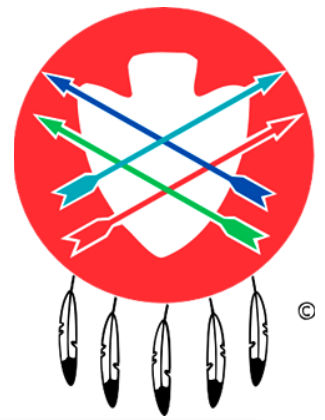


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OF OKLAHOMA**
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“Where we are going”



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Spring 2020

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• • JUNE 19TH-21ST, 2020 • •
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Office of the Chief

2/7/2020

Aya.

What an Event!

Let's discuss three.

One of the highlights of our Peoria calendar each year is the Children's Christmas Party.

With great care, our staff and a team of volunteers truly transformed the Peoria Showplace into a virtual Winter Wonderland. This annual Peoria event was diligently and carefully planned for and executed with the future of our People in mind.

The goal to bless, encourage and support the Peoria children and families in attendance was fulfilled in the smiles on the faces and the joy in the voices of our citizens as they enjoyed the time of fellowship and family. It is good for Us to be together.

Another event to discuss is the upcoming Peoria Tribe's Annual General Council Meeting. It will again be held in the Peoria Showplace at our beautiful Buffalo Run Casino here in Miami, OK. Plans for this annual gathering of our citizens are complete and the realization of these has begun. This serves as our major political and cultural event of the year. Building on the format established at last year's meeting, our team will provide comprehensive reports and program updates. Special guests have been invited and exhibits will be on display.

Lastly, one of the most exciting announcements at this year's General Council Meeting will be the unveiling of 2020-2021 tribal program expansions, including a ceremonial groundbreaking, which will be held immediately following adjournment. Once our business is concluded, we hope you will join us for a time of fellowship, as we close out the weekend festivities at our Annual Peoria Stomp Dance.

Let us gather together again as a nation and family, to remember where we have come from and to celebrate the promise of our future generations.

#PeoriaProud

Be Well,

Craig Harper
Chief

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF ANNUAL ELECTION
PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA**

Scheduled Saturday, March 7, 2020

The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma announces the cancellation of the Annual Election scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2020. The positions to be filled at this Election were Treasurer, First Councilman, and one (1) seat on the Grievance Committee

Hank Downum, incumbent, was the only candidate to file for the position of Treasurer. Carolyn Ritchey, incumbent, was the only candidate to file for the position of First Councilman. Mark Davey, incumbent, was the only position to file for one (1) seat on the Grievance Committee. All candidates were declared elected by the Election Committee. Each will serve a term of four (4) years.

According to the Election Ordinance: "In the event that only one candidate files for elective office, that candidate shall be declared elected. In the event a candidate is declared elected, it will not be necessary for the Peoria Tribe to conduct an election by ballot for that elective office. Furthermore, in the event a candidate is declared elected, the candidate shall assume office immediately in the case of a vacancy, or at the next annual Peoria Council meeting upon the expiration of an elected official's term."



Save the Date!
2020 Peoria Tribe Annual Meeting

When: March 7, 2020

Where: Peoria Showplace at Buffalo Run Casino

Time: Lunch- 11:30am-12:45pm

Meeting- 1:00pm

~Look for the side entrance at Buffalo Run Casino and Resort.
There will be signs leading the way.~

PHONE: (918)540-2535

Tribal Offices Directory

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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, in writing, via email at dharp@peoriatribe.com, postal service, or by telephone at 918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987.

In Memory Of:

Aaron Wayne Blalock

Robert Elvis Smith II

Clara Belle May

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 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.

