



**Pokégnek Bodéwadmik • Pokagon Band of Potawatomi**

Department of Education

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**Educational Excellence Initiative Application**

**August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023**

**Grades K – 12<sup>th</sup>**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Enrollment # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Programs	Amount	Program Information <i>(Program funds must have been exhausted before Educational Excellence funds can be used)</i>
<b>Enrichment</b>		After \$500 is used from the Enrichment Program, then Educational Excellence funds can be used. Sports, Camps, Life Skills, School or Activity Sponsored Field Trips, etc.
<b>Tutoring</b>		After the \$2500 is used from the Tutoring Program, then the Educational Excellence funds can be used. If there are any changes to the original tutoring request, please contact Kristie Bussler at 269-462-4222 or kristie.bussler@pokagonband-nsn.gov.
<b>Special Request</b>		After \$500 is used from the Special Request Program, then Educational Excellence funds can be used. Academic Testing, Workshops, or Conferences, Pre-Colleges Summer Classes & Summer School, Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy, Special Needs Materials/Trainings, Homeschool Curriculum/Materials Speech/Language Therapy, Graduation Gown Reimbursement, <i>all other special request will be reviewed with supporting documentation.</i>
<b>Chi Ishobak-Youth Transportation IDA</b>		Must have an account setup with Chi Ishobak prior to filling out this request.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Reimbursement      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Pay

**Direct Pay:** Company/Payee Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I understand that certain costs may not be covered. The Department of Education may reimburse costs when a receipt is provided after the event. Please allow at least 2 weeks for payment. Due to our complex payment process, please submit Educational Excellence Initiative Form & supporting documentation with ample time to ensure payment will meet any deadlines.

The Parent or Eligible Student, or both, acknowledge that this Form is legally binding and enforceable and that he or she: (a) accurately completed this form; (b) has full authority to agree to this Form; (c) has reviewed this entire Form; and (d) signed this Form willingly, without duress, and with full knowledge of its consequences.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### **Pokagon Band Educational Excellence Initiative**

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- \*Applicant must be a Pokagon Citizen in grades K-12
- \*Applicant must have an Educational Records Release on file
- \*Applicant must have turned in grades from previous school year by October 1<sup>st</sup> 2022
- \*Applicant must have request turned in by July 31<sup>st</sup> of the current academic year
- \*Applicant must have exhausted funds from Enrichment/Special Request/Tutoring before requesting funds be allocated to such program.
- \*Program guidelines from Enrichment, Special Request, Tutoring, & Chi Ishobak also apply to EEI.
- \*This program does not cover the cost of computers or laptops.

**Time Frame:** August 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>

#### **Documents Needed:**

Educational Excellence Initiative form, and any other applicable documentation such as:

- \*Copy of receipt/payment confirmation or invoice, etc. for program/event when using funds towards Enrichment & Special Request
- \*Information on program/event including where check needs to be mailed, fees, etc.

If you have questions, please call the Pokagon Band Department of Education (269) 782-0887 or toll free at (888) 330-1234 You can email\* scanned forms & documentation to: [Edu@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Edu@PokagonBand-nsn.gov) or

Enrichment & Educational Excellence Initiative: Skye Wallin [Skye.Wallin@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Skye.Wallin@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

Tutoring & Special Request: Kristie Bussler [Kristie.Bussler@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Kristie.Bussler@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

Chi Ishobak Youth Transportation IDA: Susan Doyle [Susan.Doyle@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Susan.Doyle@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

Applications may be hand-delivered, mailed, emailed\*, or faxed.

\*If emailing documentation, please scan & add as attachments, as pictures of forms & documentation will not be accepted.

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