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CHAPTER ONE

**THE OFFICE OF NEBRASKA WINNEBAGO NATION
SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL INFORMATION/PROVISIONS

1. The purpose of the Office of Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program is to provide eligible members of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska with financial assistance so that enrolled members can complete their educational goals. This opportunity is provided as a privilege with the intent those recipients, upon graduation or the completion of their course of studies will return to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska community to utilize their learning to benefit the continuing development of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska continuously seeks to develop funding sources from the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs and private corporations and foundations. Furthermore, the Nebraska Winnebago Tribal Council appropriates funds from the gaming revenues and other tribal corporate entities each fiscal year for the purpose of educating its members.

2. The Winnebago Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program, (hereafter referred to as WSFAP) is the entity responsible for the administration of financial aid and academic scholarship programs for the benefit of the Nebraska Winnebago people.
3. There are specific administrative and legal requirements for each scholarship and financial assistance program based on the source of funds. The policies that follow are controlling and binding upon submission of a signed application and receipt of scholarship and/or financial assistance from the WSFAP.

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4. Due to the specific administrative and legal requirements for each scholarship and financial assistance program, the specific policies of each program must be reviewed as issues arise as well as yearly for clarification and adherence to program requirements.
5. The Winnebago Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program houses the application forms for each of the Scholarship assistance programs. Contact their office for the proper application package.
6. The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska will not be liable for education loans obtained by students, nor will the tribe co-sign for student loans. Loans are the responsibility of the parent and/or student.

ARTICLE 2. PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

7. All applicant files shall be kept confidential by WSFAP. In order for WSFAP to disclose information regarding any applicant, the applicant must submit a signed disclosure statement, specifying the individuals and/or entities to receive the information from WSFAP.

ARTICLE 3. DEFINITIONS

8. For purposes relating to Winnebago Scholarship and Financial Assistance Programs, the following definitions shall apply to the policies and procedures herein:
 - (a) Academic Term: The duration of one semester, one quarter, one trimester or appropriate amount of summer sessions as required for a specific institution.
 - (b) Academic Year: The duration of two (2) semesters, two (2) trimesters, or three (3) quarters, or clock hours including appropriate summer sessions as required for a specific institution.
 - (c) Applicant: Any person who has applied for scholarships and/or financial assistance through the WSFAP.

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- (d) Applicant Continuing: An applicant who is no longer a first time applicant, having been awarded a scholarship and/or financial assistance for the preceding academic term and already having a student file on record with the WSFAP. All applicants qualifying under this definition shall be required to submit an updated WSFAP scholarship application, an updated transcript or grade report and a Financial Need Analysis. The continuing applicant shall not be required to resubmit a Certificate of Indian blood or Letter of Admission.
- (e) Authorized transfer: Officially withdrawing from an institution and enrolling in another institution with prior notice given to WSFAP.
- (f) Award: Upon eligibility and availability of funds, to confer upon an applicant a specified amount of money in scholarship and/or financial assistance for an academic term or academic year.
- (g) Certificate of Indian Blood: A certified document issued by the Winnebago Tribal Enrollment Office verifying that an applicant is $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Winnebago Indian blood quantum.
- (h) Contract Funds: Funds provided to the Nebraska Winnebago Nation through the Public Law 93-638 contract. The purpose of the federal financial assistance program is to assist financial need based applicants.
- (i) Corporate Funds: Annual grants to the Nebraska Winnebago Nation by private corporations for financial assistance and scholarships.
- (j) Credit Hour: A unit of measurement referring to the amount of credit a student receives for completion of one (1) or more courses per academic term. Credit hours are measured differently according to whether the institution the student is attending is on the semester, quarter or trimester system. In general, the WSFAP refers to semester credit hours, whereby one (1) trimester credit hour equals one (1) semester credit

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hour and one (1) quarter hour equals 66% of a semester credit hour.

- (k) **Disqualification:** Suspension of funding for one or more academic terms due to violation of the general or specific policies herein, as outlined at Article II.
- (l) **Incentive or Fellowship:** A merit-based award, determined according to the applicant's academic performance, rather than an award based on financial need. See chapter 3; articles 25, 26, 27.
- (m) **Field Based Program:** A program which allows a student to maintain their family, community or career commitments and pursue a Bachelor or Masters degree in their community with the assistance of an adjunct faculty or mentor.
- (n) **Financial Need analysis:** A determination of financial need based on the projected cost of education for one academic year minus financial assistance, scholarships, grants or family contributions.
- (o) **Financial Need Based:** Financial Assistance Funds awarded based on the estimated amount of assistance an applicant will require to supplement the resources theoretically available from that student and his/her family as determined according to the Financial Need Analysis.
- (p) **Flat Rate:** A negotiated rate of payment between the Nebraska Winnebago Tribe and participating post-secondary institutions for summer sessions; the rate of payment is limited to tuition, fees, books, and supplies.
- (q) **Freshman:** An applicant admitted to a post secondary institution with zero to thirty (30) semester credit hours or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours.
- (r) **Sophomore:** An applicant enrolled in college/university with a total of thirty-one (31) to fifty-nine (59) semester credit

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hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours.

- (s) Junior: An applicant enrolled in college/university with a total of sixty (60) to eighty-nine (89) semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours, towards a specific major.
- (t) Senior: An applicant enrolled in college/university with a total of ninety (90) or more semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours, towards a specific major.
- (u) Full Time Undergraduate Student: An applicant pursuing an associate or baccalaureate degree and carrying twelve (12) or more semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours, during an academic term; or enrolled and carrying nine (9) or more credit hours during an eight week summer session or twelve (12) credit hours during two five week summer sessions or enrolled in summer session internships/externships considered full time by the institution, but which are less than the prescribed credit hour thresholds, except as otherwise provided herein.
- (v) Part Time Undergraduate Student: An applicant pursuing a baccalaureate degree and carrying a minimum of three (3) semester credit hours to a maximum of eleven (11) semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours during an academic term.
- (w) Undergraduate Applicant: A post secondary applicant pursuing a technical degree or certificate, an associates or baccalaureate degree. Applicants qualifying under this definition shall be subject to all WSFAP application requirements.
- (x) Full Time Graduate Student: An applicant enrolled in a masters, or doctorate program and carrying nine (9) or more credit hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours, during an academic term; or enrolled and carrying nine (9) or more credit hours during an eight (8) week

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summer session or twelve (12) credit hours during two five (5) week summer sessions; or enrolled in summer session internships/externships considered full time by the institution, but which are less than the prescribed credit hour thresholds, except as otherwise provided herein.

