

**MIAMI TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA**  
**DEATH BENEFIT DISBURSEMENT POLICY**

As a benefit for tribal members, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma provides a death benefit in the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for each tribal member to assist with funeral expenses at the time of death.

Each tribal member should consider to what entity or to whom this benefit shall be paid, complete the MTOK Member Death Benefit Disbursement Form (available on the MOTK website) and submit said form to the MTOK Enrollment Officer to maintain on file.

The Death Benefit Disbursement Form allows for tribal members to list, in priority interest, the entity or individual to pay the death benefit to offset funeral expense upon the death of the tribal member. The most recently dated form shall be honored by the Tribe when considering payment.

In the event the Tribe does not have a valid Miami Tribal Member Death Benefit Disbursement Form on file at the time of death of a tribal member, the Tribe shall distribute the death benefit according to the following policy.

1. To the business entity that provides funeral services with submission of a death certificate and valid invoice for unpaid services.
2. To the payee of funeral expenses with sufficient proof of payment for funeral expenses.
3. If no costs are submitted, and the tribal member dies with a legal spouse, the death benefit shall be paid to the legal spouse.
4. If the tribal member dies with no legal spouse but has children, the death benefit shall be paid to the oldest living child of the tribal member at the time of death of the tribal member.
5. If the tribal member dies with no legal spouse or children, the death benefit shall be paid to the Miami parent of the deceased tribal member who is alive at the time of the tribal member's death. If the Miami parent is deceased, the death benefit shall then be paid to the non-Miami parent of the tribal member.
6. If the tribal member dies with no living legal spouse, children, or parents, the death benefit shall be paid to the oldest living sibling of the tribal member.
7. If the tribal member dies with no living legal spouse, children parents, or siblings, the death benefit shall be paid to the oldest living tribal member aunt or uncle.
8. If the tribal member dies with no living legal spouse, children, parents, siblings, tribal member aunts or uncles, the death benefit shall be paid to the oldest living tribal member niece or nephews.

Note: The Tribe shall only issue more than one check for the death benefit payment if funeral services costs do not total the death benefit amount.

The Tribe urges each member to consider to what entity or individual they wish to Death Benefit be paid to assist with funeral expenses, to complete the Miami Tribal Member Death Benefit Disbursement Form and submit the form to the MTOK Enrollment Office to allow for payment of the benefit per a tribal member's wishes.