

# BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION BOOKLET

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## DEADLINES

### Quick Glance

Bursary/ Scholarship Name	Deadline Dates
Audrey Sandy Scholarship	Late September
Carney Elijah Johnson Foundation	Sept 2025 & Jan 2026
C. Ruby Smith Sears Memorial Educational	Last Friday in August
Building Brighter Futures - Indspire	February 1 <sup>st</sup> August 1 <sup>st</sup> November 1 <sup>st</sup>
Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation	Spring/Summer - February 1 - July 31 Fall/Winter - August 1 - January 31
Florence Hill Trust	Late December
Florence M. Sheridan Bursary	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
Future Generations Foundation	Applications open in April and close in early June
Grand River Post-Secondary Education (GRPSEO) Scholarship	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
Haudenosaunee Recognition Award	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
Isaac Durham Scholarship	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
Jeff Styers Family Effort Award	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
ONECA Four Directions Scholarship	June 30 <sup>th</sup>
ONECA Post-Secondary Student Award	June 30 <sup>th</sup>
Rotary Club of Oakville Scholarship	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
TD – Scholarship for Indigenous Peoples	Applications open in September and close in October
2-Spirit Bursary Program	Applications open in Sept

## INTRODUCTION

Did you know...

Many bursaries and scholarships go unawarded! There is a myth that awards are for the “smart” students, but there is a wide range of opportunities for everyone! Some awards are based on grades, others on the field of study, and/or your volunteer experience.

Six Nations Polytechnic created this guide to assist you find various bursaries, scholarships and awards listing criteria, documents needed, and deadline dates. Efforts are made to provide up-to-date information, in the event of an error, please let us know by emailing [finaid@snpolytechnic.com](mailto:finaid@snpolytechnic.com).

The following award listing is only a few of the awards, there are many other awards available. If you find an award not listed, let us know and we will include in subsequent guides. You can email [finaid@snpolytechnic.com](mailto:finaid@snpolytechnic.com).

## WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP?

It's important to know the difference between a scholarship and a bursary. Scholarships Canada ([scholarshipscanada.com](http://scholarshipscanada.com)) defines scholarship and bursary as:

### Scholarship

Traditionally, scholarships are based on academic merit. For example, entrance scholarships are based on your grades in high school. Modern usage of the word, though, is far less specialized. Many providers of non-academic awards use the term to describe any financial prize for education.

Application procedures vary by scholarship but often include a request for your grades so the administrator can assess your academic credentials.

## WHAT IS A BURSARY?

### Bursary

Bursaries are based on financial need. They may also have academic requirements, but their main purpose is to support students without the means to afford school otherwise.

When applying, you may need to show why you need assistance, and where your need is greatest.

**\*SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES DO NOT NEED TO BE PAID BACK!**

## BE PREPARED

### Common Documents Needed for Bursary & Scholarship Applications

We **highly recommend** you set aside time to do some planning to ensure you have the following documents and information prepared before you start applying. Below is a checklist of some of the documents required for most applications.

#### Program Information:

- The name of your program
- The start and end date
- Expected date of completion of your program
- Credentials you will receive (i.e., certificate, diploma, etc.)
- Tuition cost and other fees

#### Previous Educational Information:

- Name of your high school
- The year you graduated high school
- List past post-secondary education programs you have taken, start and end dates, degree awarded (i.e. certificate, diploma, undergraduate, graduate, etc)
- Tuition cost and other fees

#### Documentation:

- Your most recent transcript
- Proof of enrollment – can be an acceptance letter, a copy of your class schedule if available.  
A clear copy of the front and back of your status card (if applicable)

#### Budget Information:

- Tuition amount, and other fees (i.e., books, special equipment or uniforms)
- Monthly costs such as but not limited to rent/mortgage, food, utilities, transportation, credit cards, childcare while you are in school
- Monthly incomes such, but not limited to part-time work, spousal earnings, contribution from parents/guardians, child support, unemployment, OSAP, bursaries or scholarships while you are in school
- Amount of band funding for tuition, books and your monthly allowance (if applicable).  
Note – some ask the amount you have received in the past.

#### Volunteer Experience/ Participation:

- Make a list of your volunteer experience in your community or school. List the activities involved and note the dates/years and the time you have committed.
- Have references available – ensure you have the most up to date contact information.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

The [Indigenous Bursaries Search Tool](#) is a comprehensive resource designed to help Indigenous students in Canada find scholarships and bursaries. Managed by the Government of Canada, this search engine provides access to a wide range of financial support options. You can filter the search by location, field of study, and Indigenous affiliation (FNMI), making it easier to find opportunities that align with your specific needs.

