

## **Johnson O'Malley (JOM)**

### **Examples of Allowable and Unallowable Costs**

The Johnson O'Malley (JOM) funds are designed to meet the specialized and unique educational needs of eligible Native American children where such funding is necessary to maintain established State educational standards. JOM funds are supplemental education funds and cannot supplant State, Federal or local funding. When deciding whether a cost is allowable under JOM, consider these questions:

- Is this cost related to an eligible JOM student's unique and specialized need? If **all** students have this need, another source of funding should be provided by the school or Tribe.
- Is this cost an academic need? JOM funds are for academic support only. JOM funds cannot be used for Social Emotional Learning (SEL).
- Is this need funded by another program (nutrition, special needs, COVID, etc)? JOM cannot supplant (take the place of) other funding.

Budget items must be approved by the Indian Education Committee based on the student needs assessment and the associated education plan. JOM funds can be used for JOM staff, eligible students, and IEC members.

### **EXAMPLES OF ALLOWABLE COSTS**

You can use JOM funding for a variety of items to help students stay in school and increase their chance of academic success.

- Academic Assistance – Tutors, Aides, Academic counseling, Head Start/Kindergarten Enrichment. JOM cannot be used for mental health or Social Emotional Learning (SEL).
- Family Liaison – Personnel, normally someone from within the community, employed to assist the school, parents and students with school related issues such as attendance, grades or other problems.
- Indian Education Committee (IEC) – Member participation in training, conferences, educational workshops, attendance incentives, meeting items.
- Culture Enrichment – Culture projects in the form of art, music, literature, history for Native American heritage, field trips, guest speakers, tribal language support, culture day celebrations and community resources.
- Professional development – Training, Conference registration & travel costs.

- Distance learning – laptops, hotspots, prepaid data/internet support, kindles, tablets.
- Fees and dues - registration, summer school, activities, athletic, testing, field trip, clubs, mandatory participation items (school identification), technology
- Printing & Mailings – flyers, invitations, learning packets.
- Student recognition - perfect attendance, grades, character awards.
- School Supplies (backpacks, paper, pens/pencils, calculators)
- Activity materials (culture crafts, learning activities)
- Events
- Incentives (certificates, gift cards)
- Internet Access (mobile hotspots, prepaid data cards)
- Snacks (Parent Committee Meetings, Student programs, Banquets)
- Supplies (Projects, IEC meetings, Instruction)
- Eyeglasses
- Music Instrument rental

The Indian Education Committee should prioritize the budget to support the most students with the greatest academic needs.

### EXAMPLES OF UNALLOWABLE COSTS

JOM funds are to be used to provide educational benefits only. The JOM application must identify how a budget item assists a student in achieving academic improvement. JOM funding cannot be used for the following items:

- Capital Expenditures
- Drivers Education
- Social Services
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Decorations
- Class rings
- Yearbooks
- Class pictures/Portrait packages
- College class tuition
- Any item funded by another funding source. For example, nutrition funds for school lunch
- Any items provided by the school/tribe to all students. For example, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

This list is subject to change. Please contact the Arizona Department of Education, Office of Indian Education, if you have any questions.