

# Saskatchewan Student Aid for Indigenous Students

## 2023-24

Indigenous students are eligible to access all student aid programs. Some program features 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 Saskatchewan student aid, 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 Saskatchewan Grade 12 graduate (2012 or later) and enrol in a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution, you may be eligible to receive the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship. The scholarship provides \$750 per year, with a lifetime maximum of \$3,000. To receive this scholarship, students are required to apply for student aid.

### 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 disabilities, students with dependants and students who are, or were, Crown wards. These students may be eligible to receive more loan funding.

**PSSSP federal funding (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 are exempt from the need assessment.**

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

#### 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 \$65 per week per child (or about \$2,240 over a standard eight-month study period 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 funding 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](https://saskatchewan.ca/studentloans)

Toll-free: 1-800-597-8278

Email: [studentservices@gov.sk.ca](mailto:studentservices@gov.sk.ca)

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