWARDED INTERNATIONAL INITIATORY DEGREE CHAMPIONS.

IN ADDITION TO AN ACTIVE LEADER FOR EXCALIBUR, SETH IS AN EAGLE SCOUT WITH THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY & THE OKLAHOMA INDIAN HONOR SOCIETY, A PERCUSSIONIST IN THE PRIDE OF PIEDMONT AND WORKS ON THE MEDIA TEAM AT PUTNAM CITY BAPTIST CHURCH.

SUBMITTED BY SHERRI PADGHAM



**SLOAN SHORES**, HE IS GOING TO YALE UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL OF 2021 HOPEFULLY. HE IS GETTING TONS OF LETTERS, BEING HIGHLY RECRUITED, AND HIS ACT SCORES ARE BEING REVIEWED BY YALE FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP. 4.12GPA ON A 4.0 SCALE. HE DOES ALL EXTRA CREDIT, IS IN ADVANCED AND COLLEGE AP CLASSES. STILL HAS HIS SENIOR YEAR TO GO AT BLUE SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL IN BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI.

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTOPHER SHORES

SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK WITH AN ARTIST BIO TO:  
PEORIA@PEORIATRIBE.COM

JEWELRY, PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS  
POTTERY, DREAMCATCHERS, ETC.  
**CALL FOR  
ARTISTS**

WE ARE ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR NEW INVENTORY TO FEATURE IN THE PEORIA TRADING POST, WHICH OPERATES OUT OF THE TRIBAL OFFICE, ONLINE, AND AT MANY EVENTS WE HOST. WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THE OPPORTUNITY WITH OUR PEORIA CITIZENS TO HIGHLIGHT THEIR WORK! IF YOU HAVE OR MAKE ART YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US, CONTACT US NOW!

**THANK YOU FOR SENDING IN YOUR PICTURES OF STUDENTS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND ART. WE LOVE SEEING THE GREAT WORK OUR CITIZENS PUT IN TO EVERYTHING THEY DO. A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2020 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE-LEVEL GRADUATES & THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR PHOTOS OF YOU IN YOUR STOLES WITH US.**

SEND SUBMISSIONS TO US AT KPAYTON@PEORIATRIBE.COM OR LHICKEY@PEORIATRIBE.COM TO BE FEATURED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!



# GRADUATION STOLES

## High School Graduation Stole



**JAIDA BROOKE BLALOCK**  
VERDIGRIS HIGH SCHOOL  
COMMENCEMENT: JUNE 30, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: JENNIFER BLALOCK

## College-Level Graduation Stole



**SETH ELIJAH SKYE**  
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY  
DOUBLE MAJOR IN NATURAL  
RESOURCES & SUSTAINABILITIES

SUBMITTED BY: BART SKYE

Although COVID19 delayed most graduation ceremonies, we are all still celebrating our 2020 seniors. The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is proud to present these graduation stoles to our seniors to wear and to have as a keepsake. The high school stoles are all white while the college-level stoles feature red trim.

Fill out your application now and receive your Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Graduation Stole by mail to represent your Tribal Nation and all your accomplishments!

Scan the appropriate QR code to fill out the application online or submit the application at our office!



# Congratulations 2020 Seniors!

# APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION STOLES

Graduation stoles are presented to Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma High School and College graduates to keep as a memento. We encourage students to review and adhere to their school graduation policy.

## Requirements to receive a Graduation Stole:

- The student must be graduating no earlier than 2020.
- The student must be graduating within the school year the application is completed
- The student must complete the online application
- A verification letter stating the commencement ceremony date from their school must be submitted.
- Verifications must include student name, high school name, date of the graduation ceremony
- The student must hold a valid Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Tribal Membership and submit a copy of the tribal membership card for verification.
- Verification letter and tribal membership card can be submitted via email: [lhickey@peoriatribe.com](mailto:lhickey@peoriatribe.com)

Once submitted, the graduation stole will be sent to the mailing address you provide below.

\*\*\*Please note, completing this application does not guarantee the stole will be received by the graduation date.

## Check ONE:

☐

High School Graduation

OR

☐

College Graduation

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last MM/DD/YYYY

Peoria Tribe Roll # \_\_\_\_\_ Student or Parent's email address \_\_\_\_\_  
(copy of card must be submitted)

Phone Number \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(555)-555-5555 Street City State Zip

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Verification letter stating the commencement ceremony date must be submitted by email to [lhickey@peoriatribe.com](mailto:lhickey@peoriatribe.com)

Scan this QR code on your smartphone camera to take you directly to the online application.