Be sure to visit the links provided for detailed information on eligibility, application deadlines, and other important criteria.

### Audrey Sandy Memorial

<b>Deadline</b>	September 30, 2025
<b>Amount</b>	Varies
<b>Description</b>	This scholarship commemorating the late Audrey Sandy will be awarded to deserving individuals who have re-entered academic as mature students in order to better themselves and/or their family. In lieu of applications, please forward a 500-word statement of interest, discussing your goals as a student and member of the community.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500-word statement of interest (tell us why you decided to go back to school; what program you are in; how this program will help you or your family or community; any challenges you experienced while in school; and your goals upon completion).</li> <li>• Tell us how you “give back” to your community (volunteer, tutor, coach, teach, etc.) and what has been your most rewarding experience having made the decision to return to school (for example if you’ve been able to overcome addictions, you have made your community a safer place!)</li> <li>• Provide proof of Six Nations of the Grand River membership (status card) as well as proof of enrollment.</li> <li>• Explain that you are a mature student and how long you have been out of school.</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	Email <a href="mailto:audreysandymemorial@gmail.com">audreysandymemorial@gmail.com</a> to apply

### Building Brighter Futures – Indspire

<b>Deadline</b>	February 1, August 1, and November 1 of each year
<b>Description</b>	Indspire provides financial assistance to Indigenous students through its Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships, and Awards program. Awards include post-secondary education (full-time studies) as well as Apprenticeships, Skilled Trades and Technology Programs, and Incentives. There is one application for all of Indspire’s bursaries, scholarships, and awards (with a few exceptions - see website). You only need to complete the application once to be considered for all applicable bursaries, scholarships, and awards for the current academic year.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a Canadian Indigenous person, with proof of Indigenous status.</li> <li>• Be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution or training program.</li> <li>• Demonstrated financial need.</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	To apply visit: <a href="https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/">https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/</a> or Contact: <a href="mailto:education@indspire.ca">education@indspire.ca</a>

### Carney Elijah Johnson Foundation

<b>Deadline</b>	September 2025 & January 2026
<b>Amount</b>	3 awards at \$2,000 (each deadline)
<b>Description</b>	CEJ Foundation is committed to supporting mental health, suicide prevention, and awareness initiatives within our community. All proceeds raised are dedicated to these important causes, including funding an annual bursary for students pursuing full-time post-secondary students aspiring to pursue careers in helping professions such as social work, counselling, psychology, nursing, mental health and other related fields.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrolled in a program related to mental health, suicide prevention or awareness initiatives.</li> <li>• Active involvement in community service.</li> <li>• Financial need may be considered.</li> <li>• Proof of enrolment, school &amp; program.</li> <li>• Essay or personal statement outlining career goals and commitment to mental health initiatives.</li> <li>• Applicants must be Six Nations or Mississauga's of the Credit First Nations Band Member (please provide proof of membership).</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	Email <a href="mailto:cej28fund@gmail.com">cej28fund@gmail.com</a> to apply

### C. Ruby Smith Sears Memorial Educational

<b>Deadline</b>	Last Friday in August by 4pm
<b>Amount</b>	Varies
<b>Description</b>	<p>Mrs. C. Ruby Sears of Evanston, Illinois and Palm Beach, Florida formerly of the Six Nations Reserve, was a daughter of the late William and Sarah (Russell) Smith.</p> <p>She attended Six Nations Schools, the Brantford Collegiate Institute and Hamilton Teachers' College. Upon graduation, Ruby was a member of the teaching staff of the Six Nations schools.</p> <p>Throughout her life Ruby maintained a close relationship with her 'roots' on the Six Nations Reserve. In death she left a legacy of love and concern for others. This scholarship is her way of encouraging deserving students who try to broaden their horizons through higher education.</p>
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a Six Nations Registered Band Member</li> <li>• The applicant must have attended and successfully completed 1 full year of elementary school on the Six Nations Reserve.</li> <li>• Must have successfully completed at least one year at an Educational Institution and have enrolled in a subsequent year in full time studies.</li> <li>• Applicants may not receive this award funds more than once for each of the graduate levels.</li> <li>• All applications must be accompanied by a brief biographical sketch and an official transcript.</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	Six Nations Administration Building for printed application form. Application submissions can be emailed to: Becky McComber, <a href="mailto:bmccomber@sixnations.ca">bmccomber@sixnations.ca</a>



### Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation

<b>Deadline</b>	Spring/Summer - February 1 - July 31 Fall/Winter - August 1 - January 31
<b>Amount</b>	Varies
<b>Description</b>	The Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation is passionate about encouraging youth to pursue and complete their educational goals. The main focus of this sector is on educational activities that support and encourage youth to pursue and complete their education with the goal of developing future leaders for our communities. Though educational support for Aboriginals is mainly provided by the Canadian Federal Government and/or Chief & Council, the Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation can provide limited assistance under unique circumstances.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status Members Only</li></ul>
<b>More Information</b>	<a href="https://www.dreamcatchercharity.org/wellness-education#education">https://www.dreamcatchercharity.org/wellness-education#education</a>

### Florence Hill Trust

<b>Deadline</b>	Applications open Oct/Nov and close late December
<b>Amount</b>	Varies
<b>Description</b>	This scholarship is open to Members of the Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation enrolled in post-secondary education
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proof of enrolment in a minimum 2-year program.</li><li>• Current class schedule from applicable post-secondary institution.</li><li>• Copy of both sides of your Status Card.</li><li>• This completed application form.</li></ul>
<b>Apply</b>	Email application to: <a href="mailto:jessica.chhouknguyen@cibc.com">jessica.chhouknguyen@cibc.com</a> and cc: <a href="mailto:Mailbox.CIBCTrustIndigenousTrust@cibc.com">Mailbox.CIBCTrustIndigenousTrust@cibc.com</a>

### Future Generations Foundation

<b>Deadline</b>	Applications open in April and close in early June
<b>Description</b>	The NIB Trust Fund accepts applications for funding for programs aimed at education, healing and reconciliation, and cultural knowledge building. The goal of the NIB Trust Fund is to help First Nations, Métis people and communities address the impacts of the Indian residential school's system, and to provide resourcing to create meaningful opportunities that improve the quality of life for First Nations and Métis people.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarships - Funding for University &amp; College Programs – public/private colleges, universities, CEGEP, and Indigenous institutes.</li> <li>• Training &amp; Trades – Support for apprenticeships, professional development, and academic upgrading.</li> <li>• Cultural Learning – Funding for teachings from Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and experts in traditional skills like language revitalization.</li> <li>• Proof of First Nation citizenship.</li> <li>• Proof of age (18+).</li> <li>• Enrollment documents or a letter from an Elder/Knowledge Keeper confirming participation in cultural learning.</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.fgfoundation.ca/granting/how-to-apply">https://www.fgfoundation.ca/granting/how-to-apply</a>

### ONECA Four Directions Scholarship

<b>Deadline</b>	June 30, 2025 @ 4:00 P.M.
<b>Amount</b>	\$1,000 (4 students awarded)
<b>Description</b>	This scholarship will be awarded annually to graduating aboriginal (Status, Non-status, Métis and Inuit) secondary school/adult students. These awards are administered by the Ontario Native Education Counselling Association.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student of aboriginal ancestry graduating from an Ontario Secondary School with O.S.S.D of the current school year (proof of ancestry may include a status card, Métis card, or a letter from an elder, community member, or official).</li> <li>• Good academic standing throughout the school year.</li> <li>• 75% overall average in graduating year</li> <li>• Proceeding into a post-secondary institution full time program</li> <li>• Involvement in the community and/or school extracurricular activities.</li> <li>• Recommended by Secondary School, First Nation Community or Education Counsellor.</li> <li>• Leadership qualities, dedication and good attendance.</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	For more information, visit: <a href="https://oneca.com/four-directions-scholarships/">https://oneca.com/four-directions-scholarships/</a>

### ONECA Post-Secondary Student Award

<b>Deadline</b>	June 30th, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
<b>Amount</b>	\$1,000
<b>Description</b>	This scholarship will be awarded annually to an aboriginal (Status, Non-status, Metis and Inuit) Post-Secondary COLLEGE student and to a (Status, Non-status, Metis and Inuit) post- secondary UNIVERSITY student, who have successfully completed their first year in a full-time program in a field of study that has a counselling component. These two (2) scholarships are administered by the Ontario Native Education Counselling Association.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-time Post Secondary student of aboriginal ancestry in their second year of their field of study</li> <li>• Must have successfully completed their first year in a program that has a counselling component at an</li> <li>• Ontario Post-Secondary Institution</li> <li>• 75% overall average in first year</li> <li>• Proceeding into the second year or graduate year of the same program</li> <li>• Involvement in the community and/or school extracurricular activities</li> <li>• Recommended by Education Counsellor or a Teacher</li> <li>• Leadership qualities, dedication and good attendance</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	For more information, visit: <a href="https://oneca.com/ps-student-award/">https://oneca.com/ps-student-award/</a>

