

Student Financial Assistance for Indigenous Students

2021-22

Indigenous students are eligible to access all student loan and grant programs. Some features of the Canada-Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan program are specifically for Indigenous students, as well as other supports available that may be of interest to you.



What's important?

Request grants-only funding.

When you apply for a Canada-Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan, you are assessed for a mix of non-repayable grants and repayable loans. You can choose to decline the loan and access only the grants.

Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship

If you are a Grade 12 graduate (2012 or later) and enrol in a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution, you may be eligible to receive the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship. Starting in 2021-22, the Scholarship will provide \$750 (up from \$500) per year, with a lifetime maximum of \$3,000.

Financial supports for self-declared Indigenous students

Indigenous students are not required to make the fixed student contribution of \$3,000 per year.

There is no fixed student contribution for Indigenous students, students with permanent disabilities, students with dependants and students who are, or were, Crown wards. These students may be eligible to receive more loan funding.

PSSSP federal money (i.e., band-funding), Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education Strategy (i.e., Métis Nation University Sponsorship Program administered through Gabriel Dumont Institute) and Inuit Post-Secondary Education Strategy is not considered a financial resource when you apply for a student loan.

You do not have to declare this type of funding and it will not be deducted from the amount of student loans and grants you would be offered.

Other features that may interest you

Additional money for full-time students who have been out of high school for at least 10 years (Adult Learners).

The Government of Canada provides a Skills Boost top-up to the Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students.

- If you qualify for the Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students and you have been out of high school for at least 10 years, you will receive \$1,600 per year (\$200 per month of an eight-month school year) in grant money.

The Canada Student Grant for students with dependants.

An eligible student whose income is below the low-income threshold will receive the full grant of \$93 per week per child (or about \$370 per month per child). If your income is higher than the low-income threshold, the grant will be lower.

Parents are not expected to contribute to your education costs if you are an independent student.

If you have been out of high school for four years or more or you have been in the workforce for at least two years, you are considered an independent student. Independent students may be eligible to receive more money because there is no expected parent contribution.

Students with dependants.

If you are a student with dependent children, you may be eligible for monthly living allowances including daycare. Students with dependants are eligible to access all other student loan and grant programs.

If you live away from home, you can use your funding to visit your family.

If you are a student living in a different community than your family home (e.g. parents or spouse), an allowance may be included for one return trip home for each period of 16 weeks, to a maximum of \$600 per semester/term.

Where can I get more information?

Online: saskatchewan.ca/studentloans

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