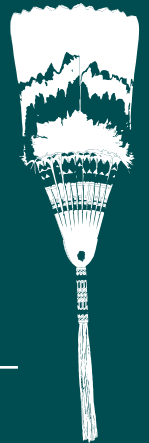

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TRIBAL BURIAL RESOURCE GUIDE



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Introduction

The Oklahoma Tribal Burial Assistance Guide has been designed to help your funeral home and the American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) families with whom you work receive information on burial benefits. Information on available tribal burial assistance programs and services is important to families seeking financial assistance, culturally relevant information, and related resources during the process of laying a loved one to rest.

Tribal burial assistance programs help offset the impact and cost of the final disposition process. These services can include but are not limited to the following:

- Burial cost assistance
- Funeral cost assistance
- Food programs

Oklahoma is rich in Native culture. There are 39 federally recognized tribes, each with its own distinct traditions, foods, dances, and spiritual practices. It is essential for professionals to understand how to provide culturally appropriate services to the AI/AN community and their clients. Information on available tribal burial assistance programs and services is important to families seeking financial assistance, culturally relevant information, and related resources while they are in the process of laying a loved one to rest.

Note: These services vary by tribe. It is recommended that tribal affiliation be identified and assistance verified with the respective tribe.

How to Use

This resource guide includes the names, numbers, website links, and other relevant contact information for tribes offering assistance. This offers a simple way to provide information about the support available to the AI/AN families you serve.

- This guide is comprised of tribes in Oklahoma that have an active burial assistance programs, listed alphabetically for navigation. After determining the tribal affiliation(s) of the family with whom you are working, search for the corresponding tribe in the document.
- Visit the website or contact the tribe about available assistance and resources for families.
- Begin the applications to initiate any tribal benefits that are available for the family and to offset the costs associated with funeral-related services.
- Double-check the eligibility criteria of the decedent and their loved ones.

TIP: Do not hesitate to ask whether your clients are of AI/AN descent, as there may be many available benefits that can and help them through the final disposition process.



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Tribal Burial Assistance Programs

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

AST Social Services Department
2025 S Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 275-4030

awilson@astribe.com 

<https://www.astribe.com/social-services> 

Absentee Shawnee tribal members are eligible to receive financial assistance for costs incurred in connection with the funeral and/or burial services of the named deceased. Adoption and other singular traditional ceremonies from other tribes will not be recognized as payment.

Caddo Nation

Caddo Nation Enrollment/Burial Department
PO Box 487
Binger, OK 73009
(405) 656-2344

enrollment@mycaddonation.com 

[Burial Assistance \(mycaddonation.com\)](http://mycaddonation.com) 

The Caddo Nation of Oklahoma requires the burial assistance application to be completed by the person responsible for the burial arrangements of the decedent and then submitted to the burial assistance program. Burial benefits are up to \$2,000 for tribal citizens.

Cherokee Nation

17675 S Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 453-5422


Human_services@cherokee.org 

[Cherokee Nation](#) 

Cherokee Nation tribal members are eligible for a burial assistance grant that will pay the funeral home directly, up to \$3,500 toward the final balance of burial expenses

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Burial Program Department
100 Red Moon Circle
PO Box 134
Concho, OK 73022
(405) 422-7601

[Burial Program | Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes \(cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov\)](http://cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov) 

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' burial program offers financial assistance for meals, transportation, funeral services, and headstones (\$500.00). The burial staff is also available to help with arrangements and guidance throughout the application process. Age 12 and over up to \$7,000 Infant to age 11 up to \$2,500

Chickasaw Nation

Area offices can be found in the following cities:

231 Seabrook Rd
PO Box 1548
Ada, OK 74820
(580) 436-7256

949 Locust
Ardmore, OK 73401
(580) 226-4821

1819 West Plato Road
Duncan, OK 73533
(580) 470-2131

20118 South Indian Meridian Road
Pauls Valley, OK 73075
(405) 207-9883

1430 Hardcastle Boulevard
Purcell, OK 73080
(405) 527-4973

4970 West Highway 7
PO Box 538
Sulphur, OK 73086
(580) 622-2888

815 East 6th Street
PO Box 192
Tishomingo, OK 73460
(580) 371-9512

4001 North Lincoln
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-5206
(405) 767-8971

[Chickasaw Burial Assistance Programs](#) 

The Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma offers two burial assistance programs designed to relieve or eliminate the financial hardship associated with traditional funeral costs for low-income families.

