

2026-2027 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 25, 2026**.
 - 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 2026-2027 school grant year. [STC 5/19/26].**

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
<i>*Parents must provide <u>acceptance letters</u> for both Summer and Winter Sessions.</i>		
Grade PreK – 3 rd	\$200	
Grade 4 th – 8 th	\$300	
Grade 9 th – 12 th (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.
- Disbursement of checks will start on July 01, 2026.
- 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 2027-2028 school grant.*
- 4) All receipts MUST be dated **AFTER** June 1, 2026.
- 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
 2026 – 2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

DEADLINE DATE:
October 09, 2026
***WINTER DEADLINE DATE:**
January 08, 2027

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: _____

<small>Enrolled (E) Not Enrolled (NE)</small>	Student Full Name	Age	CRIT#	School Attending	Grade	<small>Admin Only: Grant Amount</small>
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: _____

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.

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)		
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above. PARENT'S NAME UNLESS STUDENT IS 18 YEAR'S OLD		
	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)</i>	
	3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		
	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.

Social security number									
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PARENT'S SS# UNLESS STUDENT IS 18 YEAR'S OLD

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

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 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
- 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
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- 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
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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.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).