Tribal Committees

Business Committee

Chief	Craig Harper	03/2022
Second Chief	Logan Pappenfort	03/2021
Treasurer	Hank Downum	03/2020
Secretary	Tonya R. Mathews	03/2019
First Councilman	Carolyn Ritchey	03/2020
Second Councilman	Kara D. North	03/2021
Third Councilman	Isabella Burrell	03/2019

Grievance Committee

Jessica Blalock.....	2021
Annette Black.....	2021
David Downum.....	2022
Mary Lembcke Davey.....	2022
Mark Davey.....	2020

Election Committee

Kristen Gillman, Chairperson; Toni Potts, Secretary; Courtney McCartney, Bud Ellis

Enrollment Committee

Jenny Rampey, Jeane Wynn, & Kay Harper

Economic Development/Finance/Properties

Hank Downum

Housing/Social Services

M. Annette Black

Education Committee

Donna Fitzgibbon, Chairperson; Alan Goforth, Secretary; Sadie Detherage, Jamie Giles, Mary Davey

Audit Committee

Michael Lewis, Kendra Robinson, Zach Goforth

Culture and Language Committee

Donna Fitzgibbon

Stomp Dance Committee

Karen Stand, Chairperson; John Froman, Ruthie Jones, Donna Fitzgibbon, Darlene Young, Jeffery "Dude" Blalock

Repatriation Committee

Jason Dollarhide, Chairperson; Michael Eddy, John Froman, Eddie Froman, Cynthia Purgason, LeAnne Reeves, Jane Hahn, Laura McCoy

Cemetery Committee

John Froman

Historical Committee

Joann Evans, Chairperson; Roberta Lindsly

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

Unaudited Summary Expenditure Budget Report

As of 12/31/2019

(In Whole Dollars)

Open FY 2020 Programs

Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total Budget
ICW	102,470.00	74,815	27,655
CHR	56,024.00	17,153	
Title VI	128,600.00	114,820	13,780
Library	6,000.00	716	
PPG	376,893.00	54,430	
Peabody	30,000.00	29,108	
DOJ	524,290.00	43,595	
Indirect Cost Pool	628,864	399,232	229,632
Tribal Properties	1,004,070	481,560	522,510
Trading Post	50,552	6,713 *	43,839
Children's Christmas Special Revenue Fund	55,327	5,494	49,833
Gaming Commission	485,000	338,755	146,245
Cemetery Special Revenue Fund	10,897	-	10,897
Pow Wow Fund*	134,048	53,066	80,982
Tribal Fish Hatchery	58,644	41,224	17,420
Elder Care/Disability Program	200,000	126,389	73,611
Education/Activity 2617	1,530,000	865,387	664,613
Economic Development / Activity 2614	250,000	79,303	170,698
Land Acquisition/Activity	2,494,105	2,049,690	444,415
Burial / Activity 2617	275,000	179,277	95,723
Tribal Government / Activity 2621	1,057,135	515,004	542,131
Legal Fees / Activity 2627	650,000	417,570	232,430
Totals FY 2020	10,107,919	5,893,302	3,366,413

Open FY 2019 Programs

Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total Budget
Aid to Tribal Government	261,446.00	0	261,446
Higher Education	64,717.00	39,878	24,839
Tribal Youth Development	38,192.00	2,275	35,917
Invasive Species	92,000.00	9,164	82,836
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	231,650.00	148,515	83,135
Title IV B	9,001.00	8,925	
Child Care Program	816,246.00	0	
CCDF Construction	1,500,000.00	0	
Promoting Safe & Stable Families	14,628.00	2,101	12,527
Totals FY 2019	3,027,880	210,857	500,701

Open FY 2018 Programs

Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total Budget
Aid to Tribal Government	256,977.00	155,906	101,071
IRR 2% Planning	7,815.65	0	7,816
Endangered Species	119,800.00	95,800	24,000
Child Care Program	1,280,874.00	1,224,823	56,051
CCDF Construction	1,500,000.00	45,543	1,454,457
Totals FY 2018	3,165,467	1,522,073	1,643,394

Open FY 2017 Programs

Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total Budget
IRR 2% Planning	7,782.68	0	7,783
Endangered Species	137,000.00	121,939	15,061
Totals FY 2017	144,783	121,939	22,843

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

PEORIA TRIBE

SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS

September 30, 2019

ACTIVITY	TOTAL		
114 ACRES AT WYANDOTTE			\$9,157.62
PEORIA DESCENDANTS	PRINCIPAL	0	12,256.18
	INTEREST	12,256.18	
EDUCATION (Transfer)			845.49
EDUCATION	PRINCIPAL	176,850.16	303,823.43
	INTEREST	126,973.27	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	288,030.25
	INTEREST	115,879.30	
LAND ACQUISITION	PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	287,846.04
	INTEREST	115,695.09	
BURIAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	98,040.32
	INTEREST	40,653.51	
TRIBAL GOV'T	PRINCIPAL	571,741.85	1,035,225.10
	INTEREST	463,483.25	
LEGAL	PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	99,470.35
	INTEREST	42,083.54	
TOTAL			2,134,694.78
SUMMARY			
OVERNIGHTER (U.S. TREASURY)			35,822.28
INVESTMENTS			2,098,872.50
TOTAL			2,134,694.78

