

LAC VIEUX DESERT BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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RELOCATION GUIDELINES

Scope and Purpose: The purpose of the Lac Vieux Desert Relocation Program is to provide a reimbursement to Tribal Members and Tribal Member Households to help individuals move for work, higher education or other reasons. Relocation assistance is a one-time assistance reimbursement-based benefit per Tribal Member, one per award per household in the event of a two adult Tribal Member household and available only to applicants who must move more than 50 miles one way.

Benefit: Up to a Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) maximum which includes reimbursement for:

1. Rent for one Month
2. Security Deposit
3. Mileage to your destination at federal rate for one vehicle
4. Rented, self-driven moving truck fee. Costs associated with moving companies (packing and shipping) will not be reimbursed.
5. Wages for the employed Tribal Member for 1 week.

Benefits will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis and are contingent on the availability of funds. Requests must be made within 90 days of the completed move. If no funding is available at the time of the request, the applicant will go on a waiting list in the order in which the request was received, when funding is again available the applicant will be contacted to verify continued eligibility and gauge continued interest in receiving funds.

Eligibility and Requirements:

1. Applicants must be an enrolled member of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.
2. A copy of the Applicant's Tribal ID must be provided with the application as well as the Tribal ID of each member of your household, if applicable.
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 - a. For single individuals/applicants, the applicant must secure a part-time job evidenced by a letter from your employer stating that you have been hired part time with your expected start date, rate of pay and date of first paycheck before any relocation monies are paid.
 - b. For married couples, the applicant must show evidence of at least one part-time worker in the household, whether or not it is the tribal member applicant, evidenced by a letter from an employer stating that employment status of working

household member rate of pay and date of first paycheck before any relocation monies are paid.

4. Employment must be maintained as required by Section 3(a) or (b) for 6 months from the date of any assistance provided or the applicant will be required to repay the Tribe the amount of any assistance received back in a timely manner and until repaid the applicant will be barred from receiving additional assistance of any nature from the LVD Education Department.
5. The applicant must provide a copy of their lease or proof from a landlord of the monthly rental amount.
6. The applicant must provide the number of miles one way from the departing destination to new place of residence. MapQuest or Google maps print out are acceptable.

General Welfare Assistance:

This Program is established under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act, Public Law No. 113-168 is deemed a need-based programs, subject to general welfare exclusions, and shall not be classified as gross income under § 61 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 61, et. seq., or any other applicable law.

Certification:

I, _____ the undersigned applicant has read and understand the guidelines and required of me to qualify for the Direct Employment Relocation Program. If I fail to meet the above guideline requirements, I agree that I am fully responsible to repay the total amount of money I received, back to the Education Department in a timely manner.

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

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