For the High School Application, scan this code

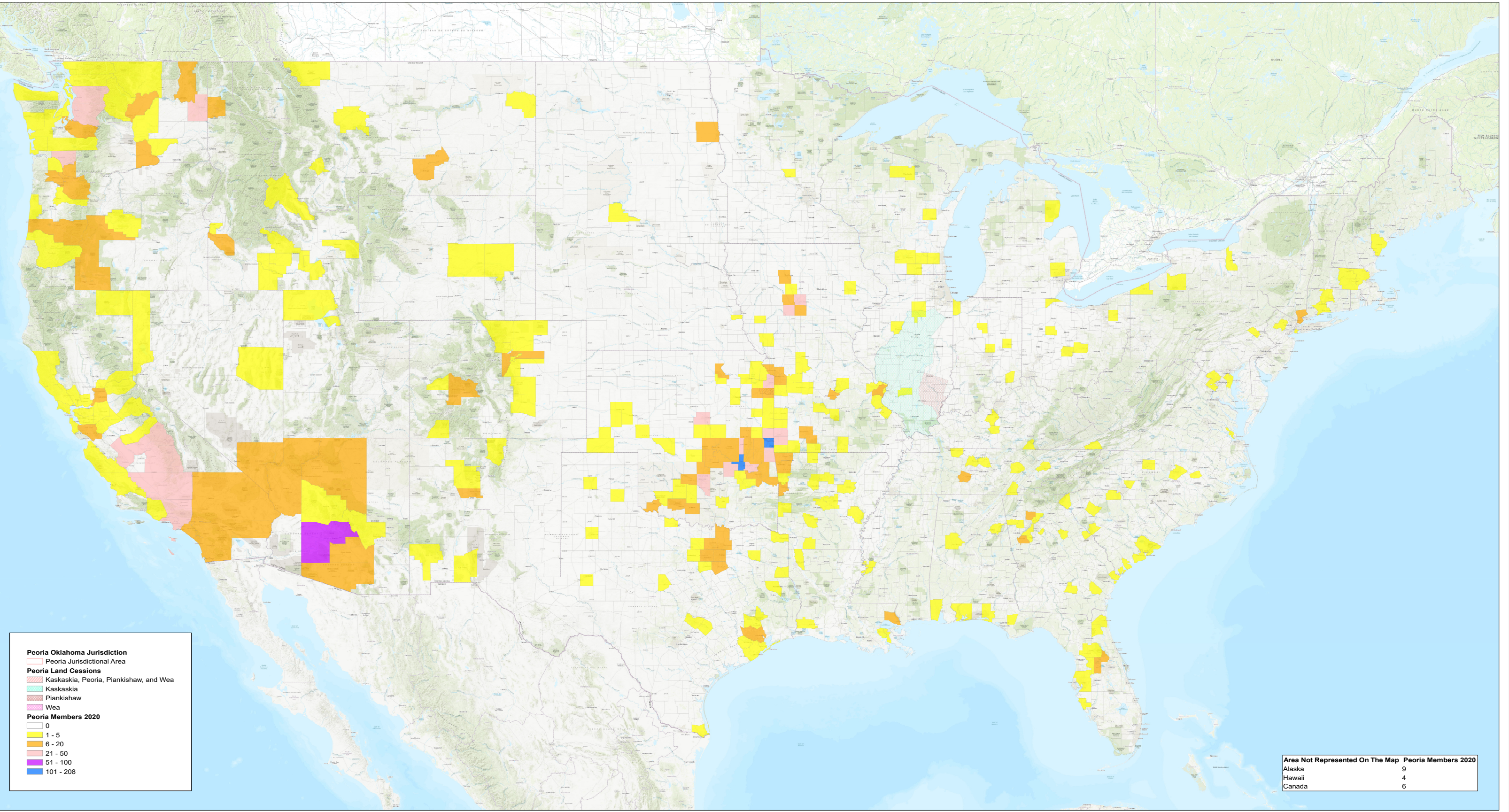


For the College-Level Application, scan this code



If you prefer to mail in applications: address to P.O. Box 1527, Miami, Oklahoma 74354







# Everyone counts in 2020.



Few things are as important as being counted during the 2020 United States census. The census will shape both local communities and the national landscape. For Native Americans, the census offers an opportunity to provide a better future for tribal communities and future generations.

## Why it matters to the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma?

The 2020 Census will help determine how and where federal funding will be received by all communities over the next decade. It is important for the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to count in order for our community to have access to funds for emergency management, building and maintenance, health care and elder care, workforce, social services, child care, housing and so many more services provided to our members.

## How to respond

To be counted as a Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Citizen on your online or paper census form, identify your race—you can choose more than one. Choose "American Indian or Alaska Native" to identify your household.

Write in your tribe— **Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma** if you are a PTIO citizen

The following will NOT be accepted: ~~Peoria~~ ~~Peoria Tribe~~ ~~PTIO~~

☒ American Indian or Alaska Native - Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, *Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.*

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You can write the rest of the name outside of the boxes.

For more information about the U.S. Census, visit [IndianCountryCounts.org](https://IndianCountryCounts.org) or [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov).

# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRANT WRITER

BY: ERIN BARNES

I want to congratulate the Peoria Tribe as well as update the Peoria Citizens that the Peoria Tribe has been awarded the \$900,000 for the ICDBG-CARES Act funding! As a reminder, as a part of the CARES Act, HUD has released its ICDBG-CARES grant to help Tribal communities prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19. On behalf of the Peoria Tribe, and at the direction of Tribal Administration, I applied for \$900,000 for the Tribe to use as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I submitted the ICDBG-CARES grant written for the rehabilitation of the old Miami Country Club into an infectious disease treatment clinic on June 1st before its deadline. Rehabilitation of the tribal facility into an infectious disease treatment clinic to address the current and ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Should the need arise, this facility will be a place for local hospitals and clinics to send overflow patients infected with the COVID-19 virus for treatment to prevent overcrowding in those facilities. The funds will be used to get the building back up to code, put a new roof on the building, and make any necessary rehabilitations to allow the building to be used as intended. To ensure the building will be up to proper codes and standards, the building will need rehabilitations but is not limited to the following:

1. General permitting, demoing as well as dumpster costs to get the building prepped and utilities work.
2. Framing repair on walls (interior and exterior) and roof.
3. Exterior siding, soffit, fascia, and stonework.
4. New windows and doors (outdoor and indoor) will be put in as well as a security system, and an Ansel fire suppression system to ensure the safety of those working as well as any patients in the clinic.
5. A new standing seam metal roof system.
6. The electrical & plumbing will all have to be updated to meet code.
7. Three new HVAC units and the proper ductwork to ensure adequate airflow in the clinic.
8. Insulation, drywall, paint, and floor coverings.
9. Kitchen equipment to provide meals for patients.

All the above-listed rehabilitations are crucial to preparing the building to make it a safe and usable space for such a facility. The Tribe will be using these funds the way they are intended. The funds are designed to assist Tribes during the uncertain and unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In other good news, the Peoria Tribe was also awarded \$46,431 for the USDA- Rural Business Development Grant. On behalf of the Peoria Tribe, and at the direction of Tribal Administration, I applied for \$46,431 for the Peoria Tribe to use to hire a contractor who will engage the Peoria Tribe in the process of assessments to acquire the information necessary to develop the Business/ Operations Plan for the Woodlands Academy Learning Center. Woodlands Academy Learning Center will be critical to our community to help boost the local economy; not only will it provide a safe learning experience for children so their parents or caregivers can go to work, but it will also initially bring approximately 19 new jobs to the area. Thus, we must have a comprehensive Business/ Operations Plan of how to run and operate a thriving daycare/learning center to ensure its success. The Business/ Operations plans will include but not be limited to Programmatic Operations Plan, Breakeven Analysis, Policies & Procedures Templates, Staffing Matrix, Marketing, Tuition structures, Enrollment Guidelines, Partnership information, Facilities information, etc. Stay well, stay healthy!

SINCERELY,  
ERIN BARNES



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### NOTICE OF POSITION VACANCY

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is accepting applications for the position of **Grant Writer**. The Grant Writer facilitates research, review, writing and editing of applications for grants, conducts research for potential funding sources, maintains database, and works in collaboration with staff in development of grant applications.