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BUFFALO RUN



CASINO & RESORT

20 POWWOW 20

• • • SATURDAY MARCH 28TH, 2020 • • •

LIVE IN THE PEORIA SHOWPLACE

1000 BUFFALO RUN BOULEVARD | MIAMI, OKLAHOMA 74354

\$50,000 IN PRIZE MONEY

REGISTRATION	GRAND ENTRY	2ND GRAND ENTRY
OPEN 9:30AM	12 NOON	6:00PM
CLOSE 11:45AM		

SPECIAL DANCE CONTESTS:

WAYNE BLALOCK MEMORIAL
FANCY DANCE \$5,000
WINNER: \$1,400

2ND PLACE: \$1,200 4TH PLACE: \$800
3RD PLACE: \$1,000 5TH PLACE: \$600

GRASS DANCE:

WINNER: \$1,200
CONSOLATION: \$400
CONSOLATION: \$400

FANCY SHAWL:

WINNER: \$1,200
CONSOLATION: \$400
CONSOLATION: \$400

HOST SOUTHERN DRUMS

WILD BAND OF COMANCHES
BLACKBEAR CREEK

HOST NORTHERN DRUMS

THUNDERBOYS
TBA

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

NEIL LAWHEAD

ARENA DIRECTORS

DUDE BLALOCK | BRAD KILLSCROW

DANCE CATEGORIES

CLOTH • BUCKSKIN • FANCY SHAWL • JINGLE • FANCY • TRADITIONAL
GRASS • STRAIGHT • CHICKEN • GOLDEN AGE 50+ \$800 \$600 \$400 \$200
ADULTS: 18-49 \$800 \$600 \$400 \$200 • TEENS: 13-17 \$400, \$300, \$200
JUNIORS: 7-12 \$300, \$200, \$100 • TINY TOTS: DAY MONEY

CONTACT: CHRISTIE (918) 542-1873

AFTER HOURS: (918) 325-1110 LEAVE A MESSAGE

BUFFALO RUN HOTEL: (918) 542-2900



PEORIA TRIBE
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA



BUFFALO RUN
CASINO & RESORT

• ANYONE UNDER 21 MUST BE ESCORTED BY AN ADULT OR CASINO SECURITY • INVITED DRUMS ONLY
• NO ALCOHOL IN THE SHOWPLACE AT ANY TIME DURING THE EVENT • VENDORS (NO OUTSIDE FOOD)
• NO FOOD VENDORS • CONCESSION AVAILABLE • SUPPER BREAK ON YOUR OWN • NO LAWN CHAIRS • NO SPECIALS



IN LOVING

Memory

Clara Belle May, 100, of Owasso, went home to meet her Savior on December 10, 2019, surrounded by her family. She was born on April 6, 1919 at home on her father's Peoria allotment, just east of Miami, Oklahoma to Willis (Peoria) and Ethel McNaughton. She was the fourth of seven children. She attended Elm Creek School and Miami High School, followed by Oklahoma A&M (now OSU).

She married her high school sweetheart, Raymond May, on May 23, 1942 in Miami, Oklahoma. They were happily married for over 61 years. They had four children: Rita Jean, Martha Ann, Robert Kent and Maxie Anita. Clarabelle taught school for over 30 years with the last 28 years in Owasso public schools. She retired in 1983, when she and Raymond moved to Orwell, Ohio to work in a local church helping their pastors establish a thriving, viable church.

They returned to Owasso in 1991 where she served as a Sunday school teacher and other roles at First Baptist church of Owasso until 2015, when her health began to decline. She was a very active person, helping and sewing for everyone. She sewed many clothes to be given away at "Mission Owasso" as well as altered clothes for others.

She was preceded in death by her 6 siblings, her husband Raymond and daughters (Martha) Ann Bohannon and Maxie Macy and one great-grandchild.

