

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Burial Allowance Policy

Effective October 1, 1989 all Enrolled Tribal Members are to entitled receive \$5,000.00 burial benefits, which are intended to provide funds for funeral services, wakes and other expenses incurred by the family of the deceased Tribal Member.

PROCEDURES:

A Personal Representative, so designated by the deceased, (Burial Allowance form) will be responsible to authorize expenditure of burial funds necessary for arrangements for the burial of the deceased.

The Personal Representative must provide the name, address and telephone number of the Funeral Home that will be providing the services. The Tribe will then contact the Funeral Home to obtain the complete costs of their services, to determine available funds for other expenses. Upon receiving a certified death certificate and an itemized statement, the Tribe will issue payment directly to the Funeral Home.

Funds for the Wake or dinner may be handled either by issuing a purchase requisition to a grocery store or issue payment directly to the Personal Representative or designated person to purchase the necessary food products. Other expenses the family may incur due to the death of the Tribal Member, may be covered by requesting payment from the burial funds after initial funeral expenses are paid, when authorized by the Personal Representative.

IN THE EVENT: A Personal Representative has not been named, expenditures from the burial fund may be requested by and in the following priority: 1) Surviving Spouse. 2) Eldest Child 3) Surviving Parent (s) or legal guardian 4) Eldest Brother or Sister.

IN THE EVENT: The deceased is a minor child, the legal guardian shall authorize expenditures from the burial funds.

BEGINNING July 1, 1999: Any Tribal Member who has not designated a Personal Representative for their burial funds, in the event there is remaining funds after all related burial expenses have been paid in full, the funds will be distributed in the following priority: 1) Surviving Spouse, or 2) placed in Probate (with the minimum amount to be placed in probate \$100.00) and become a part of the Estate of the deceased, funds under \$100.00 will be paid in the following order, if there is no spouse or legal guardian: 1) Eldest Child 2) Eldest Brother or Sister. IN THE EVENT the deceased is a minor child, any balance, after the payments for the wake, funeral costs, and other expenses, would be paid directly to the legal guardian. *Exceptions: In case of Fetal Death (20 weeks to birth) and a Fetal Death Certificate is filed or if the infant dies just after birth, only the burial expense will be paid.

The Burial Allowance forms are available at: Tribal Administration Records (Enrollment) Office at (406) 675-2700 or by mail: Tribal Records/Enrollment P.O. Box 278 Pablo Mt 59855 or Email: enrollment@cskt.org . Please complete the form, have your signature notarized and return it to the above listed address. Thank You!