- (y) **Part-time Graduate Student:** An applicant enrolled in a masters program and carrying a minimum of three (3) semester credit hours to a maximum of eight (8) or eleven (11) semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours, during an academic term, depending on credit hour amounts prescribed by the institution attending and program choice.
- (z) **Graduate Applicant:** An applicant that has already obtained a baccalaureate degree and is pursuing a graduate degree. All applicants qualifying under this definition shall be required to submit a Regular Letter of Acceptance to the graduate program of study in addition to a Regular Letter of Admission from the graduate university. Further, graduate applicants shall be subject to all WSFAP application requirements.
- (aa) **Post-Graduate Applicant:** An applicant pursuing a medical veterinary, business, such as Ph.D., M.F.A., M.B.A., Ed.D. Doctorate or any other terminal degree. Applicants qualifying under this definition shall be subject to the same WSFAP application requirements as for graduate applicants.
- (bb) **Gifted High School Student:** Full time enrolled high school student with a grade point average of 3.5 or a student who scores in the upper 80% on a nationally normal test.
- (cc) **High School Bridge Program:** Programs designed to facilitate pre-college residential studies experiences for academically talented and gifted high school senior students.
- (dd) **Ineligibility:** A determination made by WSFAP that an applicant will not be granted funding due to failure to comply with general or specific policies herein, as outlined at Article 12.

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- (ee) Nebraska Winnebago Education Appeals Committee: An appellate body that hears applicants' appeals of financial assistance and scholarship grievances that cannot be resolved administratively.
- (ff) Nebraska Winnebago Nation Education Funds: General funds, and other funds and proceeds, appropriated by the Nebraska Winnebago Nation each fiscal year.
- (gg) Probation: Failure to comply with the academic standards prescribed at Article 9, resulting in possible disqualification if academic performance does not improve within academic term funded.
- (hh) Probationary Award: An award to an applicant who has failed to maintain the required academic standards, under the condition that he or she regains satisfactory academic standards within the academic term funded in compliance with Article 9.
- (ii) Recipient: An applicant who is awarded financial assistance and/or scholarship from WSFAP.
- (jj) Scholarship: An academic award based on exceptional ACT test scores and grade point average or exceptional performance in pre-college summer programs such as in-med.
- (kk) Student: An applicant or recipient currently enrolled and attending a high school preparatory institution, a post-secondary institution, a graduate school/college or a vocational institution.
- (ll) Terminal Degree: Highest degree possible to obtain in a specific profession.
- (mm) Unauthorized Transfer: Withdrawing from the institution named on the WSFAP award letter and enrolling in

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another institution not specified on said award letter, without prior notice given to WSFAP.

ARTICLE 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE APPLICANT

9. The applicant and/or recipient shall abide by and comply with the specific policies, procedures and eligibility requirements of the Nebraska Winnebago Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program. These requirements shall include, but are not limited to, submitting verification of enrollment, providing results of test scores, official transcripts and financial needs analysis, obtaining other available funding, and completing the application in accordance with the established deadlines in Article 7, Section 28 herein.
10. The applicant and/or recipient shall comply with requirements of the institution admitted or attending. These shall include, but are not limited to, gaining acceptance for admission and arranging and accepting responsibility for housing.
11. The applicant and/or recipient shall fulfill higher academic obligations and comply with all applicable laws, policies, rules, regulations and procedures of the Nebraska Winnebago Nation, Federal, state, and private scholarship and financial assistance programs from which the applicant receives funds.
12. The applicant shall immediately notify the WSFAP upon declining any Nebraska Winnebago scholarship and/or financial assistance award by marking the decline box and sending postcard to WSFAP.
13. The applicant and/or recipient shall immediately report any change in marital status, name, income, enrollment, withdrawal and transfer status to the WSFAP.
14. The applicant and/or recipient shall notify the WSFAP of his or her graduation date and certificate or degree to be conferred.
15. The applicant and/or recipient are responsible for understanding his/her rights and responsibilities regarding financial assistance and/or

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scholarship including the responsibility to be informed of policies herein.

16. The applicant and/or recipient shall consider other available grants and/or scholarships, such as federal, state institution aid and private sources separate from WSFAP.

ARTICLE 5 PLEDGE OF SERVICE TO THE NEBRASKA WINNEBAGO NATION

17. The purpose of the Pledge of Service is to continually develop the Nebraska Winnebago Nation by providing employment for the college graduates to utilize their acquired skills, training and knowledge.
18. All post- secondary applicants shall pledge to serve the Nebraska Winnebago Nation or its entities for a minimum of three (3) years in their field of study upon earning their degree.
 - (a) The applicant who has been funded for one or more years and has obtained an Associate, Baccalaureate, Masters or Doctoral Degree shall be obligated to apply for and accept Employment, if offered by the Nebraska Winnebago Nation or its entities.
 - (b) The applicant/graduate, if qualified for employment, shall be considered for hire and employment for a minimum period of three (3) years in accordance to the Nebraska Winnebago Nation Personnel Policies and Procedures.

