Tohono O'odham Nation
Minors Interest Distribution

Important Information:

When communicating with the Nation, including the Enrollment Office, Accounting Office, and Treasury Office, please have your Enrollment number available.

Please check the address on the letter that you received. If there are any corrections, please update your address with the Enrollment Office.

If you think someone has stolen your check, please contact your local law enforcement agency. Also, contact the Accounting Office at (520) 383-6600 to place a stop payment on the check.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What if my address has changed from the address on the letter?

   If your address has changed, please contact the Enrollment Office at (520) 383-8700 and the Accounting Office at (520) 383-6600. The Enrollment Office needs your current address for enrollment purposes, and the Accounting Office needs your address to identify where to send the check.

2. What do I do if I just turned 18, or will turn 18 shortly?

   If you are currently under age 18, in most cases your interest funds were sent to the minors trust accounts at Wells Fargo Bank. Contact the Enrollment Office to ensure that your records are updated (520) 383-8700 for when your turn 18 years old.

3. If I am an incarcerated member, can I have my interest payment sent to someone other than myself?

   In most cases, you cannot. The checks will be sent to your prison address.

4. I received a letter but have not received my check?

   The checks are currently scheduled to be mailed on March 5, 2010. Please allow until March 12, 2010 for your checks to be received before contacting the Accounting Office.

5. How was the interest determined or calculated?

   The Nation tracked the amount of interest earned on each account in total. It then allocated the interest on a pro-rata basis to a minor until he or she was paid their initial $2,000 per capita check. Interest was earned on the account from the inception to December 2009. Checks will be based on this amount for adults. For members still under age 18, their funds will be sent to Wells Fargo and will continue to earn interest until they reach age 18.

6. Regarding deceased members, how long does this process take before funds are received?

   If you are an heir of a deceased member, you will need to contact Enrollment Office and provide them with a death certificate of the deceased member (if the Office does not already have one on file for him or her). You will also need to provide them with court documents indicating that you are the heir to the deceased member.

7. If I am a member and did not receive a letter or an interest distribution check but I think I am eligible or due a check, what do I do?

   In most cases, you are eligible if you were under age 18 at the time of the first or second per capita distribution and met the eligibility dates of the first and second per capita. The eligibility date of the first per capita was June 26, 1997. The eligibility date of the second per capita was December 26, 1999. In other words, you would have had to be approved by Enrollment prior to these dates to meet eligibility. (Lastly, you may check with the Accounting Office if your address is correct.)

8. Forms of ID in order to cash check.

   Bank of America will require two forms of identification in order to cash your check. The Wells Fargo branch on Ajo and 16th St. in Tucson will also be able to cash your check.

9. What is the "Initiative"?

   The "Initiative" is a term used synonymously with the "first per capita".

10. For letters going to minors, what if parents/guardians want to know the exact amount of interest that is being sent to Wells Fargo?

    The interest amount is sensitive information; therefore, we will not be giving interest amounts over the phone.

11. Would the heir of a deceased member be taxed if they received a check on behalf of the deceased member?

    Yes, if an individual is receiving a check, an IRS form 1099-INT will be sent out to individuals receiving the checks next year.