

**Délíne Got'íne Government-AADNC
Post-Secondary Student Financial Support Program – POLICY GUIDELINES**

DEPARTMENT: Education
Subject: Student Financial Support

1. Definitions:

“accredited or designated educational institution” refers to any post-secondary institution that are authorized by Canadian provinces and territories to administer learning to foreign students.¹ From here on in, the term “accredited or designated educational institution” will be referred to simply as “educational institution”.

“financial assistance” means funds awarded to recipients in a full- or part-time program at a accredited or designated institution.

“full-time” studies or student refers to being enrolled in at least 60% of a full course load at a accredited or designated institution or 40% of a full course load if the student has a permanent disability, while “part-time” student or studies refers to any course load less than the aforementioned amounts.

2. Authority and Application:

In collaboration with the Government of Canada, THE DÉLINÉ GOT'INÉ GOVERNMENT(DGG) HAS IMPLEMENTED A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR all students affiliated to the Band formerly known as Délíne First Nation under the *Indian Act*.

THE PROGRAM IS PROVIDED UNDER THE GUIDANCE AND AUTHORITY OF THE Federal Government's Post-Secondary Student Support Program.

This policy has been approved by the Délíne K'aowədó Kə (DKK or Main Council) and applies to all applications for financial support for post-secondary education from any affiliated member of the former Délíne First Nation Band under the *Indian Act*. This

¹ For a full listing of accredited or designated educational institutions in Canada, please refer to the *Master List of Educational Institutions* at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/designated-schools.html>

policy is considered a “living document” in that it will be reviewed regularly and is subject to change.

3. Purpose:

This Scholarship Program financially assists members affiliated to the Band formally known as Délı̄nę First Nation who are enrolled in a certificate/diploma program, or Access Program, as a full- or part-time student in an educational institution.

The purpose of offering this financial assistance is to encourage students registered under the *Indian Act* to pursue and explore educational endeavours, which promote and benefit the well-being of the community governed by the Délı̄nę Got’ı̄nę Government. Thereby, this is to encourage and assist Registered members of the Délı̄nę Got’ı̄nę Government under the *Indian Act* who wish to pursue post-secondary studies.

This financial support is available to all members who do not qualify for other: government (federal/provincial/territorial) education funding programs.

***Please note:** this Scholarship Program is the same Federal Program that may be offered by the Sahtú Secretariat Inc. (SSI), thus members affiliated to the Band formerly known as Délı̄nę First Nation will not be eligible under SSI or any other organization that might be administering said program.*

4. Types of Scholarship Support:

Total fees (up to a **maximum of \$5000**) will be covered at actual cost per semester, **upon submission of completed Form B – Enrolment**. This includes:

- Fees for tuition
- Mandatory books and supplies which are required by a student to enroll in a post-secondary program.
- Additional fees (see below)

Additional fees to be covered include (but are not limited to):

- Official transcript fees
- Application fees
- Professional certification
- Examination fees
- Tutoring fees

*Reimbursement for tuition and fees paid by student *prior to receiving funding* is possible upon submission of receipts and submission of completed Form B.

*Additional fees will only be covered through this program if they are confirmed by the educational institution (indicated on Form B) or by submission of receipts.

Post-Secondary Monthly Allowance

Support will be provided monthly throughout each semester the student is registered in, based on the allocations determined by the Scholarship Program.

* While we do not stipulate deadlines for applying, monthly stipend will be given starting in the month the student submits their application (and all pertinent documents). (For example, if a student submits their application and required documents in February of a Winter Semester, the monthly living allowance would be paid monthly starting in February (but no payment would be provided for January).

Monthly living allowance payments have been established at a base rate of \$1100 per student without dependents and \$1500 for students with dependents (subject to change upon funding availability). Full-time students will receive this full amount, while part-time students will receive 60% of these amounts (i.e., \$660 without dependents and \$900 with dependents).

Travel Assistance

Travel assistance may be available to eligible full-time students attending school in another community where travel (more than 200km) is required to attend their Educational Institution.

(Depending on funding availability), a maximum of \$2000 will be available for students *without* dependents, while a maximum of \$3500 will be available to those *with* dependents.

Air travel expenses will be determined at the most economical airfare available for the student and eligible dependent(s).

If travel is completed by land, expenses for mileage will be reimbursed for the number of kilometers required to travel from the student's home community to their educational institution, in accordance with rates posted by the National Joint Council for the Northwest Territories (changing yearly)².

Travel assistance will be granted on a first-come-first-served basis, while funding is available.

All eligible travel expenses will be reimbursed upon submission of completed Form E – Student Travel Fund as well as receipts submitted by student.

² <https://njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/d10/v238/s658/en>

5. Eligibility:

Students are eligible to apply for this Scholarship Program if they meet the following requirements:

- Are a Registered Status Indian affiliated with the Band formerly known as Délı̄ne First Nation.
- Have been accepted and enrolled in a recognized post-secondary education program at an educational institution as a *full-time student* or *part-time student*
 - full-time student – enrolled in 60% or more of a full-time course load that is at least 12 continuous weeks in length; and
 - part-time student - enrolled in less than 60% of a full-time course load that is at least 12 continuous weeks in length.
- Do not qualify to receive student financial assistance from the Government of the Northwest Territories' Student Financial Assistance program; or
- Are not in receipt of or eligible for a University and College Entrance Preparation Program; and
- Are not in receipt of any Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ISET) Program or other similar federal program funding.
- Are enrolled at an approved or designated educational institution classified as one of the following:
 - University;
 - Junior College; or
 - Technical/Vocational.

6. Application Process:

The guidelines outlined in this policy demonstrate DGG's commitment to a fair and consistent approach to the administration of allocating financial support to DFN Citizens registered under the *Indian Act*.

Thus, to best support our students' needs, the Education Department has developed the following application process. To be considered for this funding program:

- a) All first-year applicants for any program must submit **all** of the following supporting documentation:
 - Fully completed **Form A – Student Application**;
 - Fully completed **Form B – Student Enrolment**;
 - A copy of the applicant's Certificate of Indian Status showing membership under Délı̄ne First Nation registered as an Indian Act Band; and

- A funding denial letter from the Government of the Northwest Territories Student Financial Assistance Program, the Federal Government's UCEPP Program and any other territorial/provincial student grant, in which the applicant lives, stating that the applicant does not qualify for student financial assistance.

b) All continuing applicants must submit *only* the following at the beginning of each new semester of study:

- Fully Completed Form C – *Continuing Students*
- Fully Completed Form B – *Student Enrolment*

****NOTE:** Should any pertinent information for the student change throughout the year, it is the students' responsibility to complete and submit **Form D – Change of Student Information** as soon as possible so that changes to payment can be adjusted accordingly. This information includes, but is not limited to:

- Address (current or permanent)
- Location of Educational Institution
- Program of Study
- Part-time vs Full-time enrollment
- Dependent status (i.e., with or without dependents)

7. Deadlines:

While there are no timeline restrictions for students to apply for this program, it must be noted that limited funding is available and will be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis and therefore, it is in students' best interest to apply as soon as possible.

****Reminder:** monthly stipend will only be paid commencing from month in which applications are submitted, onward.

8. Appeals:

Any appeals by students unsuccessful in receiving funding can submit a letter of appeal to the DGG Department of Education for reconsideration. All determinations made by said Department will be final.

Please submit applications and supporting documents
to:

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