Choctaw Nation

1802 Chukka Hinna
Durant, OK 74702
(580) 920-3133

[Burial Program \(choctawnation.com\)](#) 

Choctaw Nation tribal members are eligible for a burial assistance program that will pay a specific portion of costs directly to the funeral home. The Choctaw Nation staff will work directly with the funeral home to help lessen the burden during the difficult time.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation

1601 S Gordon Cooper Dr
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 275-3121

[Citizen Potawatomi Nation - People of the Place of the Fire](#) 

Enrolled members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation may be eligible to receive a burial insurance payment to assist with the cost of funeral services. The amount will be determined by the tribal roll's office.

Comanche Nation

2701 SW J Ave
Lawton, OK 73505
(580) 351-0045

[Social Services | Comanche Nation](#) 

Comanche Nation tribal members are eligible to enroll in a burial assistance program that pays directly to the funeral home. These payments are for charges related to professional services, the casket or other receptacle, and the outer burial container.

Delaware Nation

PO Box 825
Anadarko, OK 73005
(405) 247-2448

[Burial Assistance Program | Delaware Nation \(delawarenation-nsn.gov\)](#) 

The Delaware Nation provides burial assistance for enrolled tribal citizens (who are not enrolled in any other tribe) up to \$10,000 for burial expenses (\$500.00 for food) and/or the monument. A separate program is prepaid burial assistance that is available to tribal citizens 60 and over who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFIT CLAIM FORM
10100 S. Bluejacket Rd. Suite 1
Wyandotte, OK 74370
(918) 666-7710

<https://estoo-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2024/02/Benefit-Claim-Form-2023.pdf> 

The Eastern Shawnee tribe offers burial assistance up to \$10,000 for eligible tribal members.

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

335588 E 750 Rd
Perkins, OK 74059
(405) 547-2402

tribalassistance@iowanation.org 
<https://iowanation.org/native-services/tribal-assistance-program/> 

Enrolled citizens of the Iowa Tribe are eligible to qualify for the Tribal Assistance Program. Funeral Home - \$7,500.00 | Family - \$1,500.00 | Infants Funeral Home - \$1,500.00.

Kaw Nation

PO Box 50

Kaw City, OK 74641

(580) 269-1159

<https://www.kawnation.gov/burial-assistance-application/> 


The Kaw Nation has established a burial and headstone assistance program for eligible members. The maximum amount paid for burial assistance is \$5,000, and the maximum amount paid on a headstone is \$500. Tribal members may use any monument company. Any amount over \$500 will be the responsibility of the family.

Kialegee Tribal Town

PO Box 332

Wetumka, OK 74883

(405) 452-3413

<https://kialegeetribal.yourwebsitespace.com/index.html> 


The Kialegee Tribal Town funeral assistance program provides up to \$200 to help with the cost of the burial process. The deceased must be an enrolled member with Kialegee Tribal Town at the time of the death or the family member of a deceased tribal member.

Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma

PO Box 70

McCloud, OK 74851

(405) 964-5418

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/60537f312b9e3a557fca2b4ft/638790b7b2358d53c7e56322/1669828791227/FED+GA+APP+for+Burial.pdf> 

The Kickapoo Tribe has authorized a funeral cost allowance of \$5,000 for tribal members. Depending on the type of funeral to be held, the amount of the check request will vary. For instance, the family usually requests a portion of the total amount of \$500 if a traditional Kickapoo funeral is held and the remainder will be used for tribal adoption later, usually within 4 years.

Kiowa Tribe

806 Wynan Court

Anadarko, OK 73005

(405) 247-0848

SS@kiowatribe.org 

<https://www.kiowatribe.org/department/social-services> 

The Kiowa Tribe's funeral assistance program is available for eligible enrolled Kiowa tribal members. It is the family's responsibility to provide a copy of the deceased's tribal certificate of degree of Indian blood. Requests for burial assistance will not be processed for payment until all documentation is received from the funeral home. Professional funeral services - \$8000.00 Headstone - \$1000.00 | Flowers - \$250.00 | Meal Assistance - \$300.00

Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

3410 P Street
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 541-1324

[Miami Nation Death Benefits](#) 

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma provides financial assistance to tribal members in the amount of \$3,500 as a death benefit. Claims for the death benefit must be submitted within twelve months of the date of death on the death certificate.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Area offices can be found in the following cities:


Okmulgee location:

2971 N Wood Dr
PO Box 580
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 549-2445

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Tulsa location:



6711 S Yale Ave
Suite 106
Tulsa, OK 74136
(918) 549-2484

.....
Wetumka location:

333 S Washita
Wetumka, OK 74883
<https://www.muscogeenation.com/department-of-community-and-human-services/social-services/tribal-burial-and-support-programs/> 

The Muscogee Creek Nation offers burial assistance up to \$7,000 and funeral assistance for food up to \$500. Food vouchers or food expense(\$750.00) reimbursements will be issued to the responsible party. In the event the funeral cost is less than \$4,500, the funeral home or cemetery shall receive the actual cost. Payments will be made directly to funeral homes or cemeteries.

Osage Nation

239 W. 12th St
Pawhuska, OK 74056
(918) 287-5662
constituentservices@osagenation-nsn.gov 
<https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/services/constituent-services/burial-assistance> 

The Osage Nation has established a constituent services program that is aimed at providing support and easing the financial burden upon the death of a member of the Osage Nation, regardless of residence. Each enrolled member is eligible for up to \$8,000 to help with cremation, cemetery monuments, or payment for flowers, a reception, meals, and/or blankets.

Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma

PO Box 110
Miami, OK 74355
(918) 540-1536
<https://www.ottawatribes.org/death.benefits.html> 

The Ottawa Tribe provides a death benefit to help with the cost of tribal members' funeral expenses. The benefit is meant to help offset or reimburse the costs. The final amount will be determined by the tribe.

Pawnee Nation

361 Clinic Road
PO Box 470
Pawnee, OK 74058
(918) 762-2273

<https://pawneenation.org/burial-services/> 

The Pawnee Nation has established a burial assistance program for eligible members. The maximum amount paid for burial assistance is \$2,000, which will be payable to the funeral home, and \$500 for any immediate needs.

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

PO Box 1527
Miami, OK 74355
(918) 540-2535

<https://peoriatribe.com/burial/> 

The Peoria Tribal Burial Program death benefits are set at a maximum of \$10,000. All burial assistance applications must be completed and returned with an original death certificate no later than 90 days from the date of death.

Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

20 White Eagle Drive
Ponca City, OK 74601
(580) 762-8104

[Ponca Tribe Ponca Tribe](#) 

The Ponca Tribe has established a burial assistance program for eligible members. The maximum amount paid for burial assistance will be determined by the board.

Quapaw Nation

PO Box 765
Quapaw, OK 74363
(888) 642-4724

[Quapaw Tribe Burial Assistance](#) 

The Quapaw Nation's benefit will be paid directly to the funeral home to offset any funeral service expenses. In the unfortunate event of an infant's death, please contact the Quapaw Nation Social Services Committee. Burial benefits must be applied for within 12 months of the date of death. Burial Assistance - \$3,000.00 | End of Life - \$10,000.00 | Infant Death - Contact Social Services for more information.

Sac and Fox Nation

Route 2, Box 246
Stroud, OK 74079
(918) 968-3526

<https://www.sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov/departments/human-services/> 

The Sac and Fox Nation's burial assistance is paid directly to a vendor to defray some costs incurred due to the death of an eligible tribal member. Please contact the social services office for more information.

Seneca-Cayuga Nation

23701 S 655 Rd
Grove, OK 74344
(918) 787-5452

benefits@sctribe.com 

<https://sctribe.com/benefits/bereavement> 

The Seneca-Cayuga Nation has established a burial assistance fund that is available to enrolled citizens. The amount of assistance will be determined by the tribe. The claim must be filed within six months of death and must be accompanied by a tribal membership card, funeral home invoice, and obituary.

Shawnee Tribe

PO Box 189
Miami, OK 74355
(918) 542-2441

<https://shawnee-nsn.gov/burial/> 

The Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has established a burial and headstone assistance program for eligible members. The maximum amount paid for burial assistance \$5,000.00.

Tonkawa Tribe

1 Rush Buffalo Rd
Tonkawa, OK 74653 5
(800) 628-2561

<https://tonkawatribe.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/burial.pdf> 

The Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma's Burial Assistance program is designed to help defray the costs for tribal members as they lay their loved ones to rest. The maximum amount of burial assistance is \$5,000, and funds will be paid to the funeral home.