She is survived by her children Rita Jean Shipley of Owasso and Robert Kent May (Martha) of Garden City, Kansas. Six grandchildren Raymond Berry, Owasso; Jenny Bohannon (Will), Denver; Tye Bohannon (Tara), Mound; Tessa Calhoun (Rick), South Carolina; Ronnie May (Kristen), Lawrence, Ks; Summer Miller (Matthew), Garden City, Ks. Sixteen great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.



Pictured above: Clara Belle May, daughter of former Peoria Chief Willis McNaughton, at her 100th birthday

Submitted by: Mary Davey


HP Inc.

Peoria Pride



Send to:
Peoria@peoriatribe.com



Submitted by: Cheyenne Lasiter

Maxen Lasiter was named star student of the month. Maxen is 8 years old, likes baseball, soccer, pow wows and he is an aspiring artist. He set a goal to win the award this year and he worked very hard. Maxen is the son of Cheyenne & Cody Lasiter; Grandson of Tabitha Sixkiller.

Congratulations Maxen!

Fall 2019 Dean's List honors

January 13, 2020

Office of Public Information
Crowder College

RE: Fall 2019 Dean's List honors

Neosho, MO – Crowder College announced the fall 2019 Dean's list with 590 students earning recognition. To earn the honor a student must complete 12 or more credit hours with at least a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

Students achieving this honor for fall 2019 are in order by hometown as follows:

Charles	Kuentzel	Carthage	MO
Cheyenne	Lasiter	Carthage	MO
Kierra	Lee	Carthage	MO

"I wanted to send a picture and show my appreciation of the scholarships that allowed me to go to school last fall. I made the Dean's list! I'm so proud and thankful!"

-Cheyenne Lasiter



EDUCATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Every Peoria college student is encouraged to apply. Financial need is not one of the criteria for the Peoria scholarship.

It is never too early to obtain a scholarship application. You may do so by contacting the Education Director, Lacie Hickey, at lhickey@peoriatribes.com, 1-918-540-2535, 1-800-259-9987 ext 10; or check it out on the Peoria Tribal website, www.peoriatribes.com.

Application deadlines are July 31 for the Fall semester and January 7 for the Spring semester.

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!

Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Program

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:

- There will always be a co-pay per child per month for each family.
- 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.
- 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. Every family will have a co-pay.
- 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 class in order for the CCDF Program to assist with child care.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Why is child abuse and neglect prevention important?

According to [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov), child abuse and neglect and other adverse childhood experiences (or ACEs) can have a huge impact on lifelong health and well-being issues if left untreated. ACEs are traumatic events that occur in childhood:

- experiencing violence or abuse**
- emotional abuse by parent**
- growing up with an alcohol and/or drug abuser in the home**
- experiencing the incarceration of a parent**
- living with a family member experiencing mental illness**
- witnessing violence or abuse**
- loss of a parent**
- emotional neglect**
- physical neglect**

Studies show that people experiencing four or more of these events had:

- increased risk for smoking, alcoholism and drug use**
- increased risk for depression and suicide attempts**
- poor self-rated health**
- greater likelihood for sexually transmitted disease**
- challenges with physical inactivity, and severe obesity**

Additional findings show that an elevated ACE score can be associated with:

- likelihood of attempted suicide across lifespan**
- heart disease**
- liver disease**
- lung disease**
- multiple types of cancer**
- impaired job functioning**
- homelessness**
- criminal justice involvement**

To learn more about the ACE study, visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or talk to your medical provider.

Tribal Member Reimbursement Program For School Supplies/School Clothes Program Description

Guidelines

- ◆ Student must be an enrolled member of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.
- ◆ **Must** provide with application 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 or current school year, or print off of the students current schedule or grades**.
- ◆ Maximum amount is \$500 per school year.
- ◆ Must provide original receipts, **no copies will be accepted**. However, copies will be accepted on a case by case basis. Receipts submitted must be dated between **May 1, 2019-May 31, 2020** and show date and amount of transaction with description of item purchased.

