

Our Mission

It is the mission of the Mesa Grande Youth Program to promote healthy living, wellness, and knowledge; and build a culture that embraces education, recreation, and tribal traditions. Tribal members use of activities helps develop the community with the visitation to improve the quality of life for all Tribal Members.

Statement

The Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians are very proud of our youth and their achievements throughout the years and would like to celebrate these achievements. It truly does take a village to raise and encourage today's young ones as they prepare to enter the modern era through accomplishments in education, athleticism, and the arts. While continuing to practice our traditional ways.

Eligibility

The Youth Program is open to all enrolled members and verified pending enrollment. The applicant must provide a letter of enrollment verification or pending enrollment verification from the Enrollment Committee.

Requirements

All youth requesting sponsorship from the Youth Program will be required to attend hours of classes or volunteer hours during the calendar year. The number of hours required is based on grade level. Pre-K - 3rd graders are required to attend 20 hours per calendar year. 4th graders-6th graders are required to attend 30 hours per calendar year. 7th graders-12th graders are required to 40 hours per calendar year.

Required hours can be accounted for by attending cultural classes or events put on by the Youth Program, such as beading class, sewing class, gourd class, bird singing class, language class, art class, volunteering at the annual Tekamuk Gathering, etc.

If the required hours are not accounted for after the calendar year, parents will be responsible

for the repayment of the sponsorship.

Sponsorship

The Youth Program is proud to contribute to Mesa Grande Youth's education, such as providing funds for tutoring, AP classes, SAT and ACTs, field trips, and schooling supplies. The Youth Program also provides funds for enrolling and providing equipment in extracurricular activities such as school band, school clubs, school sports, and travel sports. The Youth Program is continuing to encourage participation in Culture-based programs, such as language classes, basket weaving classes, sewing classes, art classes, and bird singing and dancing classes.