



**NIPISHKOPAHK
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Iyiniwin Trust Fund
Student Handbook**



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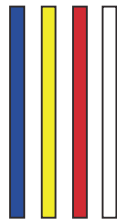
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The Nipisihkopahk Iyiniw Trust Fund BOARD OF TRUSTEES is responsible to oversee the management and administration of the Nipisihkopahk Iyiniw Trust Fund (NITF) for the benefit of the members of the Samson Cree Nation in accordance with the mission and objectives outlined as follows:

1. Mission Statement

The mission of the Nipisihkopahk Iyiniw Trust Fund (NITF) is to promote and encourage Samson Cree Nation members with their educational endeavors. The NITF seeks to officially recognize Samson members who have successfully completed their education and have obtained a profession or occupation that will benefit themselves and the Samson Cree Nation.



2. Objectives

The NITF objectives are as follows:

- a) To provide limited financial assistance through incentives, awards, and benefits to qualifying Samson Cree Nation members who attend recognized educational institutions and who graduate with the qualifications and skills required to pursue individual careers as well as contributing to the development of the human resources of the Samson Cree Nation.
- b) To adopt and maintain policies and guidelines to govern the NITF and to ensure that Samson Cree Nation members are aware of the NITF policies and the types of incentives, student benefit and awards available to qualifying Samson Cree Nation students.
- c) To ensure that Samson Cree Nation members and students recognize and understand that financial assistance is provided within the limits of budget allocations in each fiscal year and in accordance with the policies adopted by the Board of Trustees.
- d) To ensure that Samson Cree Nation members recognize and understand that the administrative authority for the NITF rests solely with the NITF Board of Trustees and their staff.
- e) To provide advisory services to Samson Cree Nation members in respect of the various educational opportunities available to them and to assist members in accessing financial assistance for their

education. This could include providing information on scholarships, bursaries and study tips, orientation to new students on NITF programs, as well as sharing information from Educational Institutions (E.g. Student Success Program - UofA) and other important notices.

f) To provide information concerning the activities of the NITF including financial information to the Samson Cree Nation Chief and Council and to all members of the Samson Cree Nation through publication and distribution of the Annual Report.

g) To promote and encourage the successful completion of Education by Samson Cree Nation members.

h) To ensure that the NITF is administered in a proper and prudent manner so that a solid foundation is built for the Trust to assist Samson Cree Nation members with their education endeavours now and into the future.

NOTE: The NITF Board of Trustees may reduce or suspend benefits, incentives or awards under the Student Benefit Program if such steps are justified in accordance with the NITF Trust Deed.

3. Definitions

“Academic Probation” is when a student’s grades fall below academic standing and they are placed on Academic probation as defined by the educational institution.

“Academic Year” is as defined by the educational institution but will not be less than eight (8) months in duration to qualify for the incentive program.

“Adult Upgrading” is a program of studies leading to a high school diploma or GED (e.g. High School Equivalency).

“Advanced Graduate Diploma” is as defined by the educational institution.

“Award” is a monetary or gratuitous gift given in recognition of a student’s achievement in successfully completing and graduating from a course of study at a recognized educational institution.

“Board of Trustees” means the Trustees of Nipisihkopahk Iyiniwiniw Trust Fund, appointed by band council resolution of the Samson Cree Nation Chief and Council in accordance with the NITF Trust Deed.

“College/Post-Secondary Preparation” enhancement programs aimed at increasing access to college or university (e.g. UCEP, TYP or College Prep).

“Diploma Program” is a program of study which is two (2) years or greater in length and does not include High School Diploma Program or a two (2) year diploma program that is part of a four (4) year degree program. For funding purposes, students enrolled in a Diploma Program must take a minimum of three (3) courses per semester.

“Direct Deposit” is a deposit of money transferred directly into a student’s bank account.

“Fiscal Year” is as defined by the Board of Trustees as January 1 to December 31 of any given year.

“Full-time Student” and **“Part-time Student”** are as defined by the educational institution; fulltime generally means a student enrolled in at least three (3) full courses per term and parttime generally means a student enrolled in less than three (3) full time courses.

“General Education Degree (GED)” as defined by Alberta Education or it’s equivalent.

“High School Diploma” as defined by Alberta Education or it’s equivalent.

“High School Diploma ‘Advanced’” is a High School Diploma that includes the completion of Math 30, English 30, Social Studies 30 and Chemistry 30 or Biology 30 or Physics 30.

“Incentive” is a gratuitous gift generally given to qualifying Samson students in recognition of their successful continuation in a program of studies.

“Mature Student” is a student who is the age of 18 years old and is currently in high school; or is a student that is under the age of 18 years old and has a child.

“Post-Secondary Education” means a program of study offered by a recognized Post Secondary Institution for which completion of a High School Diploma or equivalent is a pre-requisite.

