

# Morongo Education Services Department

## 2023/24 Morongo Descendant Scholarship Application Check List

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Completed Application-All information and questions answered (no blank areas)
- 2) Terms and Conditions Signed and Dated
- 3) Proof of Descendancy-Letter of Descendancy on file from Morongo Tribal Affairs Department
- 4) Official Transcripts: High School or GED and/or previous colleges attended
- 5) Signed Documentation of 60 Hours of completed Community Service
- 6) Letter of Acceptance from School
- 7) Academic or Vocational Study Plan filled out by the attending school's advisor
- 8) Essay Questions attached
  - Question 1 Essay
  - Question 2 Essay, either A or B
- 9) Proof of FAFSA application submission ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))

Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



## **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 every year if 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. The 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 \$50,000 in total funding for academic applicants and/or \$20,000 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 an academic scholarship, the applicant must be a full or part-time student at an accredited College or University. For a vocational scholarship, the 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 not have exhausted the allotted \$20,000 for vocational training and education.
8. Descendant children of Tribal members must reapply each year with updated forms (study plan, Transcripts & Terms, and conditions, etc.). 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 the release waiver section in the 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: \***

**1<sup>st</sup> DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> DEADLINE: October 31, 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> deadline only if funds are available subject to change yearly.**

\*All documents must be postmarked by the deadline of APRIL 30, 2024, or October 31, 2024, 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 application 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 951-572-6196.

**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) 572-6196 or (951)572-5252.





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

**PART I:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Soc Sec# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) Name & Roll# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

✓ *Please attach to this application a copy of your Tribal ID or (for descendants only) Descendant Verification Letter from the Morongo Tribal Affairs office.*

**Academic/Vocational School Information**

Enrolled in: [ ] Junior College [ ] Tribal College [ ] University [ ] Professional [ ] Vocational  
Class status: [ ] Freshman/1<sup>st</sup> Year [ ] Sophomore/2<sup>nd</sup> Year [ ] Junior/3<sup>rd</sup> Year [ ] Senior/4<sup>th</sup> Year  
[ ] Graduate/5<sup>th</sup> Year

Name of Academic or Vocational Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Years in College (Higher Education) or Vocational Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years at the above-marked institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Online Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/YYYY

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree currently pursuing:

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] AA/AS [ ] Certificate [ ] BA [ ] BS  
[ ] MA [ ] JD [ ] PHD [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Morongo Academic Scholarship Recipient: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

List previous schools attended:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School Degree Sought Degree Earned Dates Attended

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## **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, colleges 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 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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                           |       |              |

**The 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 the general education requirements? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If not, what courses does s/he need to complete?

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**Degree Major Requirements:**

Has this student declared a major? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, the student's major is \_\_\_\_\_ minor if declared: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Student's Proposed Study Plan:**

| <u>Fall Courses</u> | <u>Units</u> | <u>Spring Courses</u> | <u>Units</u> |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| _____               | _____        | _____                 | _____        |
| _____               | _____        | _____                 | _____        |
| _____               | _____        | _____                 | _____        |
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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|------------|-------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 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                           |       |              |

**The 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 not, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

The 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> |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| _____               | _____        | _____                 | _____        |
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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. Students 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 the 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 of part-time credit hours.
5. The following types 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 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 the 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 of 60-unit hours. Funding for *Non-Enrolled Children of Tribal Members* shall not exceed a total sum of \$50,000 total. *Non-enrolled children of Tribal Members* will only be eligible to receive *Morongo Vocational Scholarship* funding for a maximum of \$20,000 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 *Rodney T. Mathews, Jr. Memorial Academic or Vocational Scholarship* application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am awarded, I shall accept and abide by all the conditions stipulated in the aforementioned. I hereby permit the *Morongo Education Services Administrator* to request and receive copies of my academic grade reports and academic progress.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information contact: **Lilly Gutierrez**, Scholarship Coordinator at **951-572-6185**.