**CHAPTER TWO
GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
APPLICABLE TO NEBRASKA WINNEBAGO NATION
SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

ARTICLE 6. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

19. General eligibility criteria shall apply to all scholarship and financial assistance programs identified herein, in addition to the special eligibility criteria specific to each program.
20. All Higher Education scholarship requests shall be directed and administered through the Higher Education Scholarship Program to ensure proper record keeping procedures.
21. All applicants shall be legally enrolled members of the Nebraska Winnebago Tribe with proof of $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Winnebago Indian blood quantum on their Certificate of Indian blood.
22. High School Seniors are required to submit their high school transcript reflecting a cumulative grade point average (gpa) of 2.00. Those who have not met the 2.00 gpa out of high school are ineligible. Take the ASSET test and submit test scores to the Winnebago Tribal Scholarship Program with there application.
23. All applicants shall be officially and fully admitted to a High School Bridge Program, a High School Preparatory Program, or a post secondary institution, which is accredited by a regional or national agency. This includes vocational institutions approved by the Nebraska Winnebago Nation.
24. All Nebraska Winnebago Nation scholarship and financial assistance funds shall be provided upon availability of funds, pursuant to the programs' respective Fund Management Plans, a yearly plan submitted to the Tribal Council for approval of allocation for each of the education financial assistance programs.

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25. All applicants shall sign the application for scholarship and financial assistance with the stated terms, conditions, and standards to receive the scholarship and/or financial assistance.
26. To better monitor the academic progress of students; all applicants shall give evidence of progress by authorizing the college they are attending to provide monthly grade or progress reports to the WSFAP.
27. All applicants shall release their academic transcript information indicating the most recent academic term grades, national normed test data, graduation date, academic major and type of degree being pursued.
28. All applicants shall not have any outstanding debts to the WSFAP. Specifically, all applicants shall not be on withdrawal status for one (1) term, without justification, thereby owing money to the WSFAP, or be disqualified from participation in any WSFAP program, pursuant to Article 11.
29. Priority areas of study: The Winnebago Tribal Council identified four (4) priority areas of study. These are: 1st medical, 2nd business, 3rd financial and 4th law. (To be changed according to the needs of the community).
30. All applicants shall have exhausted any and all funding sources for education assistance before tribal money is awarded, as the last source for funding.

ARTICLE 7: DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

31. All undergraduate applicants shall comply with the following deadlines.
 - (a) Applications, and Certificates of Indian Blood are to be received by WSFAP as follows:

Fall Semester/Quarter/Trimester	April 15
Winter/Spring Semester/Quarter/Trimester	October 15

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Summer Sessions April 15

- (b) Transcripts, letters of admission and financial need analysis are due to be received by WSFAP as follows:

Fall Semester/Quarter/Trimester	July 15
Winter/Spring Semester/Quarter/Trimester	November 15
Summer Sessions	April 15

32. All continuing applicants and/or recipients shall comply with the above deadlines except for transcript submission. All continuing applicants shall submit their grade reports and transcripts to the WSFAP no later than fifteen (15) working days after the completion of the academic term.
33. All graduate applicants shall submit required documents in accordance with the above deadlines except for transcript submission. All graduate applicants shall submit their grade reports and transcripts to the WSFAP no later than fifteen (15) working days after the completion of the academic term.

ARTICLE 8. DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS/DENIALS

34. The WSFAP shall review applications and determine eligibility or denials in a timely manner.
- (a) The WSFAP shall determine eligibility for scholarship and financial assistance within fifteen (15) working days after the deadline specified in Article 7.
- (b) The WSFAP shall notify an applicant of eligibility in writing, within five (5) working days after determination. If eligible and if funds are available, WSFAP shall notify an applicant by issuing a certified award letter.
- (c) The WSFAP shall notify an applicant of ineligibility or denial in writing, within ten (10) working days after determination. The letter shall contain the following:

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- (i) Applicant's full name, census number, social security number and institution attending.
- (ii) Citation of general and/or specific provisions of WSFAP policies alleged to have been not complied with and/or violated.
- (iii) A brief statement of facts regarding the alleged violation, including the academic terms violation occurs.

ARTICLE 9. ACADEMIC STANDARDS; FUNDING PERIODS; STANDARDIZED GRADING

35. All continuing applicants and/or recipients shall comply with one of the following academic standards prior to receiving continued funding:
- (a) For gifted high school students:
 - (i) Letters of Progress from an administrator, counselor and teacher.
 - (ii) Report card grades with a term average of 3.00 or higher.
 - (iii) Portfolio of projects, writing, reading list, etc.
 - (iv) National normed test scores above grade level
 - (b) For full time undergraduate financial assistance:
 - (i) Academic Term: Earn twelve (12) or more semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours, with a term grade point average of 2.00 or higher, including college freshmen taking remedial courses. Freshmen shall be allowed to take a maximum of twelve (12) credit hours of remedial courses, six (6) credit hours per academic term, including 100 level and below courses, within the first two academic terms;

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- (ii) Eight Week Summer session: Earn nine (9) or more credit hours, or enrolled in summer session internships/externships considered full time by the Institution, with a term grade point average of 2.00 or higher, and
 - (iii) Five Week Summer Session: Earn six (6) or more credit hours, or enrolled in summer session internships/externships considered full time by the Institution, with a term grade point average of 2.00 or higher.
- (c) For full time undergraduate scholarship:
- (i) Academic Term: Earn twelve (12) or more semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours, with a term grade point average of 2.00 or higher.
 - (ii) Eight Week Summer Session: Earn nine (9) or more credit hours, or enrolled in summer session internships/externships considered full time by the institution, with a term grade point average of 2.00 or higher, and
 - (iii) Five Week Summer Session: Earn six (6) or more credit hours, or enrolled in summer session internships/externships considered full time by the Institution, with a term grade point average of 2.00 or higher.
- (d) For full time graduate or post-graduate financial assistance:
- (i) Academic Term: Earn nine (9) or more semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours, with a term grade point average of 3.00 or higher.
 - (ii) Eight Week Summer Session: Earn nine (9) or more credit hours with a term grade point average of 3.00 or higher, and

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(iii) Five week Summer Session: Earn six (6) or more credit hours with a term grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

(e) Part-time undergraduates shall be funded for the cost of tuition, books, and fees only and shall earn a grade point average of 2.00 or higher for each course per academic term funded for continued eligibility.

(f) Part-time graduates shall be funded for the costs of tuition, books, and fees only and shall earn a grade point average of 3.00 or higher for each course per academic term funded for continued eligibility.

