

GTC Stipend Policy
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General Tribal Council Meeting Stipend Payment Policy

Article I. Purpose and Policy

1-1. The purpose of this policy is to govern the payment of stipends for attendance at General Tribal Council meetings.

1-2. It is the policy of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin to pay eligible General Tribal Council members a stipend for attending a General Tribal Council meeting at which a quorum is established and maintained and where official Tribal business is conducted.¹

Article II. Adoption, Amendment, Repeal

2-1. This policy was adopted by the Oneida Business Committee by Resolution BC-12-07-07-A.

2-2. This policy may be amended pursuant to the procedures set out in the Oneida Administrative Procedures Act by the Oneida General Tribal Council.

2-3. Should a provision of this policy or the application thereof to any person or circumstances be held as invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this policy which are considered to have legal force without the invalid portions.

2-4. Any policy, regulation, rule, resolution or motion, or portion thereof, which directly conflicts with the provisions of this policy is hereby repealed to the extent that it is inconsistent with or is contrary to this policy.

2-5. This policy is adopted under authority of the Constitution of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

Article III. Definitions

3-1. This section shall govern the definitions of words and phrases used within this law. All words not defined herein shall be used in their ordinary and everyday sense.

(a) "General Tribal Council" or "GTC" means, for the purposes of this policy, those enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

(b) "GTC Registration Form" means the document provided to each person who signs in at a GTC meeting which contains personal information used to identify that person as a GTC member.

(c) "In line" shall mean those GTC members who are physically in the line which is set up for purposes of admittance into the meeting hall where the GTC meeting is held.

(d) "Tribe" or "Tribal" means the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

Article IV. Stipends

4-1. Any Tribal member who meets the requirements of 4-2 shall receive a \$100.00 stipend for attending a GTC meeting, if a quorum is established.

(a) If a quorum has not been established within fifteen (15) minutes after the published starting time, the meeting shall not be held and no stipend shall be paid.

¹August 11, 2007 GTC Directive: "Motion by Madelyn Genskow that a stipend of \$100 be paid to any General Tribal Council member who attends a GTC meeting and is eligible to vote and stays until the end of the meeting effective in calendar year 2008 and for all time, seconded by Nancy Skenandore."

4-2. In order to receive a stipend for attending a GTC meeting, a person shall:

- (a) be an enrolled Tribal member;
- (b) be twenty-one (21) years of age or older;
- (c) except as provided under (1), register no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the published starting time of the meeting by signing an official GTC Registration Form containing the member's name and enrollment number; and providing a valid Tribal or state issued picture identification.

(1) A person in line to register within fifteen (15) minutes after the published starting time of the meeting, may receive a stipend for attending a GTC meeting if he or she registers and meets the other requirements under this section.

- (d) be present for the entire meeting; and
- (e) provide a picture identification and sign out when the meeting ends.

(1) For the purposes of this policy, a meeting ends when the meeting is adjourned, the meeting is recessed to a later date, or a quorum is lost.

4-3. *Payment.* The stipend payment shall be made by check. Any fees associated with reissuing a check, including any stop payment fees, shall be deducted from a reissued check.

Article V. Enrollment Department Responsibilities

5-1. The Enrollment Department shall ensure that the following is done at each GTC meeting in order to ensure that eligible Tribal members receive a stipend for attending a GTC meeting:

- (a) Conduct sign in/out of GTC members verifying voter eligibility before and after each scheduled GTC Meeting.
- (b) Verify mailing address of each GTC member for mailing of stipends.
- (c) Identify all persons who are in line to register within fifteen (15) minutes after the published starting time of the meeting by handstamp, issuing a bracelet or other means of identification.

5-2. Enrollment Department officials shall be responsible for verifying the information provided on the official GTC registration form. An Oneida Tribal Identification Card or state issued identification card shall be required to verify the identity of the person registering.

5-3. The Enrollment Department shall send the names and addresses of GTC members who are eligible to receive a stipend to Accounting as soon as possible after the meeting.

Article VI. Accounting Department Responsibilities

6-1. The Accounting Department shall mail the stipend checks no later than fifteen (15) business days after a GTC meeting is held.

- (a) If a GTC member does not receive a stipend check after meeting the requirements of 4-2, he or she may contact the Enrollments Department to verify his or her eligibility to receive the stipend payment.

Article VII. Appeals

7-1. Any GTC member denied a stipend may file an appeal with the Oneida Appeals Commission, within thirty (30) days after the meeting for which the stipend was denied, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

End.