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## Tohono O'odham Community College Provides 100% Grants for dorm residents

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Sells, Arizona

Classes at Tohono O'odham Community College (TOCC) have been mostly online since the pandemic struck in spring 2020. That arrangement has served students well, and they have been very resilient and determined despite the hardships and losses the pandemic has wrought. To rebuild an in-person campus community, TOCC is offering 100% free grants for dorm residents for fall 2022 through fall 2023. All students interested in living on campus are encouraged to apply.

Online courses have helped students juggle the demands of everyday life, college classes, and high costs for gas and goods. But around a third of students indicate that they prefer face-to-face courses.

To support students who want to have an in-person college experience and who would like to live in the dorms at TOCC's main campus at S-cuk Du'ag (10 miles west of Sells), TOCC is providing grants that cover all costs. Starting this fall 2022 through the fall of 2023, dorm residents will be provided room and board, books, tuition, and fees at no cost.

Federal grants, including the American Rescue Plan, that TOCC uses to provide emergency aid to students during this pandemic, will support this initiative for dorm residents.

TOCC President Paul Robertson notes that some face-to-face courses will be available at the S-cuk Du'ag campus this fall. Dorm residents will be encouraged to attend those courses if their schedules permit. Benefits of dorm residency include meals, in-person access to faculty and staff for advising, counseling, tutoring, and other services. Services include archery, the wellness center, scheduled to open in September, and activities organized by the Student Life and Student Services Divisions.

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