Primary responsibilities include, but are not limited to, developing ideas into grant proposals, interacts with tribal entities in grant-funding activities, participates in meetings and discussions in which decisions affecting grant program applications and follow through are made. The Grant Writer ensures that the Tribe has up-to-date needs assessment data to help guide the Business Committee, Tribal Administration and Program Managers to design appropriate strategic responses to meet the needs of the membership and the community.

Qualified candidates should possess excellent writing skills, communication skills, data base management skills, Strong financial skills preferred, and comprehensive knowledge of research. A Bachelor of Arts degree in business or public administration, community planning, or communications or combination of both education, training, and experience in tribal government, contract and grant writing, and community development proposals totaling three to five (3-5) years. Ability to develop and implement funding strategies, programs, and opportunities. Moderate travel required.

Indian preference shall be observed. Applications and a full job description are available at the Peoria Tribal Office, 118 South Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, Oklahoma. Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Applications will be accepted by mail addressed to: Administrative Assistant, Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, PO Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355; or hand-delivery at 118 South Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, Oklahoma. **Deadline for application submission is Monday July 20, 2020.**

# PEORIA TRIBE COLLEGE INTERNSHIP



We currently have College Internship opportunities for those who are interested and qualify. The internship is an 8-10 week paid experience.

The study of interest will correspond with your college degree specialization and the offer of employment will be at Buffalo Run Casino & Resort.

The goal of this internship is to create an opportunity for the student to learn the business, departments and operations that fit into their career path. To qualify, you must be a member of the Peoria Tribe and be enrolled in an accredited program or institution. The qualified student will work 16 to 40 hours a week and will be compensated accordingly for their time.

We are flexible and will work with your schedule.

Candidates who are interested can submit their resume to [lauren.meyers@buffalorun.com](mailto:lauren.meyers@buffalorun.com) or contact Buffalo Run Casino Human Resources at 918-542-7140 ext. 2523.

**THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS 8/31/2020**

*must be 18 years or older.*



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***Environmental Department Newsletter***

The Peoria Tribe’s Environmental Department has experienced several positive changes this year. We continue to maintain and strive to build tribal capacity in a variety of areas. We have managed several grants this year—as well as applying for new grants. We are excited to have filled the 105 CAA Air position vacancy with La Shell Thomas. She holds a BS Degree in Environmental Science, her knowledge and experience in Environmental has been an asset to the team and Tribe. Another exciting change this year was the transition of Kyle Foster from the 106 CWA Water Position to the Fish Hatchery. He holds an AA Degree in Natural Resource Management with a focus on Wildlife Management—his practice and knowledge have been rewarding. Todd Weaver filled the 106 CWA Water Position—with an outgoing personality and vast knowledge, he has been an excellent fit for the department as well. Regina Sapp is the newest addition to the environmental department. Starting in April, she will be over the Mussel Facility and the future expansion of that program. Regina holds a Master’s degree in Mussel Propagation; her knowledge will help the Peoria Tribe Mussel Program thrive in the coming months.

***Endangered Species Grant***

This grant primarily focuses on the Neosho Mucket mussel and the Rabbit’s foot mussel. This year we completed the build-out of the new state-of-the-art mussel facility at the Fish Hatchery. This facility is a 40’ X 60’ with two separate rooms—one room with tanks for brood mussels with the other room for the laboratory. This building is a simulated live river where water is pumped from a large pond into the facility into the tanks where the mussels are kept and then returned to the reservoir continuously.

***Fish Hatchery Maintenance Grant***

The Peoria Aquatic Facility has experienced some positive changes as well. A new procedure on how and when we gather fish from the ponds has been implemented recently and seems to have a significant impact on teamwork. Conditions were in our favor to achieve a great spawn from last Spring. The fingerlings were seined and placed in one of our grow-out ponds so they may grow strong and healthy. We also had a new net installed over this pond to help protect the fingerlings from predators that prey on fish—such as birds for example. Silhouettes were placed around the ponds to help reduce unwanted predation on our fish, as well (pictured right).



Environmental Director, Mike Martin (Left) builds a net over the Aquatic Facility’s pond while Environmental Specialist Todd Weaver (Center Photo) guides aquatic intern Jarrett Smith in the same task to ensure the fish are kept safe from flying predators, part of the Fish Hatchery Maintenance Grant.

***Peoria Tribe 105 Air Quality Program Update:***

The Environmental Specialist La Shell Thomas has attended 12+ in-person trainings since June of 2019. On top of those in-person trainings she also has accumulated 90+ hours of webinars and conference calls including calls with the Environmental Protection Agency, The Center for Disease Control, and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Protection.

The Air Quality Department receives Title V permits from multiple states daily. The Environmental Specialist reviews permits within in 250 miles of Peoria office building and comments on them when any issues regarding health and wellness arise.

The Three-Year Air Plan that was created by La Shell Thomas outlines the steps for creation of the Peoria Air Quality program.

Up and coming things the Air Quality Department is working on is an Emission Inventory. This document is important because it demonstrates how many Peoria tribal members can and are impacted by air quality point sources, non-point sources, road sources and off-road sources of air pollution and particulate matter. The Inventory will provide an interactive map and a list of pollution sources of the surrounding 50 miles in order to create a picture of what air quality issues the tribe faces or will continue to face. This information is valuable for the health and wellbeing of tribal members.

If you have any questions or concerns involving ambient or indoor air, please reach out to our Environmental Offices and ask for La Shell Thomas.

***Invasive Species Grant***

Under this grant, the primary focus is the non-native species of the Feral Swine. These animals are invasive, dangerous, and devastating to property. We have had some success this year with catching these wild animals; however, we have experienced a challenge compared to previous years due to the heavy rain events we have had. In the last couple of months, the numbers of Feral Swine have increased with sightings from landowners growing as well. We have several traps deployed and have been capturing and dispatching these invasive species. We are hopeful to continuing success in the upcoming months.

***Tribal Youth Grant***

The focus of this grant is Tribal youth. The tribal interns must be citizens of an Indian Tribe, be within 16-25 years of age, and dedicated to working at the Peoria Aquatic Facility. The tribal youth will have the opportunity to learn work ethic, responsibilities, and decision-making skills that they will carry for a lifetime. Many of the youth that serves in this internship will further their educations at the collegiate level, earning degrees in the Environmental field. Some of the duties they perform are mowing, seining ponds, feeding fish, assisting the Mussel Biologist, and helping the Environmental Specialists within the environmental department with other tasks.



