

NEW JOHNSON O'MALLEY PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA UPDATE

The Nooksack Tribal Council has accepted the changes in the JOM student eligibility criteria. The Bureau of Indian Education has given a new interpretation of who is eligible for JOM benefits as:

- 1) Any student who is an enrolled member of a Federally recognized tribe, or
- 2) A student who is not a member of a federally recognized tribe or does not possess $\frac{1}{4}$ Indian blood degree – can be determined JOM eligible if the student is able to provide documentation that links the student to at least one parent or grandparent (living or deceased) who is a member of a federally recognized tribe, or
- 3) A student who has blood quantum calculations that include blood from differently federally recognized tribes to ensure an inclusive interpretation of the JOM eligibility criteria

A student between the ages of 3 through grade 12, enrolled in public schools, except those enrolled in Bureau of sectarian operated schools are eligible for JOM Services.

For further information of eligibility criteria or allowable costs and services or questions please contact NIT Education Department at education@nooksack-nsn.gov or call 360 966 2043

You may also visit the Tribal web page for an application for services. Click on the Education tab, Education Resources to find the Johnson O'Malley Application.