



THE RODNEY T. MATHEWS, JR. MEMORIAL ACADEMIC & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR MORONGO TRIBAL MEMBERS AND NON-ENROLLED CHILDREN OF TRIBAL MEMBERS

Purpose:

The Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Program has been established to assist Tribal Members as well as non-enrolled children of Tribal Members with the pursuit of their education through the granting of financial scholarships. Scholarships shall be granted to eligible applicants on a yearly basis as long as funds are available.

Tribal Members are eligible for one (1) Bachelor's degree, one (1) Master's degree, and one (1) Doctoral degree, and/or one (1) Vocational Program, subject to Scholarship Fund budget limitations. Continuing Tribal member students do not need to reapply each year. Application must be updated when starting a new program.

The Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Program for Non-Enrolled Children of Tribal Members shall not exceed \$20,000 in total funding for academic applicants and/or \$5,000 in total funding for vocational applicants provided they stay in the same course of study, subject to Scholarship Fund budget limitations. Continuing Non-Enrolled Children of Tribal Members may re-apply each year until they have reached total funding.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Must be enrolled member of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians to receive Tribal Member funding of education OR applicant's Parent(s) must be enrolled member of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians to receive descendent funding of education.
2. For academic scholarship, applicant must be a full or part-time student at an accredited College or University. For vocational scholarship, applicant must be a full or part-time student at a Vocational school.
3. Must have completed *The Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial* Scholarship Application and be in good standing with the Morongo Education Services Administrator in accordance with the Morongo Scholarship Rules and Regulations.
4. Non-Enrolled Children of Tribal Members must have completed and signed documentation of 60 hours of community service (preferably within a Native community and/or Native based agency, etc.) **First time applicants only.*
5. Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all undergraduate students and/or vocational students and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all graduate students.
6. Academic scholarship applicants must have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and have financial need as determined by the Office of Financial Aid.
7. Descendant vocational scholarship applicants must have not exhausted the allotted \$5,000 for vocational training and education.
8. Descendant children of Tribal members must reapply each year. New students must have a letter of acceptance from the applicable schools.

Application Procedures:

An applicant may request an application packet at any time. Applications will be available through the Education Services office located at 11952 Potrero Road, Banning, CA 92220. You may request that an application be mailed to you or you may pick up an application directly from Education Services.

The Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Program Application consists of the following:

- **The Application** (see attached). Please answer all questions, sign and return to Education Services at 11952 Potrero Road, Banning, CA 92220.
- **Academic Study Plan** (see attached). This form must be completed and signed by your institutional academic advisor for all academic scholarships.
- **Vocational Education Study Plan** (see attached). This form must be completed and signed by your institutional vocational advisor.
- **Transcripts** - Official copies of student transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended. See release waiver section in Terms and Conditions form.
- **Essay Questions** (*For Non-Enrolled Children of Tribal Members Only*)
- **Terms and Conditions Form**
- *The Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial Academic Scholarship for Non-enrolled children of Tribal members program Rules and Regulations and Morongo Vocational Scholarship Rules and Regulations.*

The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their application is complete.

****Deadline for Non-Enrolled Children of Tribal Members:****

DEADLINE: May 31st, 2020

*All documents must be postmarked by the **deadline of May 31, 2020** or be hand-delivered to the RTM Scholarship Coordinator by 5:00 PM on the deadline date. **NO faxed or late applications will be accepted.** Applicants are responsible for following up on their applications status with the RTM Scholarship Coordinator. If you have any questions or need assistance in completing any portion of the ***Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial Academic & Vocational Scholarship Program for Non-Enrolled Children of Tribal Members application***, please call the RTM Scholarship Coordinator at 951-572-6185.

**MAILING ADDRESS:
ATTN: Morongo Education Services Administrator
Morongo Band of Mission Indians
11952 Potrero Road
Banning, CA 92220**

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing any portion of *The Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Application*, feel free to contact Education Services at (951) 572-6185.

PART II:

The Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial Academic Study Plan (see attached).

- This form must be completed and signed by your institutional academic advisor.

The Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial Vocational Education Study Plan (see attached).

- This form must be completed and signed by your institutional vocational advisor.

PART III:

Transcripts

- Freshman Academic Students - must submit official high school transcripts or original GED scores.
- * Transfer, Continuing, and Vocational Students - must submit official transcripts from all vocational schools, college or universities previously attended.

PART IV: FOR NON-ENROLLED CHILDREN OF TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

Essay Questions (Please Type)

All applicants must answer question A and respond to either question 1 or 2 from B. Attach to your application on a separate sheet of paper.

- A. In 250 words or less, please discuss your academic, career, and personal goals, as well as any extenuating circumstances or any other information that you would like the Administrator to be aware of when reviewing your application.
- B. Please respond to one of the following questions:
 - a. What do you feel are the most critical issues facing tribal communities today; and how do you see yourself working in relationship to these issues?
 - b. Where do you see Native people in the 21st century in terms of survival, governance, and cultural preservation; and what role do you see yourself playing in this future?

PART II a:

**THE RODNEY T. MATHEWS, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
ACADEMIC STUDY PLAN**

To the Applicant: Please complete the box below before submitting this form to your academic advisor. If you are applying for a vocational scholarship, complete PART IIb instead of PART IIa.

Name: _____		
Last	First	Middle
Student ID#: _____		
Phone number: _____		Email: _____
Expected graduation date: _____		
MM/YY		

This following must be completed and signed by your academic advisor

To the Institutional Academic Advisor: The above-listed student is applying for *The Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial* Academic Scholarship. This form is required as part of the completed application. Your cooperation in completing the following is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Education Services at 951-572-6185.