PERIOD	MONTHLY PROCESSING DEAD- LINE
Period 1 – July 1 st through July 31 st	July 31 st
Period 2 – August 1 st through August 30 th	August 30 th
Period 3 – September 3 rd through September 30 th	September 30 th
Period 4 – October 1 st through October 31 st	October 31 st
Period 5 – November 1 st through November 30 th	November 30 th
Period 6 – December 1 st through December 31 st	December 31 st
Period 7 – January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019	January 31, 2019
Period 8 – February 1 st through February 29 th	February 29 th
Period 9 - March 1 st through March 31 st	March 31 st
Period 10 – April 1 st through April 30 th	April 30 th
Period 11 - May 1 st through May 31 st	May 30 th
Period 12 - June 1 st through June 30 th	June 30 th

Upcoming Period
Deadlines! Get your
applications in the
mail/turned in
before the 30th/31st!

Examples of costs allowable for reimbursement under this program include paper, pencils, notebooks, backpacks, shoes, clothes, school uniforms, lab fees, activity fees, summer school fees, or other fees charged by the school system. All costs must be itemized on a printed receipt and submitted with the Program Application.

All submitted receipts for the school year 2019-20 must be dated between **May 1, 2019-May 31, 2020**. Any receipts submitted not falling between these dates will be returned.

All applications for reimbursements must be submitted to the Education Director at the Peoria Tribal Office.

Only one application will be accepted per student per period. Each student can only be reimbursed 3 times per calendar year not to exceed the \$500 maximum.

Applications must be received by the deadline date to be processed for that period. Any incomplete applications or postage due applications will not be accepted and will be returned for your completion.

**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**

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Please print: First Last

Address: _____

City/State/Zip

Phone Number: _____

Student's Name: _____
Please print: First Middle Last

(Only one application will be accepted per student per period)

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, 2019 - 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.

Eligible Expenses:

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
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 #: _____
(Attach copy of membership card)

Birth date: _____

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: _____ Signature: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE/OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Membership confirmed: _____ Reimbursement Requisition _____ Check mailed _____

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.

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 subdivision 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.

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

Submitted by,

Donna Harp, Enrollment Director



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. We do have members who contact the office with updates for family members. The assistance is greatly appreciated. However, when the Enrollment Office receives a telephonic or electronic address change, the Enrollment Office will send a change of address form to the missing member with a request for completing the change of address form. Once the Enrollment Office receives the original, signed, completed form, the address is updated and the form is placed in the members file for accuracy. 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. If you would like, you can send the change of address form to them for their completion and return or an individual can download the form from the Peoria Tribe website www.peoriatribes.com Go to Programs, 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.

PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

**REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS & RELEASE OF INFORMATION
ENROLLMENT OFFICE
PO Box 1527
Miami OK 74355
Phone: 918-540-2535**

DATE _____

Tribal Member: _____
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Maiden Name) (Legal Last Name)

DOB: _____ SS#: _____ Roll No. _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:**MAILING ADDRESS:**

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone _____

E-mail _____

I hereby understand by signing and checking any or all of the below listed departments I am giving my permission for the Enrollment Office to release my address information for use by these departments to send any correspondence.

Do you give permission for the Enrollment Office to release this address to these Inter-Office Tribal Department(s)/program? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please check the Department(s)/program:

*ALL INTERDEPARTMENTAL OFFICES/PROGRAMS _____ (If this box is checked you do not need to check the individual boxes)

Newsletter: (Electronic e-mail) _____ (Postal Service) _____ Tribal Announcements _____

Any/All reimbursement program(s) _____ Accounting _____ CCDF _____

CHR _____ Cultural _____ Education _____

Election _____ Environmental _____ ICW _____

Tribal Surveys _____

*Interdepartmental offices/Programs are any office/program which reside at the current location of 118 S Eight Tribes Trail Miami OK 74354 aka: Tribal Programs Office Building only

**For consent and verification of request for an address change, any member over the age of 18 must sign their own change of address request form.

**An address cannot be updated until the Enrollment Office receives the signed change of address request form.

Signature of person submitting this request

Please list all other Tribal Members of your household, under 18, who will need to have address changed (those over 18 must sign their own form). Use back if more names need to be included

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

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

2019 Peoria Children's Christmas Party

The 2019 Peoria Children's Christmas Party was moved to the Peoria Showplace at Buffalo Run Casino. The new location provided ample space to decorate, and the "team" derived a theme, Peoria Winter Wonderland, for the Annual event.