36. The Nebraska Winnebago Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program shall award financial assistance and/or scholarship to applicants for the following maximum number of academic terms:

(a) Gifted High School: Four (4) years

(b) Undergraduates: Ten (10) continuous semesters or fifteen (15) continuous quarters; including summer sessions; (4 years but not more than 5 years of continuous college work)

(c) Graduates: Five (5) continuous semesters or seven (7) continuous quarters; (not more than 2.5 continuous years)

(d) Law Students: Six (6) continuous semesters; (3 years)

(e) Post-Graduates: Six (6) to eight (8) continuous semesters or nine (9) to twelve (12) continuous quarters; (4years) Ph.D., Ed.D. M.F.A., M.B.A.

(f) Two Year Institutions: Five (5) continuous academic terms or sixty-four (64) semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours, except for Little Priest Tribal College students receiving Developmental Studies Program funds and from approved institution.

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- (g) Part-time or full-time Undergraduates: Thirty (30) semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of continuous quarter or trimester credit hours; and
- (h) Part-time or full-time Graduates: Nine (9) continuous semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of continuous quarter or trimester credit hours.
- (i) Interruption of college attendance due to medical reasons, or extenuating circumstances, must be verified by supporting documents and presented to the WSFAP to be considered for continued funding.

37. A four-point scale shall be used to determine term grade point averages. Grades submitted on any other scale shall be standardized to the four-point scale with consideration given to Honors, Advanced or Gifted status.

ARTICLE 10. PROBATION

35. The WSFAP shall place an applicant and/or recipient on probation and issue a probationary award for any of the following reasons:

- (a) The recipient repeated courses within the minimum twelve (12) credit hours from previous academic terms while receiving financial assistance and/or scholarship from the WSFAP.
- (b) The recipient did not earn enough credit hours according to applicable academic standards during the last academic term and/or completed said term with a grade point average less than 2.0 but more than 1.5.
- (c) The recipient earning a grade point average of less than 2.00 shall be interviewed and counseled by the WSFAP to determine whether the reason(s) given is justifiable. If the reason(s) is justifiable, the applicant shall be placed on probation. If the reason(s) is not justifiable, the applicant shall be disqualified.
- (d) The recipient who officially or unofficially withdrew from college or university shall be interviewed and counseled by the WSFAP to determine whether the reason(s) given is justifiable. If the

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reason(s) is justifiable, the applicant shall be placed on probation. If the reason(s) is not justifiable, the applicant shall be disqualified based upon failure to meet the minimum academic requirement for that term.

- (e) The recipient who transferred to an institution other than the one specified on the award letter, without prior notification to the WSFAP, funding shall be suspended.
36. The student placed on probationary status shall be reinstated to good standing upon compliance with the applicable academic standards pursuant to Article 9, 31.
37. The student placed on probationary status shall submit to the WSFAP an official copy of the academic transcript or grade report indicating credit hours and grade point average earned no later than fifteen (15) working days after the end of the last academic term funded.

ARTICLE 11. DISQUALIFICATION

38. The WSFAP shall disqualify any student from receiving Nebraska Winnebago Nation financial assistance and/or scholarship for a minimum of one academic term for any of the following reasons:
- (a) During the last academic term completed, for which the recipient was awarded financial assistance under probationary status, the applicant did not comply with applicable academic standards in accordance with Article 9, 31 herein.
 - (b) The recipient repeated courses during the last academic term completed while on probation.
 - (c) The applicant/recipient falsified information to obtain scholarship and/or financial assistance, in which case the disqualified recipient shall provide copies of returned check(s) and return any unused monies to the WSFAP. The disqualified recipient shall repay all funds not returned prior to being funded again.

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- (d) The recipient officially or unofficially withdrew from school without justification, in which case the disqualified recipient shall provide copies of returned check(s) and return any unused monies to the WSFAP. The disqualified recipient shall repay all funds not returned prior to being funded again.
- (e) The recipient will be disqualified if grade point average is below 1.5.

- 39. The disqualified student reapplying for funding shall submit to the WSFAP an official copy of the academic transcript or grade report, for all terms attended, indicating credit hours and grade point average earned no later than fifteen (15) working days after the end of the last academic term attended.
- 40. The disqualified student shall be reinstated to probation provided that the student complies with the applicable academic standards in accordance with Article 9, 31 herein during the last academic term without utilizing any Nebraska Winnebago Nation scholarship and/or financial assistance funds.

ARTICLE 12. INELIGIBILITY OR DENIAL FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- 41. The WSFAP shall determine an applicant ineligible and deny scholarship and/or financial assistance for any of the following reasons:
 - (a) The applicant is ineligible and/or failed to comply with general or specific policies herein.
 - (b) The applicant is requesting additional funds toward a second undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate degree at the same level, with the exception of those applicants requesting funding for teacher training and double majors, pursuant to Article 13, 46.
 - (c) The applicant has not declared an undergraduate major after the completion of his or her second academic year.

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- (d) The applicant, on probation or having been previously disqualified, did not submit required documents within the fifteen (15) working days limitation, pursuant to Article 10, 34 and/or Article 11, 37.
- (e) The applicant enrolled in a non-credit internship program and/or received stipends through other sources of funding.
- (f) The scholarship and/or financial assistance funds have been depleted. Continuing and/or eligible applicants who were denied due to lack of funds shall be deemed a priority upon availability of funds.
- (g) The applicant exceeded the maximum number of funding periods pursuant to Article 9, 32 herein.
- (h) The applicant applied incomplete grades towards earning appropriate credit hours.

ARTICLE 13. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF ALL NEBRASKA WINNEBAGO NATION SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- 42. The recipient shall not use the scholarship and/or financial assistance funds to pay for tuition, travel or per diem expenses relating to short term workshops, conventions, or conferences; non-credit courses, short term make-up courses, professional examinations or membership dues to professional associations.
- 43. Use of all Winnebago Nation scholarship and financial assistance funds shall be restricted to the fifty (50) states unless an applicant/recipient resides in a foreign country due to military service or unless foreign studies are a requirement of an applicant's, recipient's major.
- 44. All recipients shall attend the institution specified on the Award Letter.
- 45. Winnebago Nation scholarship and financial assistance funds shall not be awarded to applicants on a non-credit internship program and/or receiving stipends through other sources. Upon prior approval by the WSFAP, Winnebago Nation scholarship and financial assistance funds may be

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awarded to help supplement recipients, who have demonstrated financial need, on a credit generating internship program, receiving no stipends through other sources.

