

FNTI believes in the importance of increasing access to post-secondary educational programs for Aboriginal individuals, groups and communities; and in providing culturally appropriate, practical educational choices and opportunities. FNTI seeks to offer financial assistance options to learners enrolled in its post-secondary programs, through administration of the Post-Secondary Education and Training (PSET) Bursary Fund.

FNTI student bursary funding is limited, and is available to learners only once per academic year. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and a strong commitment to their academic program by means of an aggressive personal funding search in order to be considered for funding through the bursary program.

The funds for the PSET Bursary are provided by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU), and therefore, FNTI is required to administer the bursary according to the guidelines set by MTCU.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. The PSET bursary is available to First Nations, Inuit and Metis students who are enrolled in a post-secondary program at FNTI, and who meet the Aboriginal heritage, citizenship and residency requirements as defined by MTCU.
2. The application process involves completion of an application form, and provision of third party verification of the information provided by the applicant.
3. Bursary applications must be supported by the appropriate FNTI academic personnel.
4. Bursary applications are reviewed on the 10<sup>th</sup> day in August, December, and, April, for the Fall, Winter and Spring semesters respectively.
5. Applicants will be notified in writing of within two weeks of the application review.

### BURSARY AWARDS

Bursary awards will be applied directly to tuition, mandatory fees, books, ancillary fees, student residence fees, or any other amount owing to FNTI. Any amount remaining after the financial debt to FNTI has been covered will be issued directly to the student.

Bursaries will be awarded in full to students who have no financial debt to FNTI.

Bursary applications should be directed to FNTI, Student Records at [studentrecords@fnti.net](mailto:studentrecords@fnti.net).

## REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FNTI may request additional information from the applicant.

FNTI is required to provide the following notice to all students making application for financial assistance in order to access funding for the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) Aboriginal PSET Bursary:

### NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (The Ministry) has provided your college or university with the funding to administer the Aboriginal PSET Bursary. As a condition of this funding, your college or university is required to make reports to The Ministry of your contact information, the amount of the Bursary you receive and the date it was awarded, your study period and information related to your eligibility for the Bursary. This personal information will be used by The Ministry to administer and finance the Bursary. It will also be used to establish the minimum amount of student aid your college or university is required to provide under the Student Access Guarantee (the Guarantee) and to administer and finance the Guarantee. If you apply for OSAP, this personal information will be used to update your OSAP application or award, including your declared income.

Administration includes: public reporting on the administration and financing of the Bursary and the Guarantee; monitoring and auditing your college or university or its authorized agents to ensure that they are administering the Bursary appropriately; conducting risk management, error management, audit and quality assessment activities; and conducting policy analysis, evaluation and research related to all aspects of student assistance. Financing includes: planning, arranging or providing funding of the Bursary and the Guarantee.

The Ministry administers the Bursary and the Guarantee under the authority of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.19, as amended.

#### 1. Ontario Resident:

To be considered an Ontario resident, a student must meet at least one of the following criteria:

(Check those which apply to you)

- As of the first day of the student's study period, Ontario is the last province in which the student resided for 12 consecutive months without being a full-time post-secondary student.
- If the student is married or in a common-law relationship as of the first day of the student's study period, Ontario is the last province in which the student's spouse resided for 12 consecutive months without being a full-time post-secondary student.
- If the student is a single dependent student as of the first day of the student's study period, Ontario is the last province in which the student's parent(s) step-parent(s), legal guardian(s) or official sponsor(s) resided for at least 12 consecutive months. Where parents/step-parents are separated/divorced, this requirement refers to the residency of the parent with whom the student normally resides or who financially supports the student.

*For the purposes of Ontario residency, students are identified in a common-law relationship if the individual has been living with a person in a conjugal relationship outside marriage for at least **three years** **or** the individual and a person are living together in a conjugal relationship outside marriage and*

are raising a child of whom both are the biological or adoptive parents.

For the purposes of Ontario residency, a student is identified as a single dependent student if he or she is single and **does not meet any** of the following criteria to be considered independent:

(Check those which apply to you)

- Out of high school for 4 or more years at the start of the student's study period.
- Not a full-time student at a high school or post-secondary institution (i.e. has been in the labour force on a full-time basis) for at least 12 consecutive months on 2 or more occasions.
- Both parents are deceased.
- Current or former Ward of the Crown who has not been adopted.
- The student was previously identified as married or sole-support parent but no longer meets those criteria (e.g. student is widowed, divorced, or separated with no children).

