

IN YOUR TIME OF NEED...

No one is ever ready to lose a loved one nor are they prepared for their own passing, but being prepared can help reduce the stress and discomfort that your loved ones will endure during this difficult time.

IMPORTANT STEPS TO TAKE

- Contact funeral home to know what your options are.
- Take care of funeral arrangements in advance if possible.
- Have a list of whom to notify.

DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE NEEDED

Health Records	Military Papers
Insurance Policies	DD214
Living Will	Marriage Certificate
Birth Certificate	Social Security Card
Citizenship Record	

QUESTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS

- What kind of service do you want?
- What can you afford and what is realistic?
- What will help the family the most?
- Have you or the family member been receiving Social Security?
- Do you have a living will?



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Emergency Assistance | 800-522-6170
LIHEAP | 800-522-6170
Patient Relations | 580-924-9704

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TRIBAL BURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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TRIBAL BURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (UP TO \$2500)

The Tribal Burial Program provides assistance to families of deceased Choctaw tribal members who live within the United States. This program is intended to alleviate the financial hardship and burden associated with funeral, burial or cremation costs for families with few or no resources. All applicants must meet the guideline requirements below to be eligible for funeral services.

TRIBAL BURIAL GUIDELINES

- Applicants must notify the Tribal Burial Program at time of death.
- The application must be received within 30 days of passing.
- Applicants must provide the following:
 - Copy of the deceased member's Choctaw CDIB and tribal membership card (verified thru our membership department)
 - Copy of the deceased member's Social Security card
 - Finalized, official copy of the death certificate (not pending)
 - Itemized billing statement (invoice) and current W-9 statement from vendor
- This is not an entitlement program, and reimbursements are not allowed.

Services will be denied if resources are available or paid in full.

TRIBAL BURIAL SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM (UP TO \$500)

The Tribal Burial Supplemental Program provides additional assistance for families of deceased tribal members who live within the United States. It is intended to alleviate some financial hardships and burdens associated with funeral costs, such as third-party expenses (headstone or marker, vault, cemetery plots, grave open and closing, flowers, airfare, cultural or other needs as identified and approved prior to services and not covered by other resources).

SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES

- The deceased must be a U.S. resident who passed away after October 1, 2022.
- Applicants must notify our office no more than 30 days after death.
- Applicants must provide the following:
 - Copy of the deceased member's Choctaw CDIB and tribal membership card (verified thru our membership department)
 - Copy of the deceased member's Social Security card
 - Finalized, official copy of the death certificate (not pending)
 - Itemized billing statement (invoice) and current W-9 statement from vendor
- The vendor(s) will be paid directly.
- This is not an entitlement program, and reimbursements are not allowed. Services will be denied if resources are available or paid in full.
- This benefit can be used as a standalone or in-addition to the tribal burial program but cannot be used with the BIA program.

BIA BURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Choctaw Nation is authorized to use Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Burial Assistance funding when applicable. This program is intended for families who have no resources available to them. Funeral homes are obligated to accept these funds as payment in full for services rendered. Services are limited and cannot be altered in any way.

BIA GUIDELINES

The deceased must:

- Have lived within the Choctaw Nation service area at least six months prior to death
- Be a member of any federally recognized tribe, verified by an active tribal membership card or letter, CDIB card and social security card
- Be indigent, with no other resources available (insurance, veteran's benefits, cash over \$1,000, saving accounts, IIM account monies, victim assistance program or other state and federal assistance programs, etc.)
- Applicants may be asked to provide any or all of the following verification documents:
 - Income or pay stubs
 - Savings accounts
 - Bank statements
 - Award letters
 - Copy of certified death certificate
 - Address verification
 - Benefit checks
 - Other documents as needed
- Applications can be filed up to 180 days after death.
- This program cannot be used in conjunction with other tribal burial