

**Middletown Rancheria
of Pomo Indians of California**

GRADUATION GIFTS PROGRAM

The Middletown Rancheria is a federally recognized Tribe of Lake County, California. The General Council is comprised of the recognized adult Tribal Members and the Tribal Council are elected officials that are empowered to provide day-to-day business on behalf of the Tribe.

The Graduation Gifts Program was created to honor and recognize the educational achievements of Tribal Members as they strive to strengthen themselves individually and the Tribe as a whole.

The Tribal Council reenacted the Graduation Gifts Program at a duly called Tribal Council Meeting held on June 29, 2006. This Program was revised at a duly called Tribal Council meeting held on Thursday, April 16, 2009.

ELIGIBILITY:

Must be a recognized Tribal Member (including minor youth) and/or lineal descent of the Middletown Rancheria.

REQUIREMENTS:

Tribal Members must have Identification and Social Security Numbers on file at the Tribal Office. Education Gifts are deemed by the Internal Revenue Service as taxable income and as such will require an IRS Form 1099 to be issued for the tax year the Gift was received.

Tribal Members must submit copy of Graduation Diploma, Degree and/or Course Certificate of Completion to Tribal Office (only Diplomas, Degrees and/or Certificates dated after January 1, 2006 will be honored under this Program). All Vocational Certificates and/or College Degrees must also adhere to requirements set forth under the Tribe's Higher Education Reimbursement Program.

GRADUATION GIFTS:

General Education Diploma	\$ 500.00
High School Diploma	\$1,000.00
Vocational Trade School Completion (only one time disbursement for this level of education)	\$1,500.00
Certificate of Completion from an Accredited College	\$2,000.00
Associate of Arts Degree (AA) or Associate of Science Degree (AS) or Accredited College Transfer Degree	\$2,500.00
Bachelors of Arts Degree (BA) or Bachelors of Science Degree (BS)	\$3,000.00
Masters Degree	\$3,500.00

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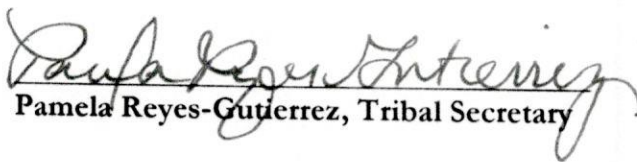
This is to certify that the Graduation Gifts Program was approved at a duly called Tribal Council Meeting held on Thursday, February 2nd, 2017, by a vote of 3 For, and 0 Against, with 0 Abstaining.



Jose Simon III, Tribal Chairman

02/02/2017
Date

Attested by:



Pamela Reyes-Gutierrez, Tribal Secretary

02/02/2017
Date