Wyandotte Nation

64700 E Hwy 60

Wyandotte, OK 74370

(800) 256-2539

[Burial Assistance Program - Wyandotte Nation
\(wyandotte-nation.org\)](https://www.wyandotte-nation.org) 

The Wyandotte Nation offers up to \$3,000 in financial assistance toward the burial expenses of a tribal citizen. The application must be submitted within 90 days of the death. A death certificate and itemized funeral bill are required.

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Programs

Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town (AQTT)

101 E Broadway
Wetumka, OK 74883
(405) 452-3987

<https://www.alabama-quassarte.com/> 

- Children and Family Services Indian Child Welfare assists families in crisis.
- Housing and Transportation Housing Assistance assists with utility bills or deposits and rent.
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). This program provides assistance with heating and cooling utility bills.
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program (PSSF). This program provides utility bill assistance for families with children.

Apache Tribe of Oklahoma

PO Box 1220
Anadarko, OK 73005
(405) 247-9493

[Apache Tribe of Oklahoma Burial Program – Apache Tribe of Oklahoma](#) 

Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma

5100 Tuxedo Boulevard
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 337-6590

[Delaware Tribe](#) 

- Aging/Elder Services Division on Aging - The Division on Aging program provides nutrition and health education, along with supportive services for elders.
- Children and Family Services - The Children and Family Services provides assistance with clothing, food, utilities, health care, education, childcare, burial, and community services through a block grant program.
- Educational Assistance - The Educational Assistance includes school supply vouchers, education assistance, athletic application assistance, academic achievement awards, and driver's education assistance.
- Higher Education Programs - The Higher Education programs include a Pell ineligible incentive program, college financial assistance program, Lenape wise program, Lenape wik-a-wam program, adult vocational program, and trust fund higher education scholarship.
- Vocational Rehabilitation - The vocational rehabilitation programs assist Native Americans with disabilities in finding employment and

educational opportunities. Rehabilitation needs include counseling, guidance services, assistive devices, mental restoration, physical restoration, evaluations, and vocational training.

- **Health Services Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDIP)** - This program assists with diabetic supplies, eyeglasses, therapeutic shoes, and dentures.
- **Housing and Transportation Assistance** - Assists those with housing and homebuyer education needs, along with transportation.

Fort Sill Apache Tribe

43187 US Hwy 281

Apache, OK 73006

(580) 588-2298

[Fort Sill Apache](#) 

- **Aging/Elder Services Senior Services**
Provides meals and general assistance to elders.
- **Children and Family Services Caregiver Assistance** - Provides education and support services for individuals who are taking care of their loved ones.
- **Childcare Assistance** - Provides day care assistance for eligible tribal members.
- **Clothing Stipend** - This stipend provides

assistance with clothing for children and for children ages 18 and younger.

- **Family Violence Prevention Program**
Assistance for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.
- **Indian Child Welfare** - Helps children and families who are involved in the tribal or state child welfare system.
- **Social Services** - General assistance and energy assistance. Call for eligibility requirements.
- **Education and Employment** - Education assistance for higher education and vocational education.
- **Job Placement and Training** - Assistance with job training and placement. Call for eligibility requirements.
- **Health Services** - A community health representative (CHR) provides transportation to hospitals and medical appointments along with delivery of medications to any tribal member living within the service area. Call for eligibility requirements.
- **Housing and Transportation** - Housing Assistance with tribe-built homes.

Modoc Nation

515 G St, SE
Miami, OK 74354

(918) 542-1190


[Modoc Nation](#) 

- **Children and Family Services** - Childcare and Development Program.
- **Family Preservation Services** - School-related services for K-12 students includes \$500 for clothing twice a year, special education, tutoring services, and classroom materials.
- **Education and Employment** - This program includes services that tend to special needs services, tutors, equipment, learning services and help with employment.
- **Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids** - This program provides assistance of \$250 per fiscal year per Modoc tribal member.

Otoe-Missouria Tribe

8151 Highway 177
Red Rock, OK 74651

(580) 723-4466

[OM Tribe Financial Assistance OM Tribal Assistance](#) 

- **Tribal Assistance Program** - The Tribal Assistance Program is designed to help enrolled members of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe with any unmet needs, up to a maximum allowance of \$250.

Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

PO Box 1498
Wewoka, OK 74884

(405) 257-7200

[Seminole Nation](#) 

- **Aging/Elder Services Older Americans Program**
- **Children and Family Services**
- **Domestic Violence** - Offering services to both Native and nonnative victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or dating violence.
- **Family Services** - Offers assistance to low-income households or tribal households experiencing temporary hardship by utilizing both federal and tribal funds.
- **Food Distribution** - Federal program that provides commodity foods to low-income households, including the elderly, those living on Indian reservations, and Native American families residing in designated areas near reservations and in Oklahoma.

