

Questions answered about 2020 payments from Tribe: What is taxable and what is not, what is reportable

There have been questions about why the Siletz Tribe reported the \$1,200 stimulus payment on Tribal members' 1099s, as well as the payments received for filling out the COVID questionnaire. We have also heard that the federal government has said it is not going to tax the stimulus payments it sent out, so why did the Tribe show it as income to members, thus making it potentially taxable?

It was decided that the \$1,200 payment, sent out in June, needed to be reported on a 1099 for two reasons:

1. No application was required to receive the payment. The Tribe made the decision to send it to all Tribal members age 18 and over, regardless of income or employment status
2. Federal stimulus payments only went to taxpayers at or below certain income levels. They did not go out to **all** taxpayers.

Payments received for completing the COVID questionnaire were also included on 1099s because they were an incentive to complete the questionnaire. The purpose of the survey was to gather

information on how the pandemic was affecting Indian Country.

Once again, there was no "needs" test to determine eligibility to receive the payment. Complete the questionnaire and receive a payment, which varied depending on the number of Tribal members in the household.

These two payments differ completely from the other direct payments made to individuals from CARES Act funds. For those, an application was required in order to receive the payment. The Tribe determined that they fit under its General

Welfare Exclusion ordinance and therefore were not reportable as income to the Tribal member.

Finally, there is some confusion between "reportable" and "taxable" income. While the terms are similar, they are not the same thing.

"Reportable" simply means that the person or organization making the payment is required to report that payment to both the recipient and the IRS. Income that is reported may, in fact, be "taxable" income, but that depends entirely on each taxpayer's individual situation.

2021 College Students Summer Internship Program deadline approaching

Students attending college can now apply for the Tribe's 2021 College Students Summer Internship Program. To be eligible, you must be at least a half-time student attending a two-year or four-year college and in good academic standing.

Applications will be mailed to known students, but if you do not receive an application, please contact Assistant General Manager Lisa Norton or the education specialist at any Tribal area office to request an application.

This program helps Tribal students identify internship placements to gain work experience in their field of study. Up to 10 slots are available for 2021.

Students can work up to 360 hours at Tribal minimum wage and can be placed within or outside of the Tribe. The COVID-19 pandemic may require internships to look a little different this year, so please be patient as we navigate this together.

Students selected for the program must complete an orientation, criminal history

background check and drug screening (Note: The Tribe does not recognize Oregon laws allowing the use of medical or recreational marijuana).

Placements can begin in June, but must be completed by Sept. 30, 2021.

Students should send a completed application and an unofficial copy of transcripts to:

By Mail

CTSI

Attn: College Internship Program

P.O. Box 549

Siletz, OR 97380-0549

By Fax

541-444-2307

By Email

collegeinterns@ctsi.nsn.us

Deadline for applications to be received at the Siletz Tribal administration building is **4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2021.**

For more information about the Siletz Tribal language program, please visit siletzlanguage.org.

Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors Vacancies

Résumés are being accepted for the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors. Currently, there are two vacant board positions.

If interested, please submit your résumé to Siletz Tribal Council, c/o Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Vacancies are open until filled.



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