

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

TO ALL ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

BURIAL BENEFITS

Effective October 1, 1998 all Enrolled Tribal Members are entitled to receive \$5,000.00 burial benefits which are intended to provide funds for funeral services, wake/dinner of the deceased Tribal Member.

PROCEDURES:

A Personal Representative, so designated by the deceased, (Burial Allowance form) will be responsible to make the necessary arrangements for burial arrangements 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 the services. Upon receiving a certified death certificate and an itemized statement, the Tribe will issue payment directly to the funeral home any remaining balance will be paid to the Personal Representative.

Funds for the wake/dinner may be handled either by issuing a purchase requisition to a grocery store or issue payment directly to the Personal Representative to purchase the necessary food products.

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 or Parents 4) Eldest Brother or Sister.

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

BEGINNING APRIL 15, 1995: Any Tribal Member who has not designated a Personal Representative for their burial fund, will have the remaining balance, after all related burial expenses have been paid in full, placed in Probate, and become a part of the Estate of the deceased. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes will no longer issue the remaining balance (if any) to the survivor, if the Tribal Member has not designated a Personal Representative. IN THE EVENT, the deceased is a minor child, any balance after the payments for the wake/funeral costs 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 Forms are available at: Tribal Enrollment Office - Contact Erma Haynes, Records Manager (406) 675-2700 Ext. 1013 or by writing (Tribal Records/Enrollment, P.O. Box 278 Pablo, MT 59855) or you may use the form on the back, Please complete and have your signature notarized and return to the above listed address. Thank You!

**CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES
BURIAL ALLOWANCE FORM**

**RETURN TO: CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES
ATTN: ENROLLMENT OFFICE
P.O. BOX 278
PABLO, MT 59855**

- **PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

Last Name	First Name	Initl.
<u>203-U0</u>	Address: _____	

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE #1

Name: _____ **Relationship** _____
Address: _____ **Telephone** _____

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE #2 (Please select at least two Personal Representatives in case the first choice should precede you in death)

Name: _____ **Relationship** _____
Address: _____ **Telephone** _____

Signature

Date

Notary Signature

(Stamp)