The Peoria Tribal program staff, about 30 employees, as well as the Peoria Tribal Gaming Commission staff were busy "elves" as they took on the endeavor to transform the banquet/concert venue into a magical Winter Wonderland. With all hands on deck, the staff worked to ensure the Peoria citizens would be welcomed in the Peoria Winter Wonderland—over 380+ Peoria Citizens enjoyed an afternoon with lunch, gifts, and time with family!

A special thanks to the following:

- *Chief Harper and his wife Cassie for the vision
- *Peoria CCDF Program
- *Thomas River Bend Ranch
- *All Peoria Tribal staff

We are excited to see what can be created for Christmas 2020!





From the Office of a Grant Writer

By: Erin Barnes



I want to thank all the Tribal citizens and their family members who took the time at this years' Children's Christmas party to fill out an income survey. I am pleased to report that of the 91 surveys that were handed out, 84 were returned. Of those 84 returned surveys around 75% of those are usable for data purposes. The ones that I had to cull out are ones that were not filled out properly; for example, several questions were left blank, or the entire survey was not filled out. As a reminder the Low-Moderate Income (LMI) survey is a necessity to prove economic and financial need for any future HUD grants. Once the data is gathered, calculations are made. For the calculations to provide the necessary information needed, ***we must have the number of people living in the household and the yearly income.*** The surveys must be completed in their entirety, and the incomes are listed, as that is one of the most important pieces of the survey, even if they are an estimate. These surveys are confidential. I am currently working with a professional on the surveys to make them as viable as possible. The amount of usable surveys we have is only a small percentage of what is required. I will be working on gathering surveys and compiling the data over the next several months.

Many of the funding mechanisms that the Tribe can apply for, especially for economic development projects, require our Tribe, as well as any other tribe applying, to prove a need. We must prove that there are enough "Low-Moderate-Income" people in our Tribe as well as our service area and that there is a need for the funding. One of the ways we can prove this is by using the U.S. Census. Unfortunately, in the past, not enough people in our area/Tribe have filled them out, or they were filled out incorrectly; therefore, past census data does not help us. The second way we can prove need is by conducting an independent survey. I am currently creating an anonymous survey to provide to Tribal citizens, as well as local community members; this survey will be very short and ask about household size, household income, race, age, etc. I will be at the Peoria Tribe Annual Meeting, and a few other locations on different dates to gather as many surveys as possible. It is vital to future funding that the Tribe gathers this data. We encourage all of you to fill out the 2020 U.S. Census and fill out the race question correctly.

2020 Census

How to fill out the race question correctly: If you self-identify as American Indian you should check the American Indian or Alaska Native race box. You should print the name of your enrolled or principal tribe in the write-in area. It is important when writing the name of the tribe that you put only the legal name as it is exactly. For instance, for the Peoria Tribe you would only write:

PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA.

Why is it so important: Every ten years, the United States counts everyone living in the country on April 1. Our tribes do not share enrollment numbers with the government, so all American Indians need to participate in the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census is an opportunity to provide a better future for our communities and future generations. By participating you help provide an accurate count of American Indians. Your responses can help shape how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year for programs and grants in our communities. The 2020 Census is our count. Our responses matter. Regardless of age, nationality, ethnicity, or where you live, we all need to be counted.

Easy: In early 2020, every household in the United States will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail.

Safe: Your responses to the 2020 Census are confidential and protected by law. Personal information is never shared with any other government agencies or law enforcement, including federal, local and tribal authorities.

IMPORTANT: The federal government and local American Indian leaders and decision-makers will use 2020 Census data in a variety of ways that can benefit Native People and our communities.

The 2020 Census at a Glance

Counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

The U.S. Census Bureau is the federal government's largest statistical agency. We are dedicated to providing current facts and figures about America's people, places, and economy. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all individual responses the Census Bureau collects.

The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade we take a count—or a census—of America's population.



The census provides vital information for you and your community.

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries. Redistricting counts are sent to the states by March 31, 2021.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services.
- Businesses use census data to determine where to open places to shop.

Each year, the federal government distributes more than \$675 billion to states and communities based on Census Bureau data.

In 2020, we will implement new technology to make it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, you will be able to respond online, by phone, as well as by mail. We will use data that the public has already provided to reduce followup visits. And, we are building an accurate address list and automating our field operations—all while keeping your information confidential and safe.

