



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Amendments to the Higher Education Tribal Scholarship)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Education Department, Indian Education Committee and Office of Higher Education were created to oversee all educational matters within the jurisdiction of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Scholarship Review Committee was created as the governing body of the scholarship funds with responsibilities including reviewing applicant eligibility, prioritize selections, evaluate student progress, and hear appeals; and

WHEREAS, scholarship funds are provided by Hon-dah Casino and by 638 Contracts and there is a need to increase the Tribe's current scholarship funding amount to reflect the increased cost of obtaining a college education; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Education Department, Office of Higher Education, with support from the Indian Education and Scholarship Review Committees, presented the following scholarship award increase:

NPC, SIPI, and Haskell students:	\$3,000 a semester
Undergraduate students:	\$4,000 a semester
Graduate/ Masters level students:	\$6,500 a semester
Doctoral Students	\$8,500 a semester

WHEREAS, the Office of Higher Education's current scholarship disbursement protocols allows all graduate and doctoral students to directly receive their scholarships awards; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship awards may be audited as personal income by the Internal Revenue Service, as it is not documented as scholarship funds at the school which the student attends or the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Higher Education, with approval of the Indian Education Committee, does recommend amending the Tribal Higher Education policies and procedures to reflect a change in protocol wherein all scholarship awards shall be sent directly to the student's school financial aid office or other designated office; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concurs with the proposed amendments, as presented, by Office of Higher Education and commends their effort to remain in compliance with tribal, state and national regulations.

Resolution No. 11-2016-225

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the increases to the tribal scholarship amounts reflected herein, effective the Fall 2016 semester, once all policy and program benchmarks have been met and to be disbursed according to each school academic term.

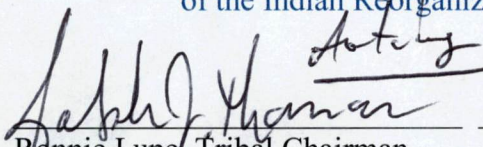
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the amending of the Tribal Higher Education policies and procedures to reflect a change in protocol wherein all scholarship awards shall be sent directly to the student's school financial aid office or any other designated office.

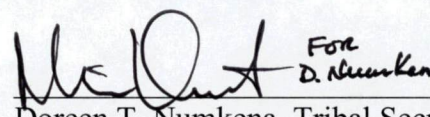
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **NOVEMBER 3, 2016** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).


Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman
11/21/16
Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary
11.21.16
Date