46. All recipients shall only utilize Winnebago scholarship and financial assistance to cover direct educational expenses, limited to tuition fees, book fees, lab fees, housing, meals, and transportation necessary to support the student attending a college, university or vocational school.
47. All applicants shall pursue one degree at the undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate level. An applicant may pursue double degrees at the baccalaureate and associate level, provided that the additional degree is at no added cost to the Winnebago Nation.

ARTICLE 14. MISUSE OF ANY NEBRASKA WINNEBAGO NATION SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS

48. The recipient of Nebraska Winnebago scholarship and/or financial assistance funds who misuses said funds shall be denied additional scholarship and/or financial assistance awards for one (1) academic year and shall repay the total amount of misused funds.
49. The following shall constitute misuse of any Winnebago Nation scholarship and financial assistance program monies:
 - (a) Violating any of the enumerated restrictions provided in Article 13.
 - (b) Any unauthorized use of monies.

ARTICLE 15. APPELLATE PROCEDURES

50. The policy of the WSFAP is to provide a process for any student to communicate and resolve their Winnebago scholarship/financial assistance concerns and complaints. The WSFAP shall make every administrative effort to correct all concerns and complaints by any applicant and/or recipient. The following shall be the Winnebago scholarship/financial aid

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appellate process and shall apply to all Nebraska Winnebago Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance programs:

- (a) Party shall file by certified mail, return receipt requested; a written appeal with the WSFAP within ten (10) working days after postmarked date of the award/denial letter, the written appeal shall contain the following information:
 - (i) The full name, address, and Social Security Number of the applicant making the appeal; and
 - (ii) A clear and concise statement of the facts, pertinent dates, complaint to be considered and supporting documents.
 - (iii) The letter requesting appeal shall be directed to:

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Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
Winnebago Scholarship and Financial Assistance
Program
Box 687
Winnebago, NE 68071

- (b) The applicant requesting appeal may, at any time during the appellate process, seek legal counsel in reference to said process, at his or her own expense.
- (c) Upon receiving the letter requesting an appeal, the WSFAP shall conduct a conference either in person or by telephone to attempt resolution within five (5) working days of receiving the letter requesting appeal.
- (d) If WSFAP does not conduct a conference within the specified five (5) working days, the appealing party automatically wins by default.
- (e) If a conference is held, yet there is still no resolution, the applicant's file shall be forwarded to the Winnebago Education Appeals Committee* within two (2) working days.

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- (f) The Winnebago Education Appeals Committee shall convene a hearing within ten (10) working days of receiving the file.
- (g) The student/applicant must receive notification of the scheduled hearing date five (5) working days prior to the hearing.
- (h) Neither the appealing applicant nor any WSFAP staff shall contact any Winnebago Education Appeals Committee member or designee regarding the appeal, without the other party to the appeal being present.
- (i) The decision of the Winnebago Education Appeals Committee shall be final, and this final decision shall be issued no later than two (2) working days after the appeal is heard.

*A regular Appeals Committee will include the Finance Director of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, Winnebago Public School and the Little Priest Tribal College, subject to approval by the Tribal Council.

CHAPTER THREE

**NEBRASKA WINNEBAGO NATION SCHOLARSHIP AND
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

SUBCHAPTER ONE: PL 93-638 CONTRACT FUNDS

ARTICLE 16. FINANCIAL NEED BASED ASSISTANCE

51. Purpose: The financial need based assistance shall assist eligible, enrolled Winnebago applicants determined to have a financial need according to the Financial Need Analysis. Financial Need Based Assistance uses PL 93-638 funds first, and upon 638 depletion, utilizes other general fund or trust fund sources.
52. Nebraska Winnebago Nation Priorities: Not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bureau of Indian Affairs undergraduate funds shall be awarded for enrollment by entering freshmen in preparatory courses, pre-college orientation sessions, and other pre-college remedial or enrichment courses including high school post-graduate programs.
53. Eligibility:
 - (a) The applicant shall pursue an Associate or Baccalaureate Degree.
 - (b) The applicant shall be enrolled full-time or part-time, pursuant to the applicable academic standards in Article 9. 31.
54. Program Guidelines:
 - (a) Funding for this program shall be based on demonstrated financial need of the applicant, based on the estimated amount of assistance an applicant will require to supplement the resources theoretically available from that student and his/her family as determined according to the Financial Need Analysis.
 - (b) The recipient admitted to take remedial college level courses shall be eligible to take remedial courses up to a maximum of twelve (12) semester credit hours, or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester

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credit hours, during the first two academic terms of the freshman year, upon recommendation by his/her academic counselor at the institution attending. As such, freshmen shall be allowed to take six (6) credit hours of remedial courses per academic term, totaling twelve (12) credit hours within the first two terms.

- (c) All applicants to WSFAP programs shall be awarded on a financial need basis, except for those students participating in programs specifically awarded by other means, academic high achievement program and/or those students attending an institution which has a negotiated Flat Rate funding agreement with the Nebraska Winnebago nation for tuition and/or summer sessions.

ARTICLE 17. COLLEGE DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM

55. Establishment and purpose:

The College Developmental Studies Program is hereby established to provide applicants with the opportunity to adequately prepare for college by offering developmental studies to improve deficiencies in math, reading, communication skills, writing skills and enabling applicants to proceed into college level courses.

- (a) The Little Priest Tribal College is one example of an institution funded for the Developmental Studies, whereby students are able to make up deficiencies.
- (b) A memorandum of understanding between the Nebraska Winnebago Nation and the Little Priest Tribal College, and other colleges funded from Developmental Studies, shall be developed on an annual basis to determine the scope of this program, the “satisfactory progress” status of participants, and the method of referral for participants.
- (c) The Nebraska Winnebago Community College, and other colleges funded for the Developmental Studies Program, shall provide an annual report to WSFAP of the Nebraska Winnebago Nation on the results of the Developmental Studies Program.

