

# Hualapai Nation

## Social Programs funded by Gaming Revenues

### **General Purpose:**

To assist members of the Hualapai Tribe

### **Definitions:**

"Immediate Family" is defined as parents, grandparents, siblings, spouse and children. An immediate family member also includes a person who was legally adopted through a court of competent jurisdiction.

"Full-Time Student" is a student who is enrolled in 12 credit or equivalent hours and who completed the prior semester in good standing as a full time student.

A "vocational" is a school for learning a particular trade; cosmetology, welding, truck driving, carpentry, culinary, etc. The definition of a full time vocational student will depend on the school as some schools are completed in six months, some in six weeks.

"Emergency" is an unforeseeable event such as a fire, flood, earthquake, car accident, etc. Employees who are routinely laid off during certain times of the year are not eligible for "emergency" assistance.

The amount of funds "budgeted" for each program listed in these guidelines is finite. Once the funds for these programs is exhausted, tribal members will have to wait until next year.

These guidelines do not recognize common law unions/marriages. A surviving "widow/widower" must have been legally married to the tribal member in order to be eligible to receive benefits described in these guidelines.

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### **Penalties:**

Tribal members who commit one of the following violations will not be eligible for any of social programs described in these guidelines for a period of one year. In addition, tribal members who commit one of the following violations will not be eligible to participate in the Hualapai Tribe's community loan program:

- Misrepresentation either intentionally or unintentionally.
- Purchase of goods and/or services not authorized by these guidelines.
- Failing to re-pay a loan.
- A felony conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Tribal members who commit one of the following violations will have their assistance delayed until the violations are corrected:

- Failure to submit receipts.
- Failure to submit grades, rental/lease agreement, etc.
- Unpaid loan is at current status.

After a person has served his/her time under penalty, he/she will be eligible to receive benefits from these guidelines.

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### 1. Elderly Utility Assistance

#### Eligibility:

- Limited to \$1000 per household.
- At least 65 years of age.
- Enrolled member of Hualapai Tribe, or legal widow/widower of enrolled tribal member.
- Funding limited to budgeted amount each calendar/fiscal year.

#### Assistance Provided:

- Payment will only be paid for the following utilities; (electricity, propane, wood, home telephone, water, sewer or trash), No television services. Payment will be paid directly to provider of service/product.
- Payments will be made in accordance with "Utility Assistance Form." The Utility Assistance Form will be valid for the entire year. Eligible Tribal member must complete the Utility Assistance Form. No assistance will be disbursed until the Utility Assistance Form is completed. Payments will be made within ten business days after completion and acceptance of Utility Assistance Form.
- The Hualapai Tribe is not responsible for utility service disconnection or associated re-connection fees.
- Request for utility assistance must be received by an accounting clerk at least ten calendar days before the invoice due date.
- Utility bill must be in name of Tribal member or surviving spouse.

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### 2. Disabled/Handicap Utility Assistance

#### Eligibility:

- Limited to \$850 per household.
- Provide documentation from Social Security Administration of permanent disabled/medical status.
- Enrolled member of Hualapai Tribe
- Funding limited to budgeted amount each calendar/fiscal year.

#### Assistance Provided:

- Payment will only be paid for the following utilities; (electricity, propane, wood, home telephone, water, sewer or trash), No television services. Payment will be paid directly to provider of service/product.
- Payments will be made in accordance with "Utility Assistance Form." The Utility Assistance Form will be valid for the entire year. A household representative must complete the Utility Assistance Form. No assistance will be disbursed until the Utility Assistance Form is completed. Payments will be made within ten business days after completion and acceptance of Utility Assistance Form.
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### 3. General Welfare Assistance for the Elderly

#### Eligibility:

- At least 65 years of age
- Enrolled member of Hualapai Tribe, or legal widow/widower of enrolled tribal member.
- Proven need for the services or items requested to insure safe and healthy living conditions for the elderly member(s) of the household.
- Funding limited to budgeted amount each calendar/fiscal year.

#### Assistance Provided:

Up to \$1,000 per household will be paid directly to service or equipment providers for any of the following:

- Basic appliances or household furniture which improves the quality of life of the Tribal member. Repairs to above listed appliances are also allowed (Bedroom furniture, dinette set, living room set, stove (kitchen/electric heater, wood stove), carpet, washer/dryer, water heater, dish washer, doors, screen doors, sewer line, screen windows, vacuum, pots & pans (dishes, utensils, crock pot), paint house, insulation)
- Home repairs which are essential to the safety, cleanliness and structural integrity of the home.
- Tribal member must state on assistance application how items purchased will improve the quality of life.
- Elderly tribal members may elect to use these funds to provide additional utility assistance according to the guidelines stated under the Elderly Utility Assistance Program.
- The above items can only be purchased once every 5 years.
- Gaming clerk will do periodic home visits to ensure the items are in the home of the elderly tribal member.

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### 4. Denture and Braces Assistance

#### Eligibility:

- Enrolled members of the Hualapai Tribe who are 17 years old or under. Members who are 18 years old or over may be eligible if a medical need can be substantiated.
- Funding limited to budgeted amount each year.
- Enrolled members who provide clinic statement for dentures.

#### Assistance Provided:

- Up to \$1,000 paid directly to dental provider for dentures and/or braces.
- Medical need must be substantiated by a dentist before assistance is provided. A "medical need" will take priority over any and all cosmetic requests.
- Among applicants with a proven medical need, priority will be given go to those persons needing dentures and who have been on the waiting list the longest.
- Assistance is limited to \$1,000 per tribal member.
- No travel money is provided for dental appointments.