### TD – Scholarship for Indigenous Peoples

<b>Deadline</b>	Applications open in September and close in October
<b>Amount</b>	Varies
<b>Description</b>	Students from the Indigenous community face unique challenges and systemic barriers that can make getting a post-secondary education difficult. So, we worked closely with AFOA Canada to build a scholarship program that helps meets the unique needs of students from the Indigenous community.
<b>Criteria</b>	<p>Regardless of your field of study, scholarships are open to First Nation, Metis and Inuit who are members / citizen of a First Nation, Metis or Inuit community who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have applied for a full-time minimum 2-year program with an approved post-secondary institution for the next year of study; or</li> <li>• Are enrolled in, or accepted to, a full-time minimum two-year program with an approved post-secondary institution for the next year of study</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	For more information, visit: <a href="https://afoa.ca/td/">https://afoa.ca/td/</a>

## 2-Spirit Bursary Program

<b>Deadline</b>	Application opens in September
<b>Amount</b>	Varies
<b>Description</b>	This Bursary Program was started to give 2-Spirit Community Members access to low-barrier bursaries. The funds are to be Self-Determined for whatever needs the members have and however they prioritize the spending of funds as well will require little or no reporting back. It is also a way for those who can give funds, a space to demonstrate their own philanthropy in hopes in inspire others to do the same. Take what you need, give what you can.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations commits to covering the cost of administration, Canada Helps fee and cost of the celebration.</li><li>• Each bursary has different criteria. Visit the website to find which bursary, you could be eligible for.</li></ul>
<b>Apply</b>	For more information, visit: <a href="https://2spirits.org/2-spirit-bursary-program/">https://2spirits.org/2-spirit-bursary-program/</a>

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRPSEO FUNDED SIX NATIONS BAND MEMBERS

There are numerous bursaries and scholarships available through [Grand River Post Secondary](#), and we encourage you to explore them further on their website. Please note that this list is intended to help you get started in your search and is not a comprehensive list of all available opportunities. For more information, visit the Grand River Post Secondary Office located at 2160 4th Line Rd, Ohsweken, ON (East side of the building). You can also reach them by email at [info@grpseo.org](mailto:info@grpseo.org).

### Florence M. Sheridan Bursary – Nursing

<b>Deadline</b>	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Amount</b>	Varies
<b>Description</b>	Florence M. Sheridan was a true pioneer in the nursing profession. She completed her nursing training at St. Luke's, which is now the Ottawa General Hospital. She served in the Canadian Army as a lieutenant nursing sister and was the first Canadian nurse to come home after the 1918 Armistice ended World War I. This Nursing Bursary is given by the Ross family in honour of their mother and grandmother.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are enrolled full-time in a nursing program.</li> <li>• Provide an official transcript.</li> <li>• Show proof of Six Nations membership.</li> <li>• Submit a brief note addressed to the Ross Family stating why the applicant wishes to be considered for the bursary.</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	Applications are available on GRPSEO website under the scholarships and bursaries tab

### Grand River Post Secondary Education (GRPSEO) Scholarship

<b>Deadline</b>	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Amount</b>	Varies (maximum \$2000)
<b>Description</b>	Each week the staff at the GRPSEO Dress Down and each contributes a dollar toward GRPSEO Scholarships. These funds are combined with the Grand Renewable Wind LP contribution. The amount of the scholarships depends on the number of successful applicants and will be up to a maximum of \$2,000/recipient. This scholarship is not open to new high school students.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Six Nations band member and approved for full time funding through GRPSEO.</li> <li>• Successful in all previously registered post-secondary courses and continuing in full-time studies.</li> <li>• Able to provide an official transcript and application must be submitted to the GRPSEO by August 1st.</li> <li>• Able to provide proof of completion of a minimum of 5 hours of volunteerism within the past 12 months. Scholarships are available to college and undergraduate students only.</li> <li>• Scholarship will be prorated when necessary. i.e. Only 1 term will receive ½ of the scholarship</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	Applications are available on GRPSEO website under the scholarships and bursaries tab

