



Piigan Board of Education Society

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Post-Secondary Education Support Program (PSESP)

Funding Application Information

PSESP provides sponsorship funding for Piikani Nation members who are entering a postsecondary program. Following is a summary of the application criteria and processes.

Criteria for Applicants

- Must be on the Piikani Nation Membership List for at least 3 years
 - Verification with Piikani Membership is conducted on all applicants
- Must be at 18 years of age at the time of application
- Must be in good standing with PBOES
- High school graduates are deferred for one year

Criteria for Educational Institute

- Postsecondary institute must appear on the '*list of eligible post-secondary education institutions in Canada*' – Indigenous Services Canada website

Criteria for Postsecondary Program

- Programs must require a high school diploma as a regular admissions criterion
- Programs (or individual courses) must be transferable to other public post-secondary institutes to Alberta and/or other Canadian Institutes/Authorities
- NO on-line courses (Distance Learning, Virtual, etc.)
- Eligible Programs:
 - Adult Upgrading
 - Transitional Programs may be eligible
 - 2 Year College Diploma
 - 4 Year Undergraduate Degree
 - Post-degree Program (Masters, Professional Degree, Doctoral Studies)

Sponsorship Funding

- Tuition per academic year (Summer, Fall & Winter)
 - Adult Upgrading and Undergraduate Degree Programs
 - maximum \$6,000.00 per academic year
 - Post-degree Programs
 - maximum \$9,500.00 per academic year



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- Living allowance
 - Must be a full time student enrolled in 9 credits or more
 - 3 – 3 credit postsecondary courses or 2 – 5 credit adult upgrading courses
 - Monthly allowance amount is in accordance to schedule
- Books – \$100.00 per course, maximum \$400 per semester
- Supplies - \$100.00 per semester regardless of student status (full or part time)

PBOES is fully aware that the cost of living exceeds the amount of sponsorship funding students receive, therefore, it is mandatory that students apply for scholarships and bursaries.

Funding Application Timelines:

- Fall Term
(September-December)
applications are
open on January 1st
and
closed on the deadline
date - June 15th
- Winter Term
(January–April)
applications are
open on September 1st
and
closed on the deadline
date - October 15th



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Post-Secondary Education Sponsorship Program Application Deadlines

Academic Term	Application Deadlines
Fall Term September - December	January 1 st - June 15 th
Winter Term January - April	September 1 st - October 15 th (New applications)

Applications available at the Peigan Board of Education Society
& Piikani Outreach Academy.

Phone: 403-965-3910

Email: postsecondary@piikani.ca

The date PBOES receives your signed Application Form for Post Secondary Sponsorship is crucial in our prioritising process. That date determines where you are on the Application Priority List.

Note: You do NOT need to have a Letter of Acceptance or any other documents on the day you submit your Application Form for Post-Secondary Sponsorship. Documents can be sent in later.



Application Process

1. Application review begins once applications are closed (June 16th for the Fall term, and October 16th for the Winter term).
2. Applicants can expect a letter from PBOES indicating their application status, information regarding documents, and deadlines:
 - Dates to expect a letter from PBOES:
 - First week of July for the Fall Term
 - First week of December for the Winter Term (subject to available funding)
3. Deadline dates for documents – see below
4. PBOES sends letters of sponsorship to post secondary institutes on behalf of applicants approved for sponsorship

The following are documents that applicants must provide to complete the PSESP funding application (scan and email preferred):

1. **Letter of intent** – a one-page personal letter briefly introducing yourself, providing information about your academic experience to date, summarizing your employment experience, and indicating your long-term academic goals and steps to reaching those goals. (AI-generated letters will not be accepted).
2. **Letter of acceptance** – an official letter from the post-secondary institute which includes their letter head, the program that you have been accepted into, your student ID number and steps on how to accept the offer.
3. **Program Planning Guide/Program Evaluation** – a document that outlines the courses that are required to complete the program indicated on your letter of acceptance. This is a 'roadmap' of your education journey, it indicates the course sequencing plan, mandatory and elective courses and credit loads per semester. Every year you must update this document with an adviser.
4. **Transcripts:**
 - **High School Graduates** – If the applicant graduated from high school within the last 3 years, they must provide high school transcripts and a high school diploma certificate.



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- **Adult Upgrading** – If the applicant graduated from Adult Upgrading (high school equivalent courses) within the last 3 years, they must provide transcripts from the college that provided the courses
- **Mature Students** – If the applicant did not graduate from high school, transcripts are not necessary; If the applicant graduated from high school or completed adult upgrading over 4 years ago, transcripts are required
- **Students currently enrolled in a postsecondary program** – a copy of the applicant's latest transcripts – the applicant's current GPA must be 2.00 or higher.

5. Course Registration for the term the applicant is applying for – a list of courses the applicant is enrolled in for the Fall (September to December). Winter (January to April) term: NO on-line courses (Distance Learning, Virtual, etc.)

6. Name of scholarships that applicants have applied to and the date applied.

7. Dependents form and **Canada Child Benefit (CCB) Application** if the applicant has children under age 18.

9. Two pieces of identification: a copy of the applicant's Certificate of Indian Status card (Registry group no. and name must be 436 – Piikani Nation), 1 other form of ID (preferably a picture ID). Screenshots and photos of IDs are unacceptable.

10. Deposits/seat-of-offers are the applicant's responsibility.

11. Opt out of the Health & Dental Plan; otherwise, the applicant will be responsible for paying this fee.

These documents can be sent in as they are completed and/or received by the applicant.

If you require further information and/or, please don't hesitate to contact the Post-Secondary Department: Joslin Smith, Joelle Weasel Bear, and Taylor Crow Shoe.

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