



# PAYMENTS FOR MINORS

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## **When** *are Ho-Chunk nation members eligible for payments?*

Upon your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday you may be eligible to receive quarterly per capita distribution payments and the amount due from your Ho-Chunk Children's Trust Fund. Before either payment can be made, however, certain conditions must be met. Under the *Ho-Chunk Nation Amended and Restated Per Capita Distribution Ordinance*, effective October 1, 2001, and a special transition rule adopted by the Nation's legislature in Resolution 10/10/00-C and Resolution 09/19/01-B, the following rules apply:

1. If you reach age 18 after November 1, 2001 and do not graduate with a diploma from high school you will not receive your Children's Trust balance or quarterly per capita payments until you are 25.
2. If you reach age 18 and do graduate with a diploma from high school you will receive your payment from the Children's Trust after verification of your diploma by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. Per capita distributions will begin in the quarter after your verification.

## **What** *is needed to verify your high school diploma?*

Three items will be needed from you to verify your eligibility. You may either mail these items or come in person. When mailing your diploma, you should send it via certified mail.

1. Original high school diploma
2. Copy of social security card
3. Address verification of the minor

## **How** *do you change a minor's address?*

It is important to update the address of any minor living with parents, extended families or non-enrolled parents. All address changes must be made through the Office of Tribal Enrollment.

## **How** *do you contact the Office of Tribal Enrollment?*

**Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment**  
**P.O. Box 129**  
**Black River Falls, WI 54615**  
**(800) 331-7824**  
**FAX: (715) 284-7634**



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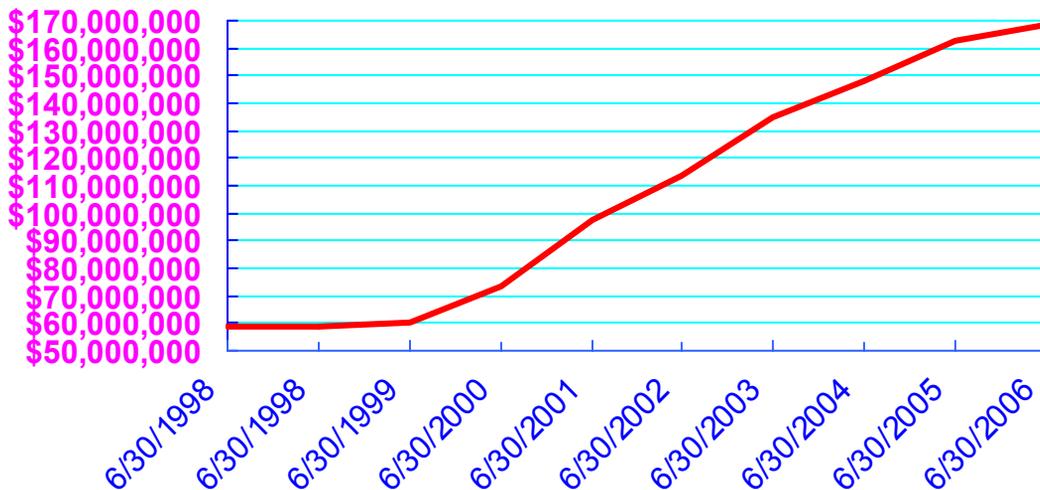
## has the Trust performed?

The Ho-Chunk Nation Minor's Trust Fund has continued to perform very well during our moderately growing economy. The fixed income market experienced low inflation expectations over the summer, and is beginning to price in likelihood of an easing next spring by the Federal Reserve. This has caused a rally, especially in the 10- and 30-year parts of the yield curve. The maturities in the portfolio have been marginally lengthened in anticipation of this move. For the past 12 months, the portfolio's benchmark, the Lehman Brothers Intermediate/Corporate Index for A-rated or better bonds, returned -0.10%, while the Trust returned +0.52% before advisory fee. Even after subtracting the advisory fee, the Trust was still ahead of its index, with a net of advisory fee return of +0.35%.

The portfolio's holdings have been broadened to about 150 different bonds. This helps us avoid over-committing to any one sector of the bond market. Asset-backed securities continue to perform well and remain good values compared to U.S. agencies and corporate bonds. A higher yielding, higher quality portfolio is one of the strategies the manager is executing to provide total return from the portfolio. As always, we invest only in U.S. government bonds, as well as bonds issued by extremely creditworthy corporations. The Minor's Trust is well-positioned for the long term, and will continue to meet the needs of its participants for the years ahead.

## Historical asset growth: 6/30/98 to 6/30/06

Below is a graph of the Ho-Chunk Nation Minor's Trust Fund market value, since inception, *net of advisory fee*.



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