### **Residency Information:**

- I have always resided in Ontario.
- Ontario is the last province in which I resided for 12 consecutive months without being a full-time post-secondary student.
- My spouse has always resided in Ontario.
- Ontario is the last province in which my spouse resided for 12 consecutive months without being a full-time post-secondary student.
- I reside in Ontario AND my spouse and I have lived in Canada for less than 12 consecutive months.
- I now reside in Ontario but none of the above statements applies to me.

## **2. Canadian Citizenship:**

The student must be a Canadian citizen, a Permanent Resident or a Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (Canada). Citizenship must be obtained prior to receiving the Aboriginal PSET bursary.

**“Permanent Resident”** means a person who has acquired permanent resident status and has not subsequently lost that status under section 46 of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*.

**“Protected Person”** A protected person is a person on whom refugee protection is conferred under subsection (1) and whose claim or application has not subsequently been deemed to be rejected under subsection 108(3) or 109(3) *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*.

Current Citizenship Status:

- Canadian Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- Protected Person
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_.



## STUDENT BURSARY APPLICATION

### PROGRAM OF STUDY:

### PERSONAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

S.I.N. (required) \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Address While Enrolled in Current Program:

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### CURRENT STATUS

#### 3. Aboriginal Ancestry:

- Status First Nation First Nation/Community \_\_\_\_\_
- Metis
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Marital Status:

- Married
- Common-law relationship
- Sole-support parent
- Single
- Separated, divorced, or widowed, AND I have no dependent children living with me

## INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS

Please complete the Monthly Income and Expense Statement sections below. Married and common-law applicants must indicate the total family income and total family expenses.

### MONTHLY INCOME STATEMENT

Please identify your average monthly income from each of the following sources. Proof of income is required for each of the identified income sources, such as copies of pay stubs and monthly online banking statements that identify direct deposits (please black out irrelevant figures).

Income Source	Monthly Amount	Proof Attached
Applicant's Wages (after taxes)		
Savings (after taxes)		
Spouse's income (after taxes)		
Child Support		
Child Tax Benefit		
Pension (Orphan Benefit, CPP, etc.)		
Social Assistance		
Financial Contribution from Parents		N/A
OSAP		
Bursaries and Scholarships		
Other : _____ (Please Specify)		
Other : _____ (Please Specify)		
Other : _____ (Please Specify)		
Other : _____ (Please Specify)		

**PERSONAL EXPENSE STATEMENT**

Please identify the average monthly expense in each of the following categories. Proof of monthly expenses is required for the first section, and can be provided using copies of bills, receipts, monthly online banking statements that identify online payments (please black out irrelevant figures).

Personal Expense	Monthly Amount	Proof Attached
Mortgage or Rent Payment		
Utilities (heat, hydro, water, etc)		
Telephone		
Child care		
Food		<i>Not Required</i>
Other: _____ (Please Specify)		

## PROGRAM RELATED INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS

<b>PROGRAM RELATED INCOME – Per Semester</b>	
Amounts of confirmed or pending funding must be identified.	
Band, community or employer funding for Tuition and Mandatory Fees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Confirmed                    \$ _____</li> <li>○ Confirmation pending    \$ _____</li>   <li>○ Funding unavailable – written confirmation that funding is unavailable must be attached</li> </ul>
Band, community or employer funding for Living Allowance/Travel Related Expenses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Confirmed                    \$ _____</li> <li>○ Confirmation pending    \$ _____</li>   <li>○ Funding unavailable – written confirmation that funding is unavailable must be attached</li> </ul>

<b>PROGRAM RELATED EXPENSES – Per Semester</b>	
Tuition per Semester	
Mandatory or Ancillary Fees	
Books, if applicable	
Student Residence Fees	
Travel – please specify all anticipated expenses.	
Equipment	
Supplies (please specify)	
Other (please specify)	

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If there are additional details that you wish to provide please use this space to do so. Please provide details if you have circumstances that warrant special consideration.

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**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THIRD PARTY VERIFICATION**

This section is to be completed by a respected, recognized member of your community.

✓ Yes, I verify this is a fair representation of this student's need.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position or Relationship to Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date