

Mission Statement: To be of service to the families of the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana. To assist families and provide guidance regarding the Minors' Trust Program. To aid members in protecting and preserving those assets generated from tribal gaming operations.

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Tunica-Biloxi Minors Trust Office Announces Online Financial Education Modules for Elementary & High School Students, College and Adult Level Programming Available to All Tribal Members

Marksville, La. (June 30, 2022) – The Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe's Minors Trust Office is announcing the release for access by member beneficiaries of online Financial Education Modules for various age groups: elementary, secondary, college and adult level learning options.

In conjunction with Graystone Consulting, a division of Morgan Stanley, the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe has worked to bring this new opportunity into the homes of tribal members and families. Online education methodology has become an acceptable norm over the last few years with the onset of the worldwide pandemic situation. Families and their youngsters have been introduced to multiple formats of online learning for traditional educational topics. Now, tribal members can easily access simple, engaging, and interactive lessons centered on developing a working knowledge of financial literacy, decision making and management responsibilities from the grade school level all the way up to adulthood.

The program begins with a pre-session survey of existing financial knowledge—quick and easy to complete. It also features an option to 'contact your advisor' putting members into direct contact with Graystone's representative to answer members' questions or to make suggestions and recommendations relating to the modules. Additionally, older students and adults are prompted to develop an 'action plan' that enables their immediate creation of a plan for the future by starting to set goals and habits now in order to reach their long term financial objectives.

Modules for the grammar school level children are lively, vivid, and engaging, and help to maintain their attention to the material as the lessons unfold. It is so easy and such a great way for parents and children to spend quality 'learning' time together!!

And remember, tribal trust beneficiaries are obligated to complete these modules over time in order to access their trust assets when they turn 18, 19, 20 and 21 years of age. So, start now

establishing these educational habits to help your young ones develop good foundations for money management and financial stability.

The Minors Trust office will continue to work with Graystone and other advisory resources to develop programming in other online formats. As those become available, notices will be sent out to tribal families.

Click this link to get started with Graystone's Financial Literacy Modules!!

https://platform.everfi.net/personal_wealth/registration?token=0xb38Lp1eYF_2wYsNXCrYA

If you have any issues in accessing the site, please let the Trust Office know asap so we can get you the technical help you may need.

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About the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe

The Tunica-Biloxi people first appeared in the Mississippi Valley. In the late 1700s, they settled near Marksville, where they were skilled traders and entrepreneurs. Today, the Tribe has more than 1,200 members throughout the United States, primarily in Louisiana, Texas and Illinois.

The Tunica-Biloxi Tribe received federal recognition in 1981 for its reservation within the boundaries of Louisiana. The tribe owns and operates the Paragon Casino Resort, the largest employer in Central Louisiana. Through its compact, negotiated by the late Tribal Chairman Earl J. Barbry, Sr. and the State of Louisiana, the Tribe has been able to assist local governments in the area with its quarterly distribution of funds, totaling more than \$40 million over two decades.