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56. Nebraska Winnebago Nation Priorities: The Little Priest Tribal College shall receive priority for consideration of funding.

57. Eligibility:

- (a) The applicant shall be enrolled full-time or part-time in a post secondary institution funded for the Developmental Studies.
- (b) The institution shall determine the need for developmental studies upon an evaluation and placement testing. Upon determination, the institution shall immediately refer the applicant for developmental studies, identifying the specific area of deficiency.
- (c) The applicant shall be enrolled in one or more remedial courses.

58. Program Guidelines:

- (a) Funding for this program shall be based on demonstrated financial need of the applicant.
- (b) A maximum of twelve (12)-semester credit hours or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours, during the first two academic terms shall be allowed for a first year college student. As such, freshmen shall be allowed to take six (6) credit hours of remedial courses per academic term, totaling twelve (12) credit hours within the first two terms.

ARTICLE 18. HIGH SCHOOL BRIDGE PROGRAM

59. Establishment and purpose:

The High School Bridge Program is hereby established to assist eligible and talented Nebraska Winnebago high school students to experience pre-college residential studies at post secondary institutions.

60. Nebraska Winnebago Nation Priorities:

- (a) Academically talented and gifted high school students shall be deemed priority, pursuant to eligibility requirements set forth in 60.

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- (b) Those institutions with High School Bridge Programs that provide matching funds to the Nebraska Winnebago Nation or student participants shall be deemed a priority.
- (c) A priority listing of such High School Bridge Programs shall be approved by the WSFAP by January of each year. This listing shall be used for funding priorities for the High School Bridge Program.

61. Eligibility:

- (a) The applicant shall be enrolled full-time in high school
- (b) The applicant shall have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.
- (c) The applicant shall have two letters of recommendation one submitted from a counselor, and one from a school administrator or a teacher.
- (d) The applicant shall submit a one page-writing sample on “Why I wish to attend a Summer Bridge Program”.
- (e) Applicant’s legal guardian shall submit a one-page letter “Why I want my child to attend a Summer Bridge Program”.
- (f) National normal test scores above grade level.

62. Program Guidelines:

Funding for this program shall be based on tuition and fees, as negotiated between the WSFAP and the institution selected.

ARTICLE 19. HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATORY PROGRAM

63. Establishment and purpose:

The High School Preparatory Program is hereby established to provide scholarship and/or financial assistance to qualified students pursuing an education at secondary college preparatory education institutions. Utilizes other

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general fund and/or trust fund sources, including profits from the gaming industry and tribal incorporated entities.

64. Nebraska Winnebago Nation Priorities:

- (a) Preparatory high schools on the Nebraska Winnebago Nation or those serving a majority of Nebraska Winnebago students shall be deemed priority for funding.
- (b) Those institutions that provide matching funds to the Nebraska Winnebago Nation or student participants shall be deemed a priority.
- (c) Those institutions, which have a reputation of academic excellence and a history of preparing high school students for success in college.
- (d) A priority listing of such preparatory high school or programs shall be approved by the WSFAP by May of each year. This listing shall be used for funding priorities for the High School Preparatory Program.

65. Eligibility:

- (a) The applicant shall be officially admitted to a secondary preparatory institution approved by the WSFAP, pursuant to 63 (d).
- (b) The applicant shall be enrolled as a full time student.
- (c) The applicant entering as a freshman or for the first time shall have a 3.0 minimum cumulative grade point average. Verification of preparatory classes offered shall be completed before applications are submitted.
- (d) The applicant and guardian shall each write a letter, except continuing students, shall have two letters of character reference, one submitted from a school counselor and one from a teacher or a school administrator.
- (e) The applicant shall submit a one page-writing sample on “Why I wish to attend a Preparatory School”. The applicant’s legal guardian submits a one-page letter on why their child should attend preparatory school.

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- (f) All continuing student shall maintain a 3.0 grade point average to maintain funding.
- (g) National normal test scores above grade level.

66. Program Guidelines:

- (a) The WSFAP shall establish the level and length of financial assistance for each program.
- (b) Funding shall be at a rate of 50% matching family contribution or institutional financial assistance.

SUBCHAPTER TWO: WINNEBAGO NATION FUNDED PROGRAMS

ARTICLE 20. REUBEN SNAKE FELLOWSHIP

67. Purpose:

The Reuben Snake Fellowship is established to reward those Tribal Members who have demonstrated significant service and leadership to the Winnebago Tribe and who wish to pursue a year of study in order to develop a project for the benefit of the community. Utilizing funds derived from the profits from the gaming industry and tribal incorporated entities.

68. Eligibility and Requirements:

- (a) The applicant must be an enrolled member of the Nebraska Winnebago Tribe.
- (b) The applicant shall write and present a project plan that he/she deems of benefit to the community. The plan shall also outline the study and or research needed to accomplish this project.
- (c) The applicant shall submit three letters of recommendation: two written by Tribal Council Members, one written by a Senior Tribal Administrator.
- (d) No specific educational standing or degree is required for this fellowship.

69. Program Guidelines:

- (a) The period funded shall not exceed one (1) year.
- (b) This is a one (1) time grant only.
- (c) The funds will consist of a minimum of one year of the applicant's present salary or comparable salary in an outside job if not presently compensated. Other direct costs incurred i.e. travel expenses related to research, computer and printer service costs, photocopying costs, etc. may also be included if so allowed by the WSFAP.

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- (d) At the end of the year a report of the project status and results, shall be presented to the WSFAP and the Tribal Council.

ARTICLE 21. NEBRASKA WINNEBAGO NATION TRUST FUND FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

70 Purpose:

Enrolled Tribal members who wish to pursue Vocational Education.

