



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Amending the Tribe's Higher Education Policies and Procedures Manual)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Constitution") provides, at Article IV, Section 1(s) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power "...[t]o regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Education Department, Indian Education Committee, and the Office of Higher Education were directed to oversee all education 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, One requirement of the Tribal scholarship is a Financial Needs Analysis ("FNA"), which provides college financial aid offices with information on students' financial status and unmet need figures used in determining eligibility for funding; and

WHEREAS, Though the FNA is a requirement of the Tribal Scholarship, the Tribal Scholarship is a non-need-based scholarship that is available to enrolled Tribal members who meet the Tribal Scholarship requirements; and

WHEREAS, It has been proposed that the Tribe's Higher Education Policies and Procedures Manual be amended to permanently remove the FNA requirement for the Tribal Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, It has been further proposed that the Tribal Scholarship be made available to students studying during the summer term and those participating in study-abroad programs who meet the Tribal Scholarship requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council concurs with the proposed amendments and finds that making them will be in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby amends the Tribe's Higher Education Policies and Procedures Manual, effective immediately, to remove the FNA requirement for the Tribal Scholarship.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby amends the Tribe's Higher Education Policies and Procedures Manual to make the Tribal Scholarship available to students studying during the summer term and those participating in study-abroad programs who meet the Tribal Scholarship requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Office of Higher Education to make the authorized amendments and distribute the revised policies, as needed.

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 Chairwoman, or in her 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 **JULY 26, 2021** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** 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).



Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

9/7/2021

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

9-7-2021

Date