

Bursaries and Scholarship

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.

Applications are accepted annually until **August 10**.

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.*

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'íłəm**, Chief Bitterroot
4. **Ntityix**, Chief Spring Salmon

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:

- Be the liaison between students, parents, school districts and post-secondary education institutions.
- 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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Grades K-12 School Support

Education Assistance:

WFN Education Assistance is open to WFN Members and status aboriginal students residing on WFN lands. The assistance is to subsidize the cost of school fees, school supplies, and extracurricular activities.

Applications are accepted annually between the months of August until September 30. Pick up your application at Community Services.

Tutoring Support:

The tutoring support program supports school aged (elementary, middle, and high school) WFN members who need assistance to fulfill the Ministry of Education learning outcomes, prepare for provincial exams, and maintain the academic requirements to enter a post-secondary institution. In partnership with Westside Tutor, student are able to access one on one tutoring, up to two hours per week.

Grad Fees:

Westbank First Nation will cover basic grad fees which include Cap and Gown, and Grad feed fees (except dry grad and yearbook).

Public Transportation:

This program assists students who are registered in public or private schools, within the boundary of School District # 23, who are not eligible to ride on the SD# 23 bus. This applies to students registered in a school that has specific programs that will enhance education goals, talents, or skills, (e.g. French, sports, art, trades, religion, alternate programs, etc.).

K12 Equipment Loan Program

Westbank First Nation Education has purchased Chromebooks to support WFN Nominal Roll (Status FN) students attending School District 23 schools.

The program was funded through First Nation Education Steering Committee to support WFN Nominal Roll students and online learning.

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 a new form must be completed after each semester. The equipment is intended to support the student's success in school, and is not intended for personal use.



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.

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 **deadline** for **post-secondary education** application is **May 15** each year. You can book time if you require any assistance with the application process. I can set up meeting with either myself or an Academic Advisor with 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: \$850/ month
Own residence: \$1,200/ month
Urban: \$1,400/ month

Books/Supplies:

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

Travel:

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

Post-Secondary Tutoring Program:

Can access funding for one on one tutoring, up to two hours per week. It would students responsibility to find a suitable tutor and WFN would cover the cost (up to \$40/hour).



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