71. Nebraska Winnebago Nation Priorities:

- (a) Priority funding shall be given to those first time applicants who have not received any Bureau of Indian Affairs, Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), or State funding.
- (b) Funds shall be prioritized for Certificate Programs at accredited institutions, including Little Priest Tribal College.
- (c) A priority listing of vocational education institutions shall be approved by the WSFAP by January of each year. This listing shall be used for funding priorities.

72. Eligibility:

- (a) The applicant shall be enrolled as a full or part time undergraduate.
- (b) The applicant shall be pursuing a vocational certificate or degree.
- (c) The applicant shall be physically attending vocational training on a regular schedule. Correspondence or on line classes will not be considered for funding.

73. Program Guidelines

- (a) The applicant shall be admitted to one of the vocational institutions either on the Nebraska Winnebago Nation or in institutions, which have

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certified vocational training programs, which meet the needs of the students.

- (b) Funding for this program shall be based on demonstrated financial need of the applicant.
- (c) Vocational financial assistance funds shall not be used to support students on apprenticeship or certificate programs who are already receiving stipends from other sources.
- (d) Certificate and degree applicants shall be eligible for Nebraska Winnebago Nation financial assistance for a maximum of two (2) academic years.

ARTICLE 22. NEBRASKA WINNEBAGO GRADUATE FUND

74. Establishment and Purpose:

The Nebraska Winnebago Nation Graduate Fellowship is hereby established to provide financial assistance in the form of grant awards to eligible Nebraska Winnebago students wishing to attend or attending graduate school utilizing the Nebraska Winnebago Nation Graduate Trust fund.

75. Nebraska Winnebago Nation Priorities:

- (c) A priority listing of majors and degrees shall be approved by the Winnebago Tribal Council every other January. This listing shall be used for funding priorities.
- (d) Those institutions that provide matching funds to the Nebraska Winnebago Nation or its student participants shall be deemed a priority.

76. Eligibility:

- (a) The graduate applicant shall be a full-time or part-time graduate student and submit a Regular Letter of Acceptance to the graduate program of study, and a Regular Letter of Admission from the graduate university.

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- (b) The graduate applicant shall pursue only one degree at the same level: a master's degree, an education terminal degree, or a doctorate degree.
- (c) Funding is based upon attending a university approved by WSFAP.
- (d) The graduate applicants shall seek all other sources of funding before consideration will be given for tribal funding.

77. Program Guidelines:

- (a) For a part-time graduate student, the award shall be based upon a need analysis completed by the college financial aid officer for three (3) to five (5) semester credit hours or equivalent amount of quarter or trimester credit hours, depending on part-time credit hour amounts prescribed by the institution attending and program choice, per academic year.
- (b) For a full-time graduate student, the award shall be determined by the college Financial Aid Officer for full-time credit hour amounts prescribed by the institution attending and program choice, per academic year.
- (c) All graduate applicants shall provide to the WSFAP academic transcripts that reflect the date and type of undergraduate degree conferred, and/or date and type of graduate degree granted. The official grade report or transcript shall be submitted to the WSFAP no later than fifteen (15) working days after the completion of the academic term for continued eligibility.
- (d) All applicants shall submit a graduation checklist for financial assistance and are subject to all WSFAP application requirements, including the Financial Needs Analysis. Continued financial assistance shall be based on progress reports completed by the college Financial Aid Officers from the university at the end of each term.
- (e) All continuing graduate applicants shall submit an official transcript of the last academic term completed for evaluation pursuant to the following criteria:

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- (i) Except for Medical, Veterinary and Law students, graduate applicants shall comply with the minimum applicable academic standards pursuant to Article 9, 31.
- (ii) Medical, Veterinary and Law student applicants shall be a “full time graduate applicant” and earn no less than a 3.00 grade point average or “passing” grade at the end of each academic term.

78. Dissertation Costs:

- (a) Doctoral students may be eligible for dissertation credit through the WSFAP. The Dissertation shall be relevant to the Nebraska Winnebago Nation needs and sponsored by a Winnebago Nation Government entity. The following documents shall be necessary for evaluation:
 - (i) An official letter from the Dissertation Committee for the doctoral student stating successful completion of general examination and admissions towards candidacy and completion of initial literature research and proposal for study.
 - (ii) A letter of sponsorship from the Winnebago Nation Government entity indicating limits of the study and publication rights.
 - (iii) An itemized dissertation and other educational cost budget by the academic terms, approved by the Dissertation Committee.
- (b) All awards shall be restricted to direct cost for field work and research to complete Dissertation, i.e. travel expenses directly relating to dissertation research, computer and printer costs, (contractual services, not equipment purchases) photocopying costs, etc.
- (c) Continued financial assistance shall be based on progress reports from the Dissertation Committee Chairperson at the University at the end of each term and shall be limited to equivalent academic funding.

ARTICLE 23. TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

79. Purpose:

The purpose of the Teacher Education Program is to increase the number of certified Nebraska Winnebago teachers for the Nebraska Winnebago Nation. Teacher Education Programs shall use Federal funds, Corporate fund, Trust funds, and Nebraska Winnebago Nation funds, in that order of priority.

80. Nebraska Winnebago Nation Priorities:

- (a) Priority preference shall be given to applicants who have a desire to be fluent in the Nebraska Winnebago language and/or want to teach on the Nebraska Winnebago Reservation.
- (b) Priority preference shall be given to applicants who are paraprofessionals and/or Head Start staff currently teaching in the educational systems on the Nebraska Winnebago Reservation or that serve a majority of Nebraska Winnebago students.
- (c) Teacher Education candidates shall be given priority for all Corporate Financial Aid Funds and outside contribution funds.

81. Special Eligibility:

The applicant shall be eligible for the Teacher Education Program upon meeting the following criteria:

- (a) Speak the Nebraska Winnebago language and/or agree to become literate in the Nebraska Winnebago language; and
- (b) Have been accepted into an undergraduate four (4) year Teacher Education program; or
- (c) Have been accepted into a post-baccalaureate program for Teacher Licensure including the Nebraska Winnebago Language Endorsement Program.
- (d) All the eligibility standards in Article 9 shall be followed.