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### 5. Medical Assistance

#### Eligibility:

- Enrolled Member of Hualapai Tribe.
- Funding limited to budgeted amount each year.

#### Assistance Provided:

- Payment for medical equipment/supplies will be paid directly to provider. Medical need for equipment must be verified by a doctor. \$2,000.00 limit.
- Doctor must provide a statement of permanent disability, if the applicant is requesting a motorized wheelchair or other item costing more than \$2,000.
- Assistance for immediate family members in long-term care is limited to \$1,500 per year per family.
- Long-term care is defined as hospitalization for more than three days.
- Assistance for the immediate family will be provided in emergency life threatening situations and will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Limit \$1,500.00 per immediate family.
- Assistance may only be used for lodging, meals and fuel. Receipts must be turned in to the accounting department as soon as possible.
- Assistance may not be used for car repairs, clothing, blankets, etc.
- Assistance for eyeglasses/contact lenses is limited to \$275 and/or one pair per Tribal member per year.
- Assistance may be provided for Tribal members traveling in excess of 100 miles one way to attend a doctors or hospital appointment. Documentation of the appointment must be provided. Assistance is limited to patient and one caregiver. Assistance may only be used for lodging, meals and fuel.

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Receipts must be turned in to the Accounting department as soon as possible.

- Nursing care assistance. Limited to \$1,000.00 per Tribal member paid directly to facility per year.
- Assistance will be limited to \$500.00 per tribal member.
- The person who has the appointment must be an enrolled Tribal member.
- For all assistance items, the Hualapai Tribe will be the payer of last resort and proof must be provided. Employees must use Insurance.

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### 6. Computer Assistance for Students

#### Eligibility:

- Funding limited to budgeted amount each year.
- At least one household member must have all of the following:
  - \* Enrolled member of the Hualapai Tribe;
  - \* Current enrollment in school, grades first and higher, including accredited colleges, universities, junior colleges and trade schools;
  - \* Successful completion of at least one semester immediately prior to the semester in which the request is made; and
  - \* Cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
  - \* Exceptions may be made for special education students.

#### Assistance Provided:

- Up to \$800 toward a computer purchase, paid directly to the computer provider.
- May be eligible for two computers based on family size of 4 or more qualifying children.  
Limited to two computer payment per household
- Students in college, junior college and/or vocational school may qualify for their own computer assistance, separate from their family's household computer assistance (as long as the student does not live in the same household).
- Qualifying applicants will be eligible for computer assistance every six years.

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### 7. School Clothing

On July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, assistance to purchase clothing for school age children will be made available. Checks will only be distributed after the first nine weeks of school.

#### Eligibility:

- Student must be an enrolled member of the Hualapai Tribe.
- Funding limited to budgeted amount each year.
- Proof of attendance is current and first nine weeks of school.
- Children in their first year of school must provide proof of current enrollment.
- College students must be full time students and they must have completed the prior semester in good academic standing.
- Students who are enrolled in on-line programs (internet programs) are not eligible.
- Only parents and legal guardians may request assistance on behalf of a child. The Hualapai Tribe shall ask for proof of guardianship.
- Assistance will be provided if previous nine weeks passing or satisfactory grades were obtained.

#### Assistance Provided:

- Children in pre-school up to the sixth grade may receive \$250 to purchase school clothes.
- Children in the seventh grade up to the eighth semester of college may receive \$400 to purchase school clothes.
- Students in vocational schools must be enrolled in a vocational school that is at least six months long.
- Students pursuing a GED will only receive assistance for school clothes upon successful completion of their GED.
- Assistance may only be used for school clothes and a backpack (no other school supply is allowed). Receipts must be turned in to the accounting department as soon as possible. Tribal members who do not turn in receipts will not be eligible for any other benefit listed in these guidelines.

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- Assistance may not be used for make-up, barrettes, baseball caps, perfume, food, fuel, oil change, etc.
- If child does not complete the school year the parent or guardian is responsible for refunding the amount given.
- No additional funding will be available until amount is repaid.

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### 8. Emergency Rental Assistance

Tribal members who experience an unforeseen events; loss of job, injury, etc., which hamper the person's ability to make their monthly rent payment. Before assistance is distributed, the person must explain how payment will be paid in the subsequent month (after assistance is distributed).

#### Eligibility:

- College students are excluded.
- Must be an enrolled member of the Hualapai Tribe.
- Limited to one payment per household.
- Assistance is limited to amount of one months rent with a CAP of \$500.00.
- Funding limited to budgeted amount each year.
- Assistance is one time only and not on an annual basis.

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### 9. Utility Assistance

#### Eligibility:

- Limited to \$550 per household.
- Enrolled member of Hualapai Tribe.
- Limited to one payment per household.
- Funding limited to budgeted amount each calendar/fiscal year.

#### Assistance Provided:

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- Payments will be made in accordance with "Utility Assistance Form." The Utility Assistance Form will be valid for the entire year. A household representative must complete the Utility Assistance Form. No assistance will be disbursed until the Utility Assistance Form is completed. Payments will be made within ten business days after completion and acceptance of Utility Assistance Form.
- The Hualapai Tribe is not responsible for utility service disconnection.
- Request for utility assistance must be received by an accounting clerk at least ten calendar days before the invoice due date.
- Utility bill must be in the name of the enrolled Tribal member.
- Minor Tribal enrolled members living within the household of non-tribal members may receive utility assistance.

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### 10. Emergency Food/Wood/Clothing Assistance

For persons who experience a natural disaster; earthquake, flooding or in the event of a fire which destroys the home, assistance may be provided.

#### Eligibility:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Hualapai Tribe.
- Assistance is limited to \$800.00.
- Funding limited to budgeted amount each year.