The Aquatic Facility Staff and Interns work together to seин one pond (left) while Kyle Foster (right) stands with one of ninety-eight Broodfish paired to spawn.



# Environmental Department Newsletter Cont'd

## 106 Clean Water Act

The 106 grant is awarded through the EPA, focusing on water sampling and testing for the Peoria Tribe. The Environmental Specialist in this position also participates in many outreach and educational opportunities in the community and Indian country. Besides the daily responsibilities, the Environmental Specialist also attends trainings and conferences to stay up to date on the program. The Specialist is required to send EPA quarterly reports of their testing.

- YSI Sampling for Basic Parameters performed.
- Updated and Revised the Peoria Tribe QAPP
- Participated in the Wyandotte Environmental Festival for Outreach
- Participated in the NRCS Days at NEO
- Participated in the Lost Creek Water Festival with the Eastern Shawnee Tribe
- Participated in the Boy Scouts of America Festival
- Attended the ITEC Conference; the RTOC Conference canceled
- Submitted Quarterly Reports to USEPA
- Submitted our TAR and Final Reports to USEPA

## 105 Clean Air Act

The primary objective of this program is to establish an air quality program for the Peoria Tribe's Environmental Department. This grant enables the Environmental Department to perform treatment as a state air permitting duties and building capacity to create an air program that serves our Tribal Citizens and Ottawa County. Submitted a new CAA 105 grant for the fiscal year 2020

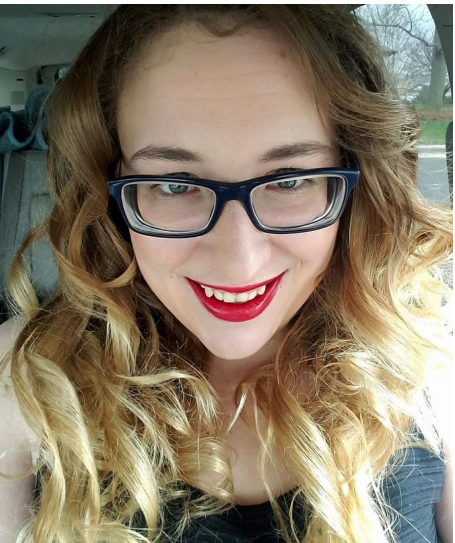
- Submitted quarterly reports to EPA that reflect the activities undertaken by the Air Quality Environmental Specialist and Tribe.
- Completed twelve training opportunities across the country with other tribes to develop program capacity.
- Provided articles for the tribal newsletter for education/outreach.
- Provide monthly articles for online environmental blog.
- Conducted education and outreach activities. Took the FEMA trailer to several events to teach area children about fire safety and fire emergencies.
- Reviewed, Completed, and Submitted air permits that could impact Peoria air shed up to 300 miles.
- Accepted an invitation and taught a training course for the Institute of Environmental Professionals in Flagstaff, AZ.
- Completed a Three-Year Air plan and turned it into the EPA.
- Currently attempting to implement a workplace recycling program.

## NRDA (Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration)

The NRDA environmental specialist participated in all Tar Creek Trustee Council conference calls about ongoing Damage Assessment studies and updates on both the Tribal and EPA Human Health Risk Assessment studies. The environmental specialist participated in numerous conference calls involving nine Restoration Proposals submitted for funding from the Restoration settlements received in Natural Resource Damage mediations with acknowledged Responsible Parties, i.e., mining companies responsible for existing contamination. We worked to secure Restoration Funding for three Peoria Restoration project proposals: (1) Specific Mussel Species Reintroduction into Spring and Neosho Rivers watershed; (2) Restoration of Songbird and Game-bird habitat and Re-population of Bobwhite Quail in Ottawa County; (3) Stream-bank Stabilization on Spring River at the Peoria Aquatic Facility location.



The new Environmental Building being renovated (above) for offices, cleaning, and storage for the Peoria Tribe of Indians Aquatic Facility.



**Meet Regina Sapp: Aquatic Facility's Mussel Biologist**  
*Regina Sapp is our newest team member at the Peoria Tribe of Indians Aquatic Facility. With a Bachelor's Degree in Field Biology, a Master's Certificate in Environmental Monitoring and Sampling, 3.5 years of specialized mussel experience, and a Master's Degree in Biology, Sapp is perfectly qualified to lead as our Mussel Biologist. Regina wanted to work with mussels "even if she had to move across the country to do it", and believes she has found her dream job with the Peoria Tribe of Indians Aquatic Facility. Outside of mussels, Regina is a novelist and enjoys outdoors, painting, and board gaming! Welcome Regina Sapp to the Peoria Tribe of Indians Aquatic Facility.*

**Update from the Mussel Biologist:**  
Freshwater mussels have an interesting life cycle that is very different from the life cycles of other organisms. Adult females store fertilized eggs in their gill chambers and those eggs later develop into larvae called glochidia. Glochidia attach to and parasitize a host fish's gills to get the nutrients they need to survive. Adult mussels can attract host fish to their glochidia by creating a lure that mimics the shape and appearance of smaller fishes. When a fish bites down on a mussel or on a mussels' lure, glochidia are released into the fish's mouth. Over the course of 1-3 weeks, glochidia encapsulate themselves in the fish's gills and fall off as juvenile mussels.

Not all fish are host fish. Likewise, a host fish for one species of mussel may not be a host fish for a different species. There is still much research needed to be done to determine which fish can be used to successfully grow glochidia into juvenile mussels. Our mussel lab is currently conducting a study that will determine whether hybrid sunfish are host fish for the Neosho Mucket mussel. Additionally, we will be using smallmouth bass, a known host fish for this species, to help measure how successful our future host studies are.

The Peoria Tribe Aquatic Facility is developing and testing new grow-out systems that will increase the rate at which juvenile mussels grow. These systems will likely improve survivorship, which will allow us to breed and grow more sensitive mussel species in the future- like Rabbitsfoot and Winged Mapleleaf mussels. We are also conducting temperature studies that will determine which temperatures freshwater mussels grow best in.