### Haudenosaunee Recognition Award

<b>Deadline</b>	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Amount</b>	Varies
<b>Description</b>	Each week the staff at the GRPSEO Dress Down and each contributes a dollar toward GRPSEO Scholarships. These funds are combined with Grand Renewable Wind LP to make possible the Haudenosaunee Recognition Award. This award is in recognition of students who utilize indigenous knowledge and languages in their studies
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six Nations Band Member</li> <li>• Successful in all previously registered courses and a continuing full-time student in post-secondary.</li> <li>• Able to submit an application along with an official transcript and a maximum one-page summary of how you exemplify the above values and how you utilize and integrate the language in your studies must be submitted to the GRPSEO by August 1st.</li> <li>• Approved for GRPSEO funding for the upcoming academic year</li> <li>• 1 to 2 page (300 word minimum) essay</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	Applications are available on GRPSEO website under the scholarships and bursaries tab

### Isaac Durham Scholarship

<b>Deadline</b>	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Amount</b>	Maximum \$500
<b>Description</b>	The Isaac Durham Scholarship was established by the late Vera Durham in her last will and testament to honour her grandfather. It will be awarded to a Six Nations member who has graduated high school in the year of application to this scholarship and has been accepted into a full-time program at college or university.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six Nations Band Member</li> <li>• Approved for full-time funding through GRPSEO.</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	Applications are available on GRPSEO website under the scholarships and bursaries tab

### Jeff Styers Family Effort Award

<b>Deadline</b>	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Amount</b>	Total value is set annually by Mr. Styers
<b>Description</b>	This award was established in 2000 and is given by Jeff Styers, a member of Six Nations. Mr. Styers, a former U.S. Marine and professional boxer, is now president and CEO of Arrow Strategies. As Mr. Styers believes strongly in perseverance, work ethic and fortitude, the award will go to a deserving student who has demonstrated extra effort and perseverance to get to this point in their life.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New high school graduates</li> <li>• Attending a post-secondary program on a full-time basis in the fall of 2025</li> <li>• Must be receiving funding from GRPSEO. The program must result in a recognized diploma or degree and must be a minimum of two academic years in length.</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	Applications are available on GRPSEO website under the scholarships and bursaries tab

### Rotary Club of Oakville Scholarship

<b>Deadline</b>	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Amount</b>	\$2,000
<b>Description</b>	This award was established in 2019 by the Rotary Club of Oakville and the Grand River Post Secondary Education Office. The award is eligible to two students each year for a grade 12 entering College & University. The Rotary Club of Oakville is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem - solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Their mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. The Grand River Post Secondary Education Organization exists to empower Onkwehono:we through higher education, within available resources and costs justified by results. It operates using the Haudenosaunee values of Ga'nighi:yo. Values of fairness, sharing, respect/ honesty and kindness. Demonstrated through confidentiality, consistency, integrity, responsibility, responsiveness, cooperation openness, transparency, and trustworthiness.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New high school graduates</li> <li>• Attending a post-secondary program of study on a full-time basis in the fall of 2025 and must be receiving funding from the Grand River Post Secondary Education Office. The program must result in a recognized diploma or degree. The program of study must be a minimum of two academic years in length.</li> <li>• 1-2 page (300 word) essay.</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	Applications are available on GRPSEO website under the scholarships and bursaries tab

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR BAND FUNDING

### Six Nations Band Members

#### Grand River Post Secondary Education Office (G.R.P.S.E.O.)

Deadline	Feb 1 – <b>Spring/Summer</b> May 1 – <b>Fall/Winter</b> Oct 1 – <b>Winter</b>
Description	GRPSEO provides financial education assistance for students looking to continue their education at a post-secondary institution. If you are a Six Nations member you are eligible to apply for full time or part time post-secondary assistance.
Criteria	<p>An eligible post secondary program of study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must be equivalent to two academic years in length or more leading to a diploma or degree;</li> <li>• be offered by an accredited post secondary institution;</li> <li>• have secondary school completion or equivalent as a prerequisite for admission to the program;</li> <li>• must lead to, or be for credit for, a diploma or degree.</li> <li>• <b>Note:</b> some post diploma programs of one academic year in length <b>may</b> be eligible. <i>Please check with your Post Secondary Funding Advisor.</i></li> </ul>
Contact Information	<p>P.O. Box 339, Ohsweken, ON N0A 1M0            519-445-2219            Email: <a href="mailto:info@grpseo.org">info@grpseo.org</a>            Website: <a href="https://www.grpseo.org/">https://www.grpseo.org/</a></p>
Apply	Applications are available on GRPSEO website under the Eligibility/ Applying tab