“Post-Secondary Educational Institution” are degree, diploma and certificate granting institutions which are recognized or accredited with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and includes educational institutions affiliated with, or delivering accredited post-secondary programs by arrangement with a recognized (post-secondary) educational institution.

“Program of study” means a recognized educational program leading to a certificate, diploma or degree.

“Samson Cree Nation Member” means a person whose name appears on the Samson Cree Nation membership list.

“School” is an educational institution offering courses for Kindergarten to Grade 12 that meets the standards set by Alberta Education or equivalent.

“Semester” or **“Term”** refers to part of the academic year, as defined by the (postsecondary) educational institution. Semesters or Terms usually cover the periods from September to December and January to April, May to June and July to August. For Adult high school, Semester or Terms usually cover the periods from September to January and from February to June.

“Student Benefit” is sponsorship of an educational event or activity that includes an educational excursion.

“Technical School” is an educational institution accredited by Alberta Education and delivering accredited program of studies (e.g. NAIT, SAIT, RDC or equivalent).

“Trades” includes a program of study leading to a journeyman’s or master’s ‘ticket’.

“Tutor” is a person who provides extra curricular knowledge in specific field.

4. Eligibility

To be eligible to receive any incentive, award or gratuitous gift under the NITF policies, the applicant must:

- a) Must be a person whose name appears on the Samson Cree Nation Membership List.
- b) Be accepted for enrollment into a program of studies at a recognized educational institution;
- c) Meet eligibility requirements under specific policies of the NITF;
- d) Complete and submit a NITF application form before the application deadline;

e) Be enrolled but not be placed on academic probation. Must provide proof of grades each semester or term;

f) Continuous payment of incentive is contingent on remaining in good academic standing each term;

g) Students qualify for an incentive for a maximum 60 months of incentive. Effective September 1, 2010.

h) Students who fail to follow the NITF procedures are disqualified from receiving student benefits, incentives and awards for 3 years unless they pay back incentives that they were not entitled to receive under policy.

5. Application Procedures

Each applicant who satisfies the eligibility requirements must:

- a) Provide written proof of acceptance or conditional acceptance from an educational institution.
- b) Complete and sign an application form from the NITF. Qualifying students must apply to the NITF before the following application deadlines:

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

FALL (September)	June 15th
WINTER (January)	November 15th
SPRING (May & June)	March 15th
SUMMER (July & August)	May 15th

If the deadline falls on a weekend the deadline is one working day after the weekend.

- c) Complete and sign an agreement to allow the NITF to obtain confirmation of acceptance, enrolment, transcripts, confirmation of graduation, proof of good academic standing and other related information and documents directly from educational institutions.
- d) Provide the NITF with information for direct deposit purposes. All applicants applying for monthly incentives must comply with this requirement.
- e) Notify the NITF Coordinator of any changes in educational funding status. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of funding.
- f) Maintain personal copies of all applications including a NITF application and any correspondence and documents related to their post-secondary education.



g) **LATE APPLICATIONS:** Any application received after any deadline set out in Section 5 (b) above will be considered late and assigned a late status. Due to restrictions in budget allocations, students who apply late may not be accepted for financial assistance. Late applications may be considered for the next term only in the absolute discretion of the NITF Board of Directors. **There are no retroactive payments made for late applications, if accepted.**

**“It’s not what is poured
into a student, but what
is planted”
- Linda Conway**

6. College and Post-Secondary Preparation Monthly Incentives

Qualifying Samson Cree Nation Members attending a “post-secondary preparation program” or equivalent as recognized by Alberta Education in order to upgrade their education may apply for the College and Post-Secondary Preparation monthly incentive from the NITF.

Due to budget restraints, the NITF has limited the number of students to be funded as per budget allotment. It is therefore understood that there is a possibility that not all students applying will receive a monthly incentive. Applications College/Post-Secondary Preparation incentives will be considered in order of priority in accordance with funding criteria.

As of September 2010, the following programs are considered “upgrading” programs for the purposes of the policy:

- University College Entrance Pro-gram (UCEP)
- Transitional Year Program (TYP)
- College Preparation
- Foundations

TO APPLY STUDENTS MUST:

- (1) Meet the eligibility requirements in Section 4.
- (2) Comply with the application procedures under Section 5 of this Policy Guide;
- (3) Be enrolled in a recognized college/university preparation program.

IF ACCEPTED STUDENTS MUST:

- (4) Must complete and sign an agreement to allow the NITF to obtain confirmation of acceptance, enrollment, transcripts, confirmation of graduation, proof of good academic standing and other related information and documents directly from educational institutions.

DURATION OF SUPPORT

- (5) The NITF will provide college/post-secondary preparation incentives to qualifying students up to a

maximum of one (1) academic year.

- (6) No retroactive payments will be made by the NITF.

Note: Students qualify for an incentive for a maximum 60 months of incentive for their entire Post-Secondary Educational Career. This applies to all post-secondary programs. Effective September 1, 