Please provide the following information regarding this student's progress toward their degree.

General Education Requirements:

Has this student completed all general education requirements? _____
Yes Yes No

If no, what courses does s/he need to complete?

Degree Major Requirements:

Has this student declared a major? _____
Yes No

If yes, student's major is _____ minor if declared: _____

What courses does the student need to fulfill the major degree requirements?

Student's Proposed Study Plan:

<u>Fall Courses</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Spring Courses</u>	<u>Units</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Comments: _____

Print Name Title Department
Signature Date Contact Telephone Number Email Address

To the Respondent: When you have completed and signed this form, please return it to the student

PART II b:

**THE RODNEY T. MATHEWS, JR. MEMORIAL
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP STUDY PLAN**

To the Applicant: Please complete the box below before submitting this form to your institutional vocational advisor. If you are applying for an academic scholarship, complete PART IIa instead of PART IIb.

Name: _____		
Last	First	Middle
Student ID#: _____		
Phone number: _____		Email: _____
Expected graduation date: _____		
MM/YY		

This following must be completed and signed by your academic advisor

To the Institutional Vocational Advisor: The above-listed student is applying for *The Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial* Vocational Scholarship. This form is required as part of the completed application. Your cooperation in completing the following is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Education Services at 951-572-6185.

Please provide the following information regarding this student's progress toward their degree.

Basic Vocational Education Requirements:

Has this student completed all basic vocational education requirements? _____
Yes No

If no, what courses does s/he need to complete?

Degree or Certificate Requirements:

How many units are needed to complete the degree or certificate? _____

What is the total cost of the degree or certificate sought? _____

What is the estimated timeframe in which to complete the degree or certificate? _____

Can this degree or certification requirements be earned at a community college? Yes ___ No _____

Student's anticipated graduation date is: _____

Student's Proposed Study Plan:

<u>Fall Courses</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Spring Courses</u>	<u>Units</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Comments: _____

Print Name Title Department

Signature Date Contact Telephone Number Email Address

To the Respondent: When you have completed and signed this form, please return it to the student

PART V: Terms and Conditions set forth for *The Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial Academic and Vocational Scholarship for Tribal Members and Non-Enrolled Children of Tribal Members Program* Recipients

I _____, if awarded *The Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial*
Print name

Academic or Vocational Scholarship, agree to abide by the following terms and conditions:

1. Student must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program at an accredited University or in a vocational program.
2. At the end of the Fall semester the **Education Services Administrator will review official copies of academic and/or vocational grade reports**. Grade reports will be used to determine student's continued eligibility (units completed and CGPA). It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all grades have been posted and are accurate.
3. Keep the *Morongo Education Services Administrator* informed of any changes in student status, i.e., change of address or name, intention to withdraw or transfer, reduction in full-time enrollment, etc.
4. Undergraduate recipients must complete each term at a minimum of 6 credit hours. Graduate student recipients must complete each term at a minimum of 3 credit hours. This requirement must be met with new hours only, no repeat classes will be allowed as part of a full-time course load. Vocational students must complete each term at a minimum part-time credit hours.
5. The following type of classes will not be accepted as part of a full-time course load: Audits, Repeats, or Workshops. Students may take no more than 3 credit hours of special study courses per semester as part of their full-time course load.
6. Recipients must maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) in a degree seeking program in order to be eligible for continuation of funding:
 - **Undergraduates/Vocational Students—2.0 CGPA**
 - **Graduates—3.0 CGPA**
7. Suspension: Failure to maintain the minimum CGPA or part-time course load will result in automatic suspension of scholarship funds. If placed on scholarship suspension the student's spring award will be automatically canceled. Prior to reapplying for the *Morongo Scholarship for Tribal Members and Non-Enrolled Children of Tribal Members* the student must have completed the number of units for which they received funding and/or have met the minimum CGPA for which they receive funding. Failure to do so will render the student ineligible for future *Morongo Scholarship* consideration.
8. Undergraduate Students will only be eligible to receive *Morongo Academic Scholarship for Tribal Members and Non-Enrolled Children of Tribal Members* funding for a maximum of 130 unit hours. Graduate Students will only be eligible to receive *Morongo Academic Scholarship for Tribal Members and Non-Enrolled Children of Tribal Members* funding for a maximum 60 unit hours. Funding for *Non-Enrolled Children of Tribal Members* shall not exceed total sum of \$20,000 total. *Non-Enrolled Children of Tribal Members* will only be eligible to receive *Morongo Vocational Scholarship* funding for a maximum of \$5,000 total. All vocational funding must be used in one related field of study.
9. Applicant agrees to have their name, degree being pursued, and graduation announcement included in any press releases by the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.
10. All applicant files are the property of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.
11. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all required materials are received by Education Services. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed; however, a request will be made for the missing/incomplete areas of the application. Applications will not be approved until all required documents are submitted.
12. All *Morongo Academic Scholarship* decisions are final.

I hereby certify that the information contained in my *The Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial Academic or Vocational Scholarship* application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If and when I am awarded, I shall accept and abide by all the conditions stipulated in the aforementioned. I hereby give permission to the *Morongo Education Services Administrator* to request and receive copies of my academic grade reports and academic progress.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For more information contact: **Christina St. Marie**, Administrative Assistant Education Services at **951-572-6185**.