### Six Nations Band Members

#### Grand River Employment and Training

Description	GREAT's mandate is to help secure employment for Onkwehon:we of the Grand River Territory, regardless of residency. It offers assistance with programs in apprenticeship skills training, employment assistance, income support, a living-away-from-home allowance, and a Career Information Centre, among others. GREAT also supports several culturally relevant initiatives.
Contact Information	<p>P.O. Box 69, 16 Sunrise Court, Ohsweken, Ontario N0A 1M0            519-445-2222  <a href="mailto:adminstration@greatsn.com">adminstration@greatsn.com</a> or <a href="mailto:info@greatsn.com">info@greatsn.com</a></p>
Apply	Intake form available on GREAT website



## Mississauga of the Credit First Nation Members

### Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation, Post-Secondary Services

Deadline	Feb 1 – Spring/Summer May 1 – Fall/Winter Oct 1 – Winter
<b>Description</b>	Their objective is to encourage eligible students to acquire post-secondary qualifications so that they can become economically self-sufficient, develop their individual potential to further their goals and contribute to the progress of the First Nation community, the Province, the Country and the global community.
<b>Criteria</b>	Eligible applicants who are registered members of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation are those who are able to prove: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registration as a member of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation</li><li>• They have been accepted into an accredited post-secondary program (including full-time on-line learning programs) as per the Indigenous Services Canada Post Secondary Student Support Program and University and College Entrance Preparation Program: National Guidelines.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Information</b>	2789 Mississauga Road, R.R. #6 Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0 905 768-7138 Lifelong Learning Clerk - <a href="mailto:Llclerk@mncfn.ca">Llclerk@mncfn.ca</a> Post Secondary Education Advisor - <a href="mailto:LLPSA@mncfn.ca">LLPSA@mncfn.ca</a> Website: <a href="http://www.mncfn.ca">www.mncfn.ca</a>
<b>Apply</b>	Applications are available on MCFN website under the departments/post secondary tab

## Southern First Nations Secretariat

### Southern First Nations Secretariat Post-Secondary Program

Deadline	Mar 1 – Summer May 1 – Fall Oct 1 - Winter
<b>Description</b>	Southern First Nations Secretariat Post-Secondary Program can assist access to post-secondary education for registered band members of the Caldwell First Nation, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation, Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, Delaware Nation, and Munsee-Delaware Nation.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must provide proof of being registered members of the Munsee-Delaware Nation, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, Caldwell First Nation, General List, and Northern List.</li><li>• Must possess a grade 12 secondary school graduation diploma or its equivalent and/or have met university or college requirements. Also, students who have previously received certification from a government-recognized educational institution such as CEGEP or an ACE program are eligible.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Information</b>	22361 Austin Line, Bothwell, ON, N0P 1C0 519-692-5868 Email: <a href="mailto:pscounsellor@sfns.on.ca">pscounsellor@sfns.on.ca</a> & <a href="mailto:edcounsellor@sfns.on.ca">edcounsellor@sfns.on.ca</a> Website: <a href="https://www.sfns.on.ca/psfunding.html">https://www.sfns.on.ca/psfunding.html</a>
<b>Apply</b>	Applications are available on Southern First Nations Secretariat website

## Wiikwemkoong First Nations Members

### Wiikwemkoong Board of Education

<b>Deadline</b>	Apr 1 – <b>Spring/Summer</b> June 1 – <b>Fall/Winter</b> Oct 15 - <b>Winter</b>
<b>Description</b>	The Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) is provided to eligible Post-Secondary candidates enrolled in eligible Post-Secondary institutions with set criteria of funding provided by the Government of Canada.
<b>Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ONLY a registered Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (W.U.T.) member with a valid status card can apply. If you are a registered W.U.T. member and you have met the entrance requirements for and been enrolled in or accepted for enrolment in an eligible post-secondary program, then you can apply for post-secondary education assistance through the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education Post-Secondary Student Support Services.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Information</b>	705-859-2010 <a href="https://www.wbe-education.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1097320&amp;type=d&amp;pREC_ID=1371507">https://www.wbe-education.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1097320&amp;type=d&amp;pREC_ID=1371507</a>
<b>Apply</b>	Applications are available on Wiikwemkoong First Nations website