



Quartz Valley Indian Reservation

QUARTZ VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(A) PURPOSE

The Tribe establishes the General Assistance Program to promote the general welfare of the Adult population and assist them to become financially independent. Therefore, a stipend will be available to financially assist Adult Members with housing, food, clothing, and transportation costs. This section sets forth the guidelines by which Tribal Adults may receive the General Assistance Stipend.

(B) ELIGIBILITY

Services will be provided to those applicants who meet the following requirements:

1. Is an enrolled Member of the Quartz Valley Indian Reservation; and
2. Is age eighteen (18) years or older.

(C) STIPEND

Tribal Members who meet the eligibility requirements may receive a quarterly stipend as determined by the Tribal Council to assist with housing, food, clothing, and transportation costs. Whereas the median income in California is approximately \$70,000.00 per year, the Tribe determines that the approved quarterly stipend of approximately \$900.00 is neither lavish nor extravagant. The Tribe's Finance Department will issue recipients the Stipend in the form of a check or direct deposit on a Quarterly basis as determined by the Tribal Council.

(D) APPLICATION

Members wishing to apply for the Stipend must submit a completed copy of the "General Assistance Stipend Application Form," along with any required documentation, to the Enrollment Officer.

Administration: 530-468-5907

Fax: 530-468-5908

(E) DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

1. Copy of Tribal Photo Identification issued by Quartz Valley Indian Reservation evidencing age and Tribal membership.

(F) REVIEW PROCEDURE

The Enrollment Officer shall review all applications in order to ensure the applicant meets the Program's eligibility requirements. If the applicant meets the requirements, then the Enrollment Officer shall approve the application. If the applicant fails to meet the requirements, then the Enrollment Officer shall deny the application and provide the applicant reason for the denial, in writing. All determinations by the Enrollment Officer are final.

(G) NOTIFICATION

Within five (5) days of the decision, the Enrollment Officer shall inform the applicant, in writing, whether the application has been approved or denied.

(H) TERMINATION OF SERVICES

Any individual found to no longer meet the eligibility requirements shall be immediately terminated from the General Assistance Program.

(I) TAXES

The General Assistance Program is designed to comply with Section 139E of the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act, which excludes assistance under certain Tribal programs from being considered gross income by the IRS. However, the Tribe makes no guarantee as to the potential tax liabilities for receiving the General Assistance Stipend.

(J) PROCESSING FEE

The Tribe will withhold \$5.00 from each eligible Member's stipend on a quarterly basis as a processing fee.

(K) GARNISHMENTS

The Tribe reserves the right to withhold distribution payments for the following:

1. Hardship payments, loans, and voluntary withholdings.
2. Any amounts contractually obligated to be withdrawn by the Member.
3. Any amounts necessary to satisfy Tribal court judgments against the Member held by the Tribe.