

BENEFITS

SCHOOL EXPENSE benefits are available each fiscal year for eligible tribal member children. Preschoolers through the 12th grade, plus homeschooled tribal children are eligible for up to \$750 assistance. For child to be eligible for school expenses they must meet the following requirements...

- ⇒ Child must be an enrolled Eastern Shawnee member
- ⇒ Applicants applying for membership will be eligible for school expense benefits on or after date of enrollment. All school expense receipts must be dated on or after enrollment date
- ⇒ Child must be attending school regularly, kindergarten through 12th grade. Preschoolers (3 & 4 year olds), must attend a regular certified 5-day school schedule

Proof of school enrollment must be provided every school year. This can be in the form of a statement from a school official on school letterhead, a class schedule, pre-enrollment records or report cards. Parents that are homeschooling can provide a written, signed statement indicating that the child is receiving instruction by other means with each child's educational plan (curriculum) or learning schedule.

The full amount of benefits allocated for each child must be spent on that particular child only. Payment will be made to the persons that have been awarded primary custody/guardianship of the child/children by a court of law for all custodial cases. Custodial parents or legal guardians must provide legal documentation stating placement of children. The Eastern Shawnee Indian Child Welfare Department will be responsible in cases of exclusive jurisdiction.

Reimbursements are for school related expenses related to attendance and academics.

Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:

School Clothing >> Drivers Education >> Lab Fees >> Letter Jacket (no patches) >> Science Projects >> Summer Academics >> Traditional School Supplies >> Testing Fees

Non-allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:

Animals/Supplies >> Band/Chorus >> Cafeteria Charges >> Class Rings >> Class Trips >> Computers/Software >> Dance >> Daycare >> Extracurricular Activities >>Gloves/Mittens >> Hats/Sock Caps >> Jewelry >> Junior/Senior Benefits >> Music/Movies >> Music Lessons >>Pajamas >> Personal Hygiene Items >> Purses/Wallets >> Senior Pictures >> Swimwear >> Transportation Fees >> Yearbooks

HEALTHCARE benefits are available up to \$1500 each fiscal year; **Auditory** benefits are available up to \$500 each fiscal year; **Special Medical Equipment** benefits are available up to \$300 each fiscal year; and **Orthodontic** benefits are available with a **LIFETIME COVERAGE** benefit of \$750.

These benefits are available for all eligible tribal members who meet the following criteria...

- ⇒ Must be an enrolled Eastern Shawnee member
- ⇒ Applicants applying for membership will be eligible for all healthcare benefits on or after date of enrollment. All healthcare expense receipts must be dated on or after enrollment date

All healthcare benefits are available for your out-of-pocket expenses after all other resources have been exhausted. Other programs or alternate resources are considered as **Primary Providers**. Other resources can consist of...

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| *Health Insurance | *Medicare/Medicaid |
| *Dental Insurance | *Vision Insurance |
| *Workers' Compensation | *Federal/State Programs |
| *Auto Insurance | *Veteran's Administration Benefits |

The **healthcare** benefit is for the prevention, treatment and management of illness and the preservation of mental and physical well-being through the services offered by medical and health professionals. The customer/duplicate prescription receipt or pharmacy printout must be provided.

Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:

Ambulance Service >> Chiropractic Services >> Contacts >> Dental >> Eye Exams >> Eye Glasses (2 pair glasses per year, i.e. regular Rx & Rx sunglasses) >> Hospice Care >> Hospital Care >> Lab Work/Testing >> Mental Disorders >> Physician Care >> Physical Therapy >> Prescriptions (filled & dispensed by a licensed pharmacist) >> Radiation/Chemotherapy >> Substance Abuse

Non-allowable expenses include, but may not be limited to:

Abortion >> Administrative Cost of Completing Claims/Form/Reports/Providing Records >> Broken/Missed Appointment Fees >> Exercise Programs >> Experimental/Not Medically Necessary >> Massage Therapy >> Over the Counter Medication with or without Rx >> Personal Comfort/Hygiene Items >> Product Service/Insurance Agreements >> Sex Changes >> Travel or Accommodations

The **auditory** benefit is for auditory devices such as hearing aids. Doctor visits, tests, fittings and batteries will be included as an auditory benefits.

The **special medical equipment** benefit is to help improve the quality of life for members with special needs. You may be required to provide valid medical documentation.

Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:

Back/Joints Brace/Supports >> Bath Bench/Shower Chair >> Bedside Commode >> Blood Pressure Units >> Canes/Crutches/Walkers >> Colostomy Supplies >> Diabetic Supplies >> Grab Bars/Safety Rails >> Hospital Bed >> Initial Wig after Chemotherapy >> Lift Chair >> Mastectomy Bra >> Nebulizer >> Oxygen Systems >> Pediatric Feeding Pumps >> Respiratory Therapy Equipment >> Scooters >> Wheelchair **** If you're on Medicare/Medicaid you may be allowed to rent-to-own equipment ****

Non-allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:

Food >> Household Furniture >> Pets

The **orthodontic care** benefit is for the placement of braces to help straighten crooked teeth, close gaps between the teeth, and fix a bad bite to improve your dental health. **Funds are not available for cosmetic purposes.**

BURIAL benefits are available up to \$5,000 for eligible tribal members, unborn child eligible for membership or child that would be eligible for membership who meets the following requirements...

- ⇒ Must be an enrolled Eastern Shawnee tribal member
- ⇒ Child must be recognized as the tribal members natural born child. An original **State Certified Birth Certificate** must be provided proving paternal/maternal relationship

The full amount of benefits allocated for each member must be spent on that particular member only. Payment will be made to the person that has been awarded primary custody/guardianship of the child/children by a court of law for all custodial cases. The Eastern Shawnee Indian Child Welfare Department will be responsible in cases of exclusive jurisdiction.

The burial assistance benefit provides financial assistance to help pay for funeral, burial and/or cremation costs.

Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:

Caskets >> Cemetery Plot >>Cemetery Tent/Equipment >> Cremation >> Death Certificate Copies >> Dressing & Cosmetics for Deceased >> Family Limousine >> Grave Markers >> Headstone >> Hearse >> Memorial Package >> Memorial Service >> Obituaries >> Pallbearers Car >> Professional Services >> Rental of Community Center >> Food Cost for Family Meal >> Cost for Bringing Body to the Home/Facility that Family Chooses >> Urn >> Vault Liner >> Viewing/Visitation Services

ELDER/DISABLED CARE benefits are available up to \$3,750 for eligible tribal members who meet the following requirements...

- ⇒ Must be an enrolled Eastern Shawnee tribal member 62 years of age or older
- ⇒ Receive benefits under Social Security Disability Income Program or Veteran's Disability
- ⇒ Have been diagnosed with a terminal illness

The elder/disabled care benefit provides assistance to enhance the quality of life for our tribal senior citizens and the fulfillment of the special needs and requirements that are unique to our disabled tribal members.

Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:

Automobile Liability Insurance (3 vehicles) >> Healthcare Expenses >> Lawn Mowing (seasonal only) >> Removal of snow/ice from driveway >> Medic Alert/Lifeline Service >>Medicare Supplemental Insurance Premiums >> Primary Residence Homeowners Insurance >> Primary Residence Real Estate Property Taxes >> Rental Property Contents Insurance >> Utilities

Non-allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:

Automobile Insurance for Non-Licensed Members >> Auto Maintenance/Registration/Tags >> Brush Hogging >> Home/Garage/Outbuilding Repairs >> Household Appliance Purchase/Repair >> Internet/All telephone services >>Recreational Vehicle Insurance >> Tree Trimming/Removal

UTILITY benefits are available up to \$1,500 for eligible tribal members who meet the following requirements...

- ⇒ Must be an enrolled Eastern Shawnee member
- ⇒ Must be between the ages of 18—61 and not be disabled
- ⇒ Must be head of household
- ⇒ Applicants applying for membership will be eligible for utility benefits on or after date of enrollment. All utility statement service dates must be dated on or after enrollment date

The utility benefits is for your **primary** residence only. Primary residence is described as the dwelling where you usually live. The utility statement must have the same address as your residence.

If there is more than one Eastern Shawnee in the household, the rest of the tribal members **will not** be eligible for this benefit. If a tribal member resides at home with nontribal parent, the tribal member **will not** be eligible for this benefit.

If the utility statement is not in the tribal members name you will need to submit your marriage license or the landlord/roommate form.

The utility assistance program provides financial assistance to help reimburse paid monthly utility expenses.

Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:

City Utilities >> Electric >> Firewood (Limit of 15 Ricks/5 Cords) >> Natural Gas >> Propane >> Trash Service >> Utility Hook-Up Deposit (A one-time Lifetime Coverage per utility) >> Water

Non-allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:

All telephone services >> Cable/Satellite >> Disconnection Notice Statements >> Finance Charges >> Internet >> Late Fee Penalties >> Monthly Rent/Deposits >> Past Due Balances >> Propane Tank Rental/Repairs >> Reconnection Fees >> Shut-Off Notice Statements