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KEY MILESTONES

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| 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 End-to-End Census Test 2020 Census questions sent to Congress by March 31, 2018 Six regional 2020 Census offices and 40 area census offices open |
| 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership activities launch Complete Count Committees establish Census takers update address list in person Remaining 248 area census offices open |
| 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertising begins in January 2020 Public response (online, phone, or mail) begins Census Day— April 1, 2020 Census takers visit households that haven't responded Apportionment counts sent to the President by December 31, 2020 |
| 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redistricting counts sent to the states by March 31, 2021 |

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Overview of Census Bureau Programs

CENSUSES

- The **decennial census** is the once-a-decade population and housing count of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas. The results of the census determine the number of seats for each state in the U.S. House of Representatives and are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. Federal agencies use the results to distribute more than \$675 billion in federal funds each year.
- The **economic census** measures the nation's economy every five years, providing vital statistics for virtually every industry and geographic area in the country.
- The **Census of Governments** provides comprehensive data about the 90,000 state and local governments in the nation every five years.

SURVEYS

- The **American Community Survey (ACS)** is an ongoing national survey—sampling approximately 3.5 million addresses annually—that provides vital information about our nation's housing and people. The ACS is the only source of comparable, quality information about the people in all our communities. These data show what the U.S. population looks like and how it is changing. ACS data are used to assess the past and present and to plan for the future.
- **Demographic surveys** measure income, poverty, education, health insurance coverage, housing quality, crime victimization, computer usage, and many other subjects.
- **Economic surveys** are conducted monthly, quarterly, and yearly. They cover selected sectors of the nation's economy and supplement the economic census with more-frequent information about the dynamic economy. These surveys yield more than 400 annual economic reports, including principal economic indicators.
- **Sponsored surveys** are demographic and economic surveys that we conduct for other government agencies. They include the Current Population Survey, the National Health Interview Survey, and the National Survey of College Graduates.

For more information, go to [census.gov](https://www.census.gov).

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Contact us at:
(580) 951-9170

Your information is protected by law

The law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics. We cannot publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you. We will never share your information with immigration enforcement agencies such as ICE, law enforcement agencies such as the FBI or police, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.

Our Mission

To serve as the nation's leading provider of quality data about its people and economy.

Our Vision

To be the trusted source for timely and relevant statistical information, and the leader in data-driven information.

Census History

Thomas Jefferson directed the first decennial census in 1790. As required by the U.S. Constitution, a census has been taken every 10 years thereafter. In 1840, the Census Act authorized the establishment of a centralized Census Office. In 1902, the Census Office became a permanent organization within the Department of the Interior. A year later, it was renamed the Bureau of the Census and moved to the new Department of Commerce and Labor.

Peoria Air Quality Program

The Environmental Department is happy to announce that the Air Quality Specialist, La Shell Thomas was requested to be a Guest Instructor for the Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) located at the Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. La Shell helped instruct the *Introduction to Tribal Air Quality* Training course on January 13th-17th, which was attended by twenty four other Environmental Professionals from twenty three different Nations, Tribes and Bands. Some of the Tribes, Nations and Bands present included the Navajo Nation, Delaware Nation, Santee Sioux

Nation, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska and Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians. La Shell gave a presentation over the Peoria Tribes growing Air Quality Program and was able to help many newcomers develop knowledge that would assist them in building their own air programs and enforcing the sovereignty of their Nations, Tribes and Bands. She is thankful and honored for the opportunity presented to her by ITEP, to meet many wonderful people and to be apart of their education and introduction into the world of air quality.



GO GREEN!



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PEORIA@PEORIATRIBE.COM



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Jewelry, paintings, drawings,
pottery, dreamcatchers, etc.

**SUBMIT PHOTOS OF
ARTWORK TO:
PEORIA@PEORIATRIBE.COM**

▶ March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 BC Meeting	3	4	5	6	7 <u>Annual Meeting</u>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 School Supply Reimbursement Deadline				

▶ April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 BC Meeting	8	9	10	11
12 Easter	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 School Supply Reimbursement Deadline		

▶ May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 BC Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <u>Memorial Day</u>	26	27	28	29	30
31 School Supply Reimbursement Deadline						