

## **What is JOM?**

**Years ago, JOM was funded to provide operational support in which schools used funds to buy buses, school equipment, and more. The JOM program was redesigned to be a supplementary program instead of basic support program to provide special services to “meet the unique specialized needs of Indian children attending public schools”. JOM funds are supplementary and are not intended to take the place of federal, state, or local funds.**

## **How does the JOM program work?**

**To receive contract funds, a state, a school district, an Indian tribe, or an Indian corporation may contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Broad general regulations outline the requirements for the contract, allowing the programs to be developed to meet local needs and differences. JOM programs have been operated since 1995 under the student count freeze and since no new JOM programs have been awarded contracts.**

## **Eligible Applicants:**

**a) Any state, school district, tribal organization or Indian corporation is eligible to apply for contracts for supplemental or operational support programs. For the purposes of this part, previously private schools as defined in S273.2 (n) are considered tribal organizations.**

**b) States, school districts, or Indian corporations shall apply for contracts for supplemental or operational support programs as required in this part.**

**c) Tribal organizations must comply with the following requirements to obtain contracts for supplemental programs or operational support: (The information is a listing of the Code of Federal Regulations that we must follow to be in compliance as the contractor)**

**1) and 2) CFR 273.20, 271.14, Sections 271.1 through 271.27, 271.41 through 271.52, 271.54. 271.61 through 271.66, and 271.81 through 271.84 shall apply to such contracts with tribal organizations.3) The provisions in S271.71 through 271.77 4) The requirements in S273.12 through 273.18, 273.20, 273.21, 273.31, through 273.38, 273.41, 273.51, and 273.52 5) The requirements in 41 CFR part**

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**Eligible Students:**

**Indian students, from age 3 years through grade(s) 12., except those who are enrolled in bureau or sectarian operated schools, shall be eligible for benefits provided by a contract pursuant to this part if they are ¼ or more degree Indian blood\* and recognized by the Secretary as being eligible for Bureau services. Priority shall be given to contract a) which would serve Indian students will be members of the tribe(s) of such reservations ( as defined in S273.2 (o)). \*the Indian blood must be from a Federally-recognized tribe.**

**JOM services include but are not limited to the following:**

- 1. Free school supplies at the beginning of the school year**
- 2. Free school supplies available on a limited basis through the school year**
- 3. Limited assistance w/fees, dues, and expenses for school activities of JOM students. Possible examples are listed below, however please check with your individual school JOM program for their list of specific services:**
  - a. Spring and fall book fair assistance (usually \$10.00 for each JOM student)**
  - b. Class dues**
  - c. Club dues/fees**
  - d. Partial payments of athletic shoes for basketball, football, softball, baseball, cheer, track, and tennis.**
  - e. Partial payments toward camp fees**
  - f. School supplies for special projects such as term papers, ear buds, flash drives, scientific calculators, pro boards, and other items**
  - g. Recognition banquets**
  - h. Awards**
  - i. Field trips**
  - j. Act test fees**
- 4. Tutoring**
- 5. Training**
- 6. Cultural activities**
- 7. Meeting expenses**

## **JOM Conferences and Training Sessions**

**2015 Seminole Nation JOM In-Service Training @ the Seminole Campus  
Gordon Cooper Technology Center located on Harvey Road in Seminole**

**\*Our training sessions will be similar to the Fall 2014 Seminole Nation JOM In-Service that we hosted for our school district JOM IEC members, parents/guardians, school superintendents, principals, counselors, teachers, JOM staff, general council members, and other interested community members. This is a great opportunity for our school districts to have a sense of JOM community! Our districts can learn about other school JOM programs and learn about new resources to help our students. It's an interesting opportunity to meet others that work hard for the success of our Native American students. \*The Seminole Nation will host the In-Services during the Fall and Spring of each semester. Additional training sessions will also be provided to individual school districts annually. \***

**2015 Oklahoma Johnson O'Malley Conference @ the Hard Rock Hotel &  
Casino in Tulsa, Oklahoma \*MANY NATIONS, MANY STORIES: ONE PATH**

**March 3-4, 2015 \*\*pre-registration deadline is February 17, 2015\*\***

**2015 National Johnson-O'Malley Association Conference @ the Portland  
Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel in Portland, Oregon**

**March 29-31, 2015 \*\*pre-registration deadline is March 6, 2015\*\***