## OUR WATER, OUR FUTURE, OURS TO PROTECT



**REMEMBER, THE PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS AQUATIC FACILITY IS ALWAYS TAKING INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS. INTERNS PERFORM A VARIETY OF DUTIES IN THE FIELD AND IN THE OFFICE, GAIN EXPERIENCE IN THE AQUATIC FIELD, AND EARN A SENSE OF PRIDE IN THEIR WORK. MUST BE 16-25 YEARS OF AGE, DEDICATED AND HARD WORKING, AND HAVE RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION.**



Unaudited Summary Expenditure Budget Report			
As of 5/31/2020			
(In Whole Dollars)			
Open FY 2021 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total Budget
ICW	85,241.00	406	84,835
Title VI	142,360.00	114,772	27,588
Indirect Cost Pool	635,704	79,947	555,757
Tribal Properties	511,280	48,422	462,858
Trading Post	52,438	150	52,288
Building Lease	105,302	1,511	103,791
Children's Christmas Special Revenue Fund	65,416	-	65,416
Tribal Tags	61,713	-	61,713
Gaming Commission	525,000	48,129	476,871
Cemetery Special Revenue Fund	26,756	-	26,756
Pow Wow Fund*	64,209	-	64,209
Tribal Fish Hatchery	59,559	1,575	57,984
Elder Care/Disability Program	300,000	35,019	264,981
Education/Activity 2617	1,645,000	6,183	1,638,817
Economic Development / Activity 2614	250,000	14,407	235,593
Land Acquisition/Activity	351,955	301,955	50,000
Burial / Activity 2617	290,000	45,196	244,804
Tribal Government / Activity 2621	1,347,278	94,769	1,252,509
Legal Fees / Activity 2627	650,000	55,687	594,313
Totals FY 2020	7,169,211	848,128	6,321,083
Open FY 2020 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total Budget
ATG	242,162.00	0	242,162
ATG Covid	968,997.00	34977.47	
Covid Treasury	7,700,864.63	0	
Higher Ed	62,251.00	5,161	57,090
IRR 2% Planning	7,963.60	0	7,964
Tribal Youth Development	38,192.00	0	38,192
Noxious Weeds	12,530.00	0	12,530
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	105,000.00	0	105,000
Endangered Species	79,000.00	1,848	77,152
Title IV B	10,083.00		10,083
Title IV B Social Security	18,896.00		18,896
Title IV B-Covid	1,700.00		1,700
Child Care Program	3,665,256.00		3,665,256
CCDF Covid	661,988.00		661,988
CHR	67,751.00	44,326	23,425
Library	6,000.00	1,577	4,423
PPG	376,893.00	211,380	165,513
Peabody	55,000.00	62,784	(7,784)
PSSF	11,395.00	0	11,395
Family 1st PSSF	21,672.00	0	21,672
DOJ	524,290.00	95,556	428,734
Totals FY 2020	14,637,884	457,610	5,545,390
Open FY 2019 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total Budget
Aid to Tribal Government	261,446.00	0	261,446
IRR 2% Planning	7,830.99	0	
Tribal Youth Development	38,192.00	26,982	11,210
Noxious Weeds	12,530.00	0	
Invasive Species	92,000.00	22,853	69,147
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	231,650.00	213,391	18,259
Title IV B	9,001.00	8,925	
Child Care Program	1,282,113.00	841,751	
CCDF Construction	1,500,000.00	0	
ICDBG Community Building		45,716	
Promoting Safe & Stable Families	14,628.00	4,170	10,458
Totals FY 2019	3,449,391	1,163,787	370,520
Open FY 2018 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total Budget
Aid to Tribal Government	256,977.00	234,836	22,141
IRR 2% Planning	7,815.65	0	7,816
Endangered Species	119,800.00	95,800	24,000
CCDF Construction	1,500,000.00	174,253	1,325,747
Totals FY 2018	1,884,593	504,889	1,379,704
Open FY 2017 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total Budget
IRR 2% Planning	7,782.68	0	7,783
Endangered Species	137,000.00	133,248	3,752
Totals FY 2017	144,783	133,248	11,535
Open FY 2015 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total Budget
Cultural Resource Fund	15,000.00	3,863	11,137
Totals FY 2015	15,000	3,863	11,137

# Financial Information & Summary



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PEORIA TRIBE			
SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS			
March 31, 2020			
ACTIVITY			TOTAL
114 ACRES AT WYANDOTTE	PRINCIPAL	9980.37	\$10,060.25
	INTEREST	79.88	
PEORIA DESCENDANTS	PRINCIPAL		12,406.29
	INTEREST	12,406.29	
EDUCATION (Transfer)			852.68
EDUCATION	PRINCIPAL	176,850.16	309,207.80
	INTEREST	132,357.64	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	292,963.40
	INTEREST	120,812.45	
LAND ACQUISITION	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	292,792.13
	INTEREST	120,641.18	
BURIAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	99,402.04
	INTEREST	42,015.23	
TRIBAL GOV'T	PRINCIPAL	571,941.85	1,052,631.84
	INTEREST	480,689.99	
LEGAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	101,229.05
	INTEREST	43,842.24	
TOTAL			2,171,545.48
SUMMARY			
OVERNIGHTER (U.S. TREASURY)			857,472.98
INVESTMENTS			1,314,072.50
TOTAL			2,171,545.48

## CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM (CCDF)

THE CHILD CARE PROGRAM IS FUNDED THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (ACF). THIS PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE CHILDCARE SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES.

### THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PROGRAM ARE:

- + EVERY FAMILY WILL HAVE A CO-PAY EACH MONTH.  
CO-PAY EXAMPLE: MONTHLY NET INCOME OF \$4, 831 FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR, THE CO-PAY WOULD BE \$80.00 PER CHILD PER MONTH.
- + LIVE WITHIN 100 MILES OF THE PEORIA TRIBAL OFFICE IN THE STATES OF MISSOURI, KANSAS, ARKANSAS, OR OKLAHOMA.
- + THERE MUST BE AN INDIVIDUAL THAT IS A MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE RESIDING IN THE HOUSEHOLD.
- + BE UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE; OR BE UNDER THE AGE 19 AND PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY INCAPABLE OF CARING FOR THEMSELVES; OR UNDER COURT SUPERVISION.
- + RESIDE WITH A FAMILY WHOSE INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM NET INCOME LEVEL, THERE WILL BE SOME DEDUCTIONS CONSIDERED. INCOME LEVEL DOES NOT APPLY TO THE CHILDREN THAT ARE PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY INCAPABLE OF CARING FOR THEMSELVES.
- + RESIDE WITH A PARENT, PARENTS OR GUARDIAN WHO ARE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED OR ATTENDING A JOB TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM; OR RECEIVE, OR NEED TO RECEIVE, PROTECTIVE SERVICES.
- + ADULT MUST BE AT WORK OR IN SCHOOL IN ORDER FOR THE CCDF PROGRAM TO ASSIST WITH CHILD CARE.

