2025-2026 SCHOOL GRANT POLICY

POLICY

The purpose of this program is to provide temporary assistance to C.R.I.T Tribal students who require monetary school grants from funds budgeted annually by the Tribal Council.

I. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1) Parent/Guardian MUST have PHYSICAL custody of the child(ren).
   - **Each year**, Single Parents must provide one (1) of the following to receive the school grant:
     1. Custody document
     2. Written explanation
     3. Letter of consent from the other parent
   - **Each year**, Divorced/Separated parents must provide one (1) of the following:
     1. Custody documents
     2. Letter of consent from the other parent
   - **Each year**, Grandparents/Guardians must provide one (1) of the following to receive the school grant:
     1. Custody documents
     2. Letter from Social Services verifying guardianship
   - **Each year**, Parents w/ joint custody MUST provide:
     1. Letter of consent from the other parent

2) Child(ren) MUST be an enrolled member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes by **March 26, 2025**.
   - Parent/Guardian MUST provide child(ren)'s Tribal Enrollment number for enrollment verification.
   - Parent/Guardian **DOES NOT** need to be enrolled with C.R.I.T. to apply for the School Grant.

3) Child(ren) MUST be enrolled in Pre-School (ages 3-5) through High School.
   - Parents/Guardians must provide the child(ren) 4th quarter report cards from the prior school year for grades 1st – 12th. A student demographic document is acceptable as well.
   - Parents/Guardian must provide a Graduation Certificate for children entering Kindergarten.
   - Parents/Guardians of Head Start children must attach acceptance letters for new students.
   - Parents/Guardians must attach acceptance letter for Ombudsman and Boarding School students.
   - Students attending Ombudsman MUST be enrolled at the beginning of the school year to be eligible for grant. Late enrollment is highly discouraged.
   - High School students +18 years old MUST fill out their own application.

4) All Parents/Guardians applying for the grant must complete a W9 form in parent/guardian's name (unless the student is 18 years old)

II. INELIGIBILITY

1) Child(ren) who are **not** enrolled members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes are not eligible for the school grant. There are no exceptions.
2) Students (PreK-12) attending Adult Vocational Training, GED classes, College, and Online School (i.e., Primavera School) are **not** eligible for the school grant.
3) Child(ren) of parents/guardians who received last year's school grant but **DID NOT** submit the receipts by the deadline are **not** eligible for the school grant for one (1) full school year. *Per Council action, this requirement is suspended for the 2025-2026 school grant year [STC 6/17/25].*

III. DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

1) School grants are issued in accordance with the chart provided below:

GRADE	AMOUNT	
K-12 Boarding School Students	$500	Summer Session
K-12 Boarding School Students	$500	Winter Session
*Parents must provide acceptance letters for both Summer and Winter Sessions.		
Grade PreK – 3rd	$200	
Grade 4th – 8th	$300	
Grade 9th – 12th (High School)	$500	

2) Processing:
   - Only *complete* applications will be accepted.
   - ***ALL*** applications will be turned in to the wooden drop box located in the lower lobby of the Tribal Admin Offices.
   - Policy allows up to ten (10) working days for checks to be processed.
   - The parent/guardian will be notified when the check is mailed out.
   - ***ALL*** school grant checks will be mailed out.