Thlopthlocco Tribal Town

PO Box 188

Okemah, OK 74859

(918) 560-6198

[TT Town Tribal Services](#) 

- **Elder Program** - Assists individuals aged 65 or older with needs. Call for requirements and eligibility criteria. Assists individuals aged 65 or older with needs. Call for requirements and eligibility criteria.
- **Burial Assistance Program** - Assists individuals with burial costs. Call for requirements and eligibility criteria.
- **Childcare Development Funds** - Assists with childcare costs. Call for requirements and eligibility criteria.
- **Indian Child Welfare** - Assists families during emergencies regarding an current Indian child's current welfare court case, family stabilization, or acute medical expenses.
- **Legal Rights Fund** - Assists individuals with legal costs. Call for requirements and eligibility criteria.

- **Safe and Stable Families Program** - During emergencies, this program helps families obtain family stabilization and offers assistance with costs related to acute medical expenses. Assistance is given on a case-by-case basis. Safe and Stable Families Program.
- **Education and Employment Support Program** - Assists children from kindergarten through 12th grade with school clothing and supplies and assists high school seniors with related costs.
- **Higher Education Program** - Assistance for full-time and part-time higher education.
- **Housing and Transportation Tribal Utility Assistance** - Assists individuals with utilities, and transportation needs.
- **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** - Assists individuals with heating and cooling costs and emergency assistance.
- **CITGO Energy** - Assists individuals with heating assistance.
- **Motor Fuels Program** - Assists individuals with medical, dental, or vision expenses.

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma

PO Box 746

Tahlequah, OK 74465

(918) 456-9200

[Keetoowah Cherokee](#) 

- **Childcare** - Provides childcare related services to families in need.
- **Health and Human Services** - Provides utility assistance to low-income families; medical, vision, dental, emergency medical travel, burial, and medical disability assistance; and crisis intervention assistance. Priority is given to elderly tribal members aged 55 years and up.
- **Indian Child Welfare**
- **Keetoowah Cherokee Environmental Protection Agency** - Water-testing services, environmental education, and awareness seminars. Monitors local water bodies to protect the quality of the water sources.
- **Tribal Victims Assistance** - Counseling and advocating for victims of violent crimes. Designed to provide and promote safe and stable living conditions. Available to tribal members and their children.
- **Education and Employment Assistance** - Services include tuition assistance for college and technical students, high school expenses, and elementary education expenses. Financial

assistance is available exclusively to tribal members. Call for eligibility details.

- **Housing and Transportation** - Assistance includes emergency rehab, rental assistance, mortgage assistance, and home ownership assistance.

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes

PO Box 729

Anadarko, OK 73005

(405) 247-2425

[Wichita Tribe](#) 

- **Childcare Services** - Program provides childcare assistance to families residing in Caddo, Grady, Wichita, and Comanche (Lawton only) counties. Call for program eligibility requirements.
- **Family Violence Prevention** - Assists families and individuals with establishing a safe environment by providing assistance with shelter, relocation, transportation, and essential items. Referrals provided for individual counseling and/or legal counseling to obtain emotional and mental support. Program cannot discriminate against nontribal members.

- **Juvenile Services Program (JSP)** - Provides preventative services to enrolled Wichita youth who are considered at risk of entering the juvenile justice system and who have not yet exceeded 18 years of age.
- **Promoting Safe and Stable Families**
Provides at-risk families, with various types of services, such as referrals for counseling and assistance in crisis situations.
- **Social Services Programs**
 - **Tribal Victim's Assistance Program** - Assists tribal victims of domestic violence, survivors of homicide, elder abuse, and gang violence, victims of drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse, burglary, and needs based services. Available to tribes within the service area: Kiowa, Apache, Comanche, Delaware, Wichita, Caddo, and Ft. Sill Apache.
 - **Health Services** - Assistance with eyeglasses, prescriptions, and operation maintenance (plumbing and water testing).
 - **Mental Health and Chemical Dependency**
Chemical dependency services are provided by the program counselor, and mental health services are provided by referral to a qualified mental health professional.



9705 N Broadway Extension, Oklahoma City, OK 73114

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