



Spokane Tribe

INSTRUCTIONS for COVID-19 Assistance Application Form

The Spokane Tribe has developed the COVID-19 Assistance Program to provide emergency economic assistance to enrolled Tribal members who have experienced financial hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic, utilizing CARES Act funding from the federal government, and also meet the tax-exempt Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act requirements. Combined, these federal regulations and funding require an assessment of general welfare need of individual members, and this application and the Tribal member certification to document your need. Below are some general instructions for completing your application.

1. Each adult tribal member will need to fill out an application.
2. If you have enrolled tribal member minor children in the household, the tribal member adult with custody of the children needs to fill in the section for the minor children in the household. As well as individuals who are eligible for enrollment as of October 30, 2020, were alive as of October 30, 2020, and who will be enrolled by November 30, 2020, (“Eligible Tribal Member Children”). The Tribe will make payments to each adult, and as applicable, one adult in the household will receive a payment that includes the tribal member children, as has been the case for other tribal distributions.
3. If you do not have any enrolled or eligible tribal member children, and you are a single, tribal member adult, fill out the application for yourself and leave the rest blank.
4. If you are a non-member that has legal custody or guardianship of enrolled or eligible tribal member children, please fill out the Head of Household information, and leave the Tribal Enrollment Number blank. If the Tribe already has records of your legal custody or guardianship records, you do not need to submit them again with this form.
5. In Part 2, please check any and all boxes that you have or are experiencing, and if you have a financial hardship not listed, please include in the “Other unanticipated costs due to COVID- 19” and provide a brief description.
6. Your certification is critical to your eligibility and tax-exemption, therefore ensure you are able to verify your circumstances and data should the federal government and/or IRS request additional information.
7. The form is a fillable PDF form, you may download the application from the Spokane Tribe’s website at <https://spokanetribe.com/government/finance/>. You must sign the application. Completed applications can be sent by email to: caresact@spokanetribe.com, or by U.S. Mail, addressed to Spokane Tribe Enrollment Office, PO Box 100, Wellpinit, WA 99040, or dropped off in the drop off box at McCoy Admin Building, Wellpinit, WA.
8. The Tribe will verify tribal member enrollment and that there are needs identified in Part 2 for approval of the COVID-19 Member Assistance to be distributed.
9. Should you have the circumstance that you were not eligible for this assistance it is not needed, please return the funds by December 30, 2020, by mailing a check or money order to: Spokane Tribe of Indians, PO Box 100, Wellpinit, WA 99040.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE BY:

For applications received by November 4, 2020 checks will be distributed by U.S. Mail on or about November 18, 2020. For applications received after November 4, 2020 through December 30, 2020, checks will be distributed daily by U.S. Mail. Checks will be mailed to the address listed on your application.

Applications received or postmarked after midnight December 30, 2020 will NOT be processed