

MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION POST SECONDARY FUNDING INFORMATION

1.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE

- a) An applicant must be a Registered Indian of the Missanabie Cree First Nation band according to INAC/AANDC. (Indigenous/Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada)
- b) Post Secondary education means a program of studies offered by a post secondary institution for which completion of secondary school studies or its equivalent is a prerequisite. Applicants accepted as mature students into a post secondary program are also given equal consideration for assistance.
- c) Online courses will be treated according to funding agency requirements and guidelines.

2.0 APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS

2.1 Continuing Students

Students who plan to continue in their program of study are required to submit the following:

- a) Application for education assistance form – completed and signed
- b) Application form with all amounts specified, signed and dated
- c) Consent for release of information form – completed and signed
- d) Official transcripts after every semester

2.2 New Applicants

- a) Written request indicating career and academic goals
- b) Transcripts and documents of previous education and /or experience
- c) Letter of acceptance from the institution where the student plans to attend
- d) Application for education assistance form – completed and signed
- e) Consent for release of information form – completed and signed

2.3 Approval Criteria

The Education Committee of Missanabie Cree First Nation will review all applications for sponsorship. The committee will make its decision on student sponsorship based on eligibility criteria and subject to the availability of funds. The following categories of students are listed in order of priority for funding purposes.

2.4 STUDENT PRIORITY CATEGORIES

- a) Continuing students who attend College or University and who have successfully completed their studies during the last school term.
- b) Graduating high school students, who have enrolled in a college or university program.
- c) Students who previously applied for assistance, whose applications were deferred due to lack of funds.
- d) New mature students enrolling in either a community college diploma program or certificate program, and university undergraduate studies.
- e) University or college entrance programs, Masters or PhD programs
- f) Students who have successfully completed a previous post secondary program and qualify for continued funding at same or different Level: see policies for details.
- g) Continuing students on probation who have been granted permission to continue.
- h) Students who have dropped out or unsuccessfully attempted a post-secondary program.

2.5 DATES OF APPLICATION DEADLINES

- a) For September enrollment May 15 (subject to funds available)
For January enrollment Oct 15 (subject to funds available)
For spring & summer session Jan 15 (subject to funds available)
- b) Applications received prior to the above dates will be prioritized according to the Missanabie Cree First Nation's student priority categories.
- c) Applications received after the above application dates must be held until it can be determined if funds are available after processing the first batch of applications. If funds are not available, these applications will be treated as deferred applications.

2.6 ASSISTANCE LIMITS

One program at each Level is the maximum allowed by current policies.

- a) Level 1
Community College Entrance or General Education Diploma or certificate programs
Level 2
Undergraduate Studies (Bachelor of Arts, Science, etc)
Advanced or Professional Degree Programs (e.g. MD, Masters or Doctoral Programs)
- b) Assistance will be provided for the number of academic years of the program as defined by the training institution.
- c) Change of program uses months allowed for assistance at that level
- d) See AANDC/INAC post-secondary student support program on the website

2.7 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE – LIVING ALLOWANCE *FULL TIME STUDENTS ONLY

Monthly allowances are not guaranteed

| | Monthly allowance |
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| Single Student | 825.00 |
| Married Student with employed spouse | 825.00 |
| 1 dependent | 1000.00 |
| 2 dependents | 1180.00 |
| 3 dependents | 1355.00 |
| \$50/month – each additional dependent | |
| Married Student with dependent spouse | 1045.00 |
| 1 dependent | 1195.00 |
| 2 dependents | 1355.00 |
| 3 dependents | 1505.00 |
| \$50/month – each additional dependent | |
| Single Parent | |
| With 1 dependent | 1195.00 |
| With 2 dependents | 1355.00 |
| With 3 dependents | 1505.00 |
| \$50/month-each additional dependent | |

2.8 BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

a) This current allowance will be issued as follows:

| | 1 st Term | 2 nd Term |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| College | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| University | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Part time | 150.00 | 150.00 |

b) Students are required to submit to Missanabie Cree First Nation original receipts for all books and supplies purchased; they will be retained in their file. These original receipts are required before approval can be given for amounts exceeding the original budgeted amount. (subject to funds available)

c) Special Equipment:

Students enrolled in programs such as Nursing, Graphic Arts, Electronics, Forestry, Fish & Wildlife, Chef Training must provide an official list of materials needed for each term. They are required to send in the original receipts for their files.

Send completed applications to:

Missanabie Cree First Nation
174B Hwy 17B
Garden River, ON
P6A 6Z1

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