IV. SCHOOL CLOTHING RECEIPTS

1) Parent/Guardian will be responsible for providing ORIGINAL RECEIPTS with a SUMMARY OF PURCHASE FORM to Aileen Ameelyenah (Accounting Department). If partial receipts are submitted, Parents/Guardians may pay the remaining balance to maintain the child(ren) eligibility status for the School Grant Program.
2) Parent/Guardian MUST provide clothing receipts for Boarding School students Summer Session in order to receive the Winter Session grant.
3) The consequences for not abiding by the allowable school purchase items or submitting receipts will result in the child(ren) **NOT** being eligible for the FY 2026-2027 school grant.
4) All receipts MUST be dated AFTER June 1, 2025.
5) Allowable school purchases are:
   - School Supplies (i.e., backpacks, lunch box, items on supply lists provided by teachers)
   - Clothing (undergarments, uniform shirts, socks, pants, shirts, jackets/sweaters)
   - Sportswear
   - Shoes (**No** Cleats or Sports Shoes: i.e., volleyball shoes, soccer cleats, football cleats, etc.)
6) **Non-allowable** purchase items are:
   - *Electronic devices (**EXCEPTION**: Laptops/Chromebooks/Printers/Ink/Wi-Fi – **only** for students whose schools are mandating hybrid/distance learning – School document verifying hybrid/distance learning schedule must be submitted)*
   - Personal Hygiene Products (toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, hair gel, body soap)
   - Accessories (belts, hats, jewelry, purses/wallets)
   - Travel expenses (gas and hotel expenses)
   - Groceries or Fast-Food expenses
7) ***ALL*** receipts and summary of purchase forms should be together securely in an envelope and dropped in the drop box located in the lower lobby of the of the Tribal Office.

V. FAXED/EMAILED APPLICATIONS

1) You may fax the application to: Attention: Aileen Ameelyenah (Accounting Department) at 928-669-1359 or email the application to: School.GrantApps@crit-nsn.gov. Only complete applications will be processed.

Due to limited funding per school year, replacement grants will not be issued for lost/stolen funds

Fax to: 928-669-1359
Email to: school.grantapps@crit-nsn.gov
Mail to: Attn: Aileen Ameelyenah
26600 Mohave Road
Parker, AZ 85344

COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES
SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION
2025 – 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

DEADLINE DATE:
October 10, 2025
*WINTER DEADLINE DATE:
January 09, 2025

Applicant Name: _____ DHSS Ward of Court ☐ Yes ☐ No
Parent/Guardian/Student 18 years old

Mailing Address: _____ _____
City State Zip

Phone# _____ Message# _____ Email _____

I will receive the check via: ☒ ALL checks will be mailed out ***Make sure address is legible & correct***

Marital Status ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Widowed
Please select one

Single parents who don't have custody documents must provide an explanation/letter of consent from the other parent.
I do not have custody documents because: _____

Enrolled (E) Not Enrolled (NE)	Student Full Name	Age	CRIT#	School Attending	Grade	*Admin Only: Grant Amount*
ENROLLMENT DEPT. ONLY						

_____ ***Admin Use Only Enrollment Staff Initials***

Total Grant Amount: $ _____

☐ I certify that all the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have attached the required custody/court documents. I understand it may take up to ten (10) business days for check processing and I will be notified when the check is mailed out.

By signing below, you have read and understand the policy regarding receipt requirements and the allowable school purchase items and you understand that if you do not abide by them this will result in the child(ren) becoming ineligible.

_____ _____
Signature of Applicant Date

Do not write below this line – FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Received By: _____ Date Received: _____ ☐ **Complete ___/___/____**

Documents Received: ☐ **W9** ☐ **REPORT CARD/SCHOOL DOC** ☐ **JOINT-PARENT CONSENT**

NOTES:

Issue Check to: _____ In the amount of: $ _____

Account No: 100.705.151.8603 **Approved By TC** _____ Date: _____

Form **W-9**
(Rev. October 2018)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

▶ **Go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9* for instructions and the latest information.**

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Print or type. See **Specific Instructions** on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above
PARENT'S NAME UNLESS STUDENT IS 18 YEAR'S OLD

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____

Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☐ Other (see instructions) ▶

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) _____

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. ← MAILING ADDRESS

Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN,* later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

___ – ___ – ____

PARENT'S SS# **UNLESS** STUDENT IS 18 YEAR'S OLD

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here **Signature of U.S. person ▶** ← PARENT'S SIGNATURE **Date ▶**

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9.*

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, *later.*