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82. Program Guidelines:

- (a) The applicant shall be eligible for funding for up to six (6) academic terms at an undergraduate funding level for full-time students, and for eight (8) to twelve (12) academic terms at an undergraduate funding level for part-time students.
- (b) The applicant shall submit a graduation checklist for financial assistance and is subject to all WSFAP application requirements.
- (c) Teacher Education candidates shall be eligible for full-time and/or additional funding only during the student teaching period.

ARTICLE 24. SPECIAL AWARDS

83. Purpose:

There is hereby established a Special Awards for the purpose of providing financial assistance to eligible and capable Nebraska Winnebago people otherwise ineligible to receive financial aid and/or not covered by any other awards. The Special Awards Program utilizes Nebraska Winnebago gaming profits or corporate funds.

84. Nebraska Winnebago Nation Priorities:

A priority listing of majors and degrees shall be approved by the Tribal Council every other January. This listing shall be used for funding priorities.

85. Special Eligibility:

The applicant shall have been denied a scholarship and/or financial assistance under the Need Based Financial Assistance Program guidelines and/or criteria.

86. Program Guidelines:

The applicant shall be assisted with tuition, fees, books and supplies for one academic term at a time. All eligibility standards in Article 9 shall be followed.

**SUBCHAPTER THREE: PRIVATE FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE
NEBRASKA WINNEBAGO NATION**

ARTICLE 25 CORPORATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

87. Purpose:

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Individuals and corporations in coordination with the Nebraska Winnebago Nation, provide annual grants to the Nebraska Winnebago Nation, constituting the Corporate Financial Assistance Fund, for the purpose of supplementing various financial assistance and scholarship programs of the Nebraska Winnebago Nation and for advancing educational opportunities for Nebraska Winnebago tribal members through scholarships, financial assistance, and special grants and awards.

88. Nebraska Winnebago Nation Priorities:

Priority funding shall be given to continuing applicants with a grade point average above 2.5 and entering freshman applicants with a grade point average above 2.5.

89. Special Eligibility:

The applicant shall have been determined, as verified by the Financial Needs Analysis, ineligible to receive financial assistance under the preceding Articles of the WSFAP, because he or she, although meeting all other requirements, has financial need at a minimal amount.

90. Program Guidelines:

- (a) Financial assistance shall be awarded to qualified applicants for and limited to: college tuition and fees; books and school supplies.
- (b) All the eligibility standards in Article 9 shall be followed.

ARTICLE 26. LITTLE PREST TRIBAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

91. Establishment and Purpose:

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The Little Priest Tribal College Scholarship Program is hereby established for the purpose of providing members and tribal employees with the opportunities for advancement through seminars, courses, or part/full time degree programs.

92. Special Eligibility:

- (a) The applicant shall be enrolled as a part time or full-time student at Little Priest Tribal College.
- (b) The applicant shall maintain a 2.0 grade point average at the end of each academic term to receive the scholarship for the next academic term.
- (c) All eligibility standards of Article 9 shall be followed.

93. Special Eligibility:

- (a) Each year twenty thousand dollars (20,000) of the Corporate Financial Assistance Funds shall be set-aside in WSFAP for this Scholarship Program.
- (b) Tribal employees shall be required to have the following:
 - (1) Letter of Authorization from their Supervisor.
 - (2) Courses which are job related.
 - (3) Adhere to tribal personnel policies as to release time.

ARTICLE 27. MISS NEBRASKA WINNEBAGO NATION GRANT

94. Establishment and Purpose:

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There is hereby established the Miss Nebraska Winnebago Nation Grant for the purpose of providing special recognition to the individual that reigned as Miss Nebraska Winnebago Nation.

95. Special Eligibility:

- (a) The grantee shall be an enrolled member of the Nebraska Winnebago Tribe, shall have completed her reign as the current Miss Nebraska Winnebago Nation before applying for this grant.
- (b) The grantee shall enroll as a full-time student and provide a regular Letter of Admission.

96. Program Guidelines:

- (a) The grantee shall be funded from the Corporate Financial Assistance Fund for one academic year following her reign. The grant amount shall not exceed \$7,000 if an undergraduate student and shall not exceed \$10,000 if a graduate student.
 - (i) This is a one (1) time grant only
 - (ii) Funds from this grant shall be held by WSFAP and paid directly by that office to the college or university.
- (b) The applicant shall be subject to all WSFAP application requirements.
- (c) Assistance for funding after the award year shall be obtained by following regular policies and procedures.
- (d) All eligibility standards in Article 9 shall be followed.

ARTICLE 28: INCENTIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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97. Purpose:

The purpose of the Incentive Assistance Program is to provide eligible Elementary and Secondary students, who are enrolled members of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska living on or off the reservation, with financial assistance for Conferences, Work Shops and Camps that are geared toward leadership training, character building and self esteem enhancement.

The Winnebago Tribal Council from the gaming revenues will appropriate funds for the Incentive Assistance Program each year, pending the availability of funds.

98. Program Guidelines:

- (a) Income guidelines will be used to determine the amount of financial assistance. Foster children will automatically be approved at the 100% level if all other (non-income) required criteria are met. Proof of income for the last three (3) months must be provided by the applicant's Parent(s) or Guardian(s) at the time of application.
- (b) Applicant must be a current elementary or secondary student with an average grade point of C or above. Future funding requests must show improvement in grade report, i.e., presently receiving C must show improvement by grade advancing to C+ or B, etc.

(c) <u>Level of Income</u>	<u>Subsidy</u>
\$16,640.....	100%
\$20,800.....	75%
\$24,960	50%
\$29,120	25%

Add \$2,620 for each additional member.

- (d) A maximum of \$1,000 financial assistance for each academic year per student will be enforced.

99. Program Criteria:

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- (a) Incentive Assistance application on file.
- (b) Certificate of Indian Blood.
- (c) Activity (Dates, Location, Cost).
- (d) Parents Income Verification.
- (e) Current school year report card.
- (f) One page letter stating how activity will provide leadership, build character and/or self esteem.

100. Contact the Winnebago Tribal Education Department for application.