

DISCUSSION/ACTION
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HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD
BOARD REPORT #11-03
2011-2013 BIENNIAL BUDGET ISSUES
TRIBAL COLLEGES

Wisconsin Higher Education Grant (WHEG) Tribal Appropriation

Recommendation of Dr. Verna Fowler, President, College of Menominee Nation

Increase WHEG – Tribal from \$440,000 to \$475,000 in 2011-2012 and to \$500,000 in 2012-2013.

Rationale

WHEG Tribal was increased in 2007-09, from 404,000 TO \$440,000. In the past two years, new awards have been suspended before the academic years have begun. While the number of students who qualify for aid has increased each year, financial aid funding has not kept pace with that need. Administrators of the Tribal Colleges indicated that WHEG assists only about 50% of eligible students. Funds for the appropriation are not GPR funds, but rather from Gaming Revenues remitted to the state.