

Post-Secondary Education Support

The WFN Post-Secondary Student Support Program enables WFN Members in financial need to gain access to post-secondary education to further their education and career goals. The education team can help to provide the information you may need to start your educational journey and goals. A copy of the Post-Secondary Education Support Policy is available **online**.

Guidance:

The **deadlines for post-secondary** education applications are **May 15 & the last Friday of November** each year. You can book time if you require any assistance with the application process. I can set up meetings with either myself and/or an Academic Advisor with a Post-Secondary Institution.

Living Allowance:

Eligible Full time students taking at least 3 courses or 9 credits would be eligible for living allowance:

Living with parents: \$1,250/ month
Own residence: \$1,600/ month
Urban: \$1,800/ month

Books/Supplies:

\$600/ per term; \$1,200/ per year

Travel:

Students living away from their permanent residence are eligible for travel expense up to maximum of two round trips per year.

Post-Secondary Tutoring Program:

Students can access funding for one-on-one tutoring, up to two hours per week. It would be the student's responsibility to find a suitable tutor and WFN would cover the cost (up to \$40 per hour)

For More Information

It is of fundamental importance that every Westbank First Nation Member achieve the best educational and employment opportunities and outcomes. WFN is committed to ensuring Members have access to a suite of services that support the achievement of those outcomes.

My name is **Chris Alexander**. As the the Education Resource Coordinator, I administer the WFN education programs and services to support both school aged students (K-12) and post-secondary students to ensure student education successes are met.

My role is to:

- o Be the liaison between students, parents, school districts and post-secondary education institutions.
- o Help students plan and reach for their long- term educational goals.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any education related questions.



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WFN Scholarship and Bursaries

The Bursary and Scholarship program recognizes student WFN Members who strive for academic success and persevere in obtaining post-secondary education while maintaining a balanced lifestyle as students, parents, and community members.

All WFN Members currently enrolled in post-secondary education are eligible to apply.

st'k'wək'wip Scholarship: \$1,500

This scholarship is awarded to a student who display exceptional academic achievement and community contribution.

The name **st'k'wək'wip** is a metaphor describing something physically falling on you as a responsibility to carry out or see through to its end. Usually this responsibility is given to you by your community. *Acknowledgement to Elder Delphine Derickson for her help with the naming of this scholarship.*

Deadline for Applications: August 10

Four Food Chief Bursaries: \$800

The Legend of How Food Was Given contains many principles to building healthy communities. Each one of the Chiefs represents a specific sector in society.

Four (4) \$800.00 bursaries will be awarded. Bursaries are intended to provide financial assistance to WFN students who demonstrate financial need, community involvement and good school work ethic.

1. **skəmxist**, Chief Black Bear Bursary
2. **siya?**, Chief Saskatoon Berry Bursary
3. **sp'īl'əm**, Chief Bitterroot Bursary
4. **ntityix**, Chief Spring Salmon Bursary

Deadline for Applications: August 10

Ntityix Resources LP Scholarship

Ntityix Resources LP was the recipient of the 2022 FPAC-CCAB Indigenous Business Leadership Award and received a donation of \$5,000.00. Ntityix Resources LP wishes this donation to become part of an annual award for a post-secondary student interested in pursuing education that would provide them with the skills to work for Ntityix Resources LP once they graduate.

The Ntityix Resources Seven Generation plan is posted on our website. Forest Management — Ntityix Resources LP and provides guidance on the variety of skills needed to carry out the plan.

Amount: \$1,500.00

Deadline for Applications: September 30



Post-Secondary Equipment Loan Program

In an effort to support students and transition to online learning, Westbank First Nation has purchased 6 laptops to support our Members attending post-secondary studies.

The loan program is on a first come first serve basis and students must complete an equipment loan program. The loan program is for each academic semester and must complete a new form after each semester. The equipment is intended to support the student's success in their studies, and is not intended for personal use.

FortisBC Scholarship and Bursaries

FortisBC has built a foundation of trust and collaboration through a long-term agreement with Westbank First Nation, fostering strong, mutually beneficial relationships. Additionally, FortisBC has established a Community Education Awards Program for Westbank First Nation Members pursuing post-secondary studies in academic, trades, technology, and energy sector disciplines relevant to FortisBC operations. This initiative supports Members dedicated to building a brighter future for themselves.

To recognize this, WFN is pleased to establish:

- **FortisBC Post-Secondary Award;** Up to two(2) **\$1,500** scholarships to eligible Westbank First Nation Members currently enrolled at a recognized **university, college, skilled trade, apprenticeship, or program** on a full-time basis or part-time basis
- **FortisBC High School Award;** Up to three(3) **\$500** bursaries to eligible Westbank First Nation Members who are in **Grades 10, 11, and 12** obtaining a Dogwood Diploma

Deadline for Applications: August 10

Preference will be given to students entering and/or planning for post-secondary studies in disciplines related to academic, trades, technology, or energy sector occupations pertinent to FortisBC Operations.

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