#### AVAILABLE

#### INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE WATER AND SEWER ASSISTANCE

The Indian Health Service, Miami Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, offers programs to install water and sewer facilities to qualified Indian Homeowners. Funding and construction of sanitation facilities, such as wells, water service lines, septic tanks and drain fields, wastewater lagoons and sewer service lines, are available.

Minimum eligibility requirements include:

1. Property must be located within the boundaries of the nine tribes of the Inter-tribal Council, Inc. of Northeast Oklahoma in Ottawa and Delaware Counties, Oklahoma.
2. You must be a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, band or group.
3. The home must be Indian owned and occupied.
4. HUD homes must be paid in full before services can be provided.

Documentation of tribal affiliation and home ownership or long-term lease (5 years minimum) will be required with the application for services. Mobile homes must be tied down, skirted and wheels removed prior to service.

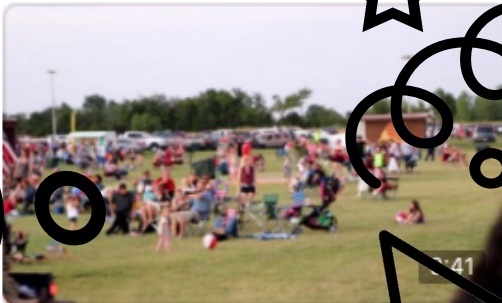
Please note that applying for service does not guarantee you will receive service. Service depends on the availability of funding.

Please contact Felicia Chuckluck, at [felicia.chuckluck@ihs.gov](mailto:felicia.chuckluck@ihs.gov) for more information. You may also call our office at 918-542-6414, or stop by our office located in the Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. Administrative Offices at 21 N. Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, Oklahoma.

CHECK OUT OUR 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION VIDEO ON FACEBOOK NOW!

<https://www.facebook.com/PeoriaTribe/videos/2698526103761723>

#### All Videos



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COLLEGE-LEVEL EDUCATION  
**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
EDUCATION DIRECTOR  
LACIE HICKEY



EVERY PEORIA COLLEGE STUDENT IS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.  
FINANCIAL NEED IS NOT CONSIDERED FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO OBTAIN A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

**WAYS TO GET THE APPLICATION:**

- + EMAIL LACIE AT LHICKEY@PEORIATRIBE.COM
- + CALL HER AT (918)-540-2535 OR 1-(800)-259-9987 EXT 10
- + CHECK IT OUT ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.PEORIATRIBE.COM.

FALL SEMESTER DEADLINE: JULY 31  
SPRING SEMESTER DEADLINE: JANUARY 7

INCOMPLETE OR POSTAGE DUE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. STUDENTS WHO ACCEPT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS BUT DO NOT COMPLETE THEIR OBLIGATION FOR THAT SEMESTER OR MAINTAIN A 2.5 GPA FORFEIT THEIR ELIGIBILITY UNTIL THEY COMPLETE A SEMESTER ON THEIR OWN.

IF YOU KNOW A PEORIA STUDENT WHO HAS RECEIVED SCHOLASTIC HONORS OR OTHER SPECIAL RECOGNITION AT HIS OR HER SCHOOL, PLEASE LET THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR KNOW, SO THE STUDENT CAN BE RECOGNIZED IN THE NEWSLETTER!  
EDUCATION DIRECTOR, LACIE HICKEY

# Tribal Member Reimbursement Program for School Supplies/School Clothes 2019-2020 School Year

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma has established a program for reimbursement of school supplies or clothes for members of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma who are currently enrolled in grades K through 12. This will be an annual program subject to budget approval each year by the Peoria Tribal Business Committee.

**PAPER, PENCILS, NOTEBOOKS, BACKPACKS, SHOES,  
CLOTHES, SCHOOL UNIFORMS, LAB FEES,  
ACTIVITY FEES, SUMMER SCHOOL FEES,  
OR OTHER FEES CHARGED BY THE SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT REIMBURSEMENTS:**

- STUDENT MUST BE AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA.
  - MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THE STUDENT'S TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CARD.
  - STUDENT MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN GRADES K-12.
- MUST PROVIDE ORIGINAL LETTER ON OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD FROM SCHOOL CERTIFYING THE STUDENT'S ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.
  - MUST PROVIDE ORIGINAL RECEIPTS, NO COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- RECEIPTS SUBMITTED MUST BE DATED BETWEEN MAY 1, 2019-MAY 31, 2020 AND SHOW DATE AND AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION WITH DESCRIPTION OF ITEM PURCHASED.
- THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL AMOUNT TO BE REIMBURSED PER STUDENT IS \$500 AND WILL BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE PARENT/GUARDIAN SUBMITTING THE PROGRAM APPLICATION.
  - YOU CAN APPLY THREE TIMES A YEAR TOTALING \$500. YOU MAY ONLY SUBMIT ONE APPLICATION IN ANY GIVEN MONTH.
  - NO INCOMPLETE OR POSTAGE DUE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- REIMBURSEMENTS WILL BEGIN PROCESSING AFTER THE 1ST OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH. (FOR EXAMPLE: IF YOU SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON OCTOBER 11TH, 2019 REIMBURSEMENT WILL NOT OCCUR UNTIL UP TO FOUR WEEKS AFTER NOVEMBER 1ST, 2019.)

# Application Tribal Member Reimbursement Program For School Supplies/School Clothes

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma  
PO Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355  
918-540-2535

Please Print:  
Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print:  
Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

*(Only one application will be accepted per student per month)*

Student's Tribal Roll #: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(Attach copy of students membership card)

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach original certification of enrollment from school)

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total of attached receipts: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE ATTACHED:** (check list below)

- ☐ Copy of Tribal Membership Card
- ☐ Original Certification of School Enrollment
- ☐ Original Receipts (not copies) of Purchases for School Supplies/Clothes

All receipts must show date and amount of transaction with description of item purchased. Receipts submitted must be dated between May 1, 2020 - May 31, 2020

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE/OFFICE USE ONLY**

Period Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_



# Elder Care and Disability Reimbursement Program

## Program Description:

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma has established a program to aid the elderly population that could benefit from an additional funding source to supplement their households, and/or disability needs, without restricting or interfering with other government programs.

The Elder Care and Disability Reimbursement Program (ECDRP) will make available up to \$1000 per fiscal year (April 1st- March 31st) for eligible tribal members. Each eligible tribal member may only choose from one program to receive reimbursement, being limited to 3 requests for services per fiscal year, not to exceed maximum total of \$1000. All denied benefits will be reviewed by a 3 person Review Committee comprised of the Chief and 2 accounting staff members. Individuals will not be permitted to receive benefits as both "elderly" and "disabled." Applicants may only utilize one program.

## Qualifications Criteria:

- Individual must be a current enrolled living member of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, evidenced by Tribal Enrollment Card to receive benefits.
- Eligible tribal member must be 65 years or older, evidenced by a Photo I.D. to receive benefits.
- Eligible adult tribal member must provide an award letter or benefit statement from the Social Security Administration (dated within last 90 days), to receive disability benefits. No other proof of disability will be accepted.\
- Minors or other disabled individuals already receiving Disability Social Security or SSI benefits payable to a representative payee, will be eligible for tribal reimbursement program.
- All payments will be made to the representative payee as designated on SSI records.
- Minors not receiving SSI benefits must have documentation of state or federal Determination of Disability to receive reimbursement.

## Eligibility for Reimbursement:

- An approved application signed by applicant or legal representative must be on file. A new application is to be submitted each Fiscal year.
- Submission date of the application will be the date the application is received at the Tribal office.
- ORIGINAL RECEIPT(s) (not copies) must be sent to the tribal office, and be dated within the fiscal year of application date.
- All receipts must come from the vendor or service provider, contain the vendor's contact information, and a detailed summary of product(s) and services.
- Eligibility for both programs cease upon tribal members death.

## Insurance and Taxes:

- Life Insurance
- Home Owner's Insurance
- Automotive Insurance
- Healthcare Insurance
- Personal Content Insurance for renters
- Property Tax

Note: ALL insurance/proof of ownership of property must be in the name of the eligible tribal member to qualify for payment.

## Utilities:

- Electric
- Natural gas
- Propane
- Water
- Trash services
- Telephone services

Note: ALL utilities must be in the name of the eligible tribal member to qualify for payment.

## Health Care Expense:

- Prescription eye glasses
- Dentures
- Medical Alert Service
- Prescription medication
- Health care deductibles
- Physician prescribed ambulatory product (wheelchair, cane, walker)
- Hearing aids
- Miscellaneous items prescribed by a physician

Note: ALL prescriptions and deductibles must be in the name of the eligible tribal member to qualify for payment

YOU MAY ALSO REVIEW THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ON THE TRIBAL WEBSITE, OR CONTACT THE OFFICE TO RECEIVE A COPY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO CONTACT LOGAN PAPPENFORT AT 918-540-2535 AT THE PEORIA TRIBAL OFFICE.

# Application for Elder Care & Disability Reimbursement Program

PO Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355  
918-540-2535

Tribal Member Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Only 3 applications will be accepted per tribal member per fiscal year)*

Tribal Roll #:\_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(Attach copy of membership card)

## Program Applying for: (check one)

Elder Care: \_\_\_\_\_ Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total of attached receipts:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## MUST BE ATTACHED: (check list below)

- ☐ Copy of Tribal Membership Card
- ☐ Copy of Photo I.D.
- ☐ Original Receipts of Purchases for items or services (stated in guidelines)

## Disability applicants will also need:

- ☐ Award Letter, Benefit Statement or Determination of Disability documentation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signture:\_\_\_\_\_

## DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE/OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Reimbursement Requisition \_\_\_\_ Check mailed \_\_\_\_\_



# Missing or Change of Address

We still have several members with no address on file. Any and all help is appreciated in finding these members. The Enrollment Office must have written permission from the tribal member, over the age of 18, or the legal custodial parent, for members under 18, for address changes. If you know someone who has moved or a tribal member household that is not receiving a newsletter please have them contact the Enrollment Office. You can download the form from the Peoria Tribal website at [www.peoriatribes.com](http://www.peoriatribes.com). Go to Services, then to Enrollment, under the Enrollment section there will be a change of address form highlighted in red, open the form, print the form out, have the individual (if over 18) or legal custodial parent (if under 18) to sign and return to the Enrollment Office.

The Enrollment Office has a new change of address form. Please dispose of any other change of address form you may have and replace with the current one. The new form has been placed in this newsletter.

The address for returning the form is:

**Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma**  
**Attn: Enrollment Office**  
**PO Box 1527**  
**Miami OK 74355**

Thank you to all who have and will assist in this ongoing endeavor. All help is valued.



ENROLLMENT OFFICE | P.O. BOX 1527 MIAMI, OKLAHOMA 74355 | 918.540.2535

## RELEASE OF INFORMATION

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAY INFORMED OF PEORIA TRIBAL PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES, UPDATES, EVENTS AND MORE?

By checking yes, this allows Peoria Tribal Programs to send updates, correspondence, and information relevant to Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma citizens.

☐ Yes    ☐ No

How would you like to receive the Peoria Tribe's Newsletter?

☐ Electronic Email    ☐ Postal Service    ☐ Opt out of Newsletter

## ADDRESS VERIFICATION

TRIBAL CITIZEN: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

First Name    Middle Name    Maiden Name    Legal Last Name

SSN: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ ROLL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PRIMARY PHONE: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Address    City    State    Zip Code

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Address    City    State    Zip Code

PLEASE PROVIDE THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION FOR YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD AS THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE WILL USE THIS FORM TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION. IF ANY CITIZEN IS OVER THE AGE OF 18, THEY MUST SIGN THEIR OWN RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM.

List all other Tribal Citizens of your household, under 18, who will need to have their address updated:

_____ (Name)	_____ (DOB)	_____ (Name)	_____ (DOB)	_____ (Name)	_____ (DOB)
_____ (Name)	_____ (DOB)	_____ (Name)	_____ (DOB)	_____ (Name)	_____ (DOB)

I hereby understand by signing below that I am giving permission for the Peoria Tribe Enrollment Office to release my contact information for use solely by the departments of the Tribe in order to receive updates, correspondence, and information. I further understand that my contact information will not be released to any party outside of the Tribal Administration Office.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form and return to P.O. Box 1527 Miami, Oklahoma 74355 ATTN: Enrollment Office or via email to Donna Harp at [dharp@peoriatribes.com](mailto:dharp@peoriatribes.com) | Any incomplete form will not be processed.



FROM THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Is your State Certified Birth Certificate on file in the Enrollment Office?

The Enrollment Office is continuing to update all tribal membership files. Many members have already sent in their state certified birth certificates. To comply with Federal guidelines and be eligible for a CDIB card, issued through the BIA, a state certified birth certificate is required. Reminder; state certified birth certificates must show, state file number, state seal, state registrars signature and parentage. If you are unsure if you have a state birth certificate on file, please call the Enrollment Office. If you need assistance in acquiring one please contact the State Vital records Department in the State you were born and they will assist you in how you can acquire one.

Is your name updated in your membership file?

The Enrollment Office will be glad to assist any member who needs to have their name changed. If your name has changed please update your file to your current legal name. Please bring or send in your legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, court order), a current unexpired government issued photo ID and a signed, dated letter stating what your name was and declaring how you would like your name to appear on the tribal roll. Once you have declared your name it cannot be changed without legal documentation. Once received, the name change process can begin. If you are receiving the tribal newsletter with a previous name listed on the address label, please call the Enrollment Office for assistance or send your legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, court order) so the name change process can begin. It has been observed, the postal service has been returning newsletters and other miscellaneous correspondence sent from the Tribe if a persons name does not match their postal record. The process to update your name is not an immediate event. Please update your name before a need arises as the process takes the same amount of time whether there is a need or a want for a name change.

Enrollment Ordinance Reminders

The Enrollment Office receives calls with requests for help or general enrollment information. To help members, listed below are a few reminders of the Enrollment Ordinance, which was revised and approved March 23, 2002. Below are sections of the Enrollment Ordinance of which the questions or information are typically asked.

**Section 2.** Dual enrollment with another Federally recognized tribe is prohibited and such prohibition shall be strictly applied; an enrolled member of another tribe shall not be eligible for membership with the Peoria Tribe. If a member of another tribe wishes to become a member of the Peoria Tribe, they must first relinquish all membership with other Federally recognized tribes.

**Section 8.** Each enrollment application must be completed in its entirety and must contain sufficient information to determine the applicant’s eligibility for enrollment. Applicants must list the following on enrollment applications: all names by which the applicant has been known, applicant’s current mailing address, name and notarized affidavit confirming applicant is not enrolled with any other Federally recognized tribe, and signature of the applicant or signature of the person filing the application on behalf of the applicant.

FROM THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE

**Section 9.** Applications for enrollment must be accompanied with a State certified birth certificate. Applications received without a State certified birth certificate will not be processed. The following must be visible on State certified birth certificates:  
State Seal  
State File number  
State Registrar’s signature  
State certified birth certificates must also be recorded with the State Vital Records Division of the state of birth. The following documents are not acceptable when accompanied with enrollment applications:  
Hospital birth certificates  
Baptismal certificate (even when parents’ names are shown)  
Heirship records  
County abstracts  
Approval of birth certificates issued by foreign nations or other highest-ranking governmental sub-division with jurisdiction to issue birth certificates will be at the discretion of the Enrollment Committee.

**Section 15.** The tribal membership roll will be on file at the Peoria Tribal office. Any tribal member may visit the tribal office during regular office hours to examine the accuracy of specific roll data for him/herself. Roll data may be viewed for other tribal members only at the request of a parent regarding their minor dependent child’s record. Under the Privacy Act 5 U.S.C., 552a, Section (b), release of record information regarding any tribal member who is not a minor is prohibited unless the tribal member provides prior written consent with a Privacy Act disclosure statement.

**Section 18.** Changes to active membership records, such as name changes due to marriage or divorce, must be made by legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, divorce decree, court order, etc.). Active members with change of addresses and other status information must notify the Enrollment Office at P.O. Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355 or by telephone at 918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987. Maintenance and accuracy of membership record data is the sole responsibility of each tribal member. Each tribal member is personally accountable for correct membership record information (i.e. contact information and/or name changes). The Tribal Enrollment Office will review changes to membership records to be forwarded to the Enrollment Committee; the Enrollment Committee shall certify its recommendation of approval to be approved by the Peoria Business Committee. Changes to membership records must ultimately be passed by resolution from the Business Committee and submitted to the Miami Area Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Current number of enrolled members: 3502

If I can be of any assistance, please call (918) 540-2535 or (800) 259-9987.

Submitted by:  
Donna Harp,  
Enrollment Director



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Cancellations and Delays Due to COVID19: **23rd Annual Pow-Wow Cancellation**

Due to ongoing concerns surrounding COVID-19, The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma made the decision to cancel the 23rd Annual Peoria Pow-Wow for this year. The Pow-Wow is an opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate our heritage, as such this has not been an easy decision. With the announcement from the World Health Organization (WHO) deeming COVID-19 a pandemic and our concern for the health and safety of all of our participants, vendors and attendees, including a large number of our youth, elders and other vulnerable Tribal citizens, we felt it was prudent to cancel the event.

Please continue to monitor the Peoria Tribe website and Facebook page for the latest updates.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, we look forward to gathering again soon.

Neewe, Pow Wow Committee

### **Newsletter Delay**

Normally the Summer Edition Newsletter would have been sent out in the first week of May, however, due to COVID-19 and our Tribal Offices being closed for the entirety of April, we were not able to get them out for delivery until the first part of July. We apologize for the delay, and we hope all of our Citizens are well.

## COMING UP:

+ CHRISTMAS PARTY APPLICATION IN NEXT NEWSLETTER  
+ BACK TO SCHOOL BONANZA AUGUST 4TH, 2020  
+ INDIAN DAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT YOUR COVID-19 PUBLIC  
HEALTH EMERGENCY FUND APPLICATION ASAP!  
DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31, 2020!

EMAIL [COVIDRELIEF@PEORIATRIBE.COM](mailto:COVIDRELIEF@PEORIATRIBE.COM) WITH QUESTIONS.

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# BACK TO SCHOOL BONANZA

AT BUFFALO RUN CASINO IN MIAMI, OKLAHOMA

AUGUST 4TH, 2020 4-7 PM

FREE ACTIVITIES, GAMES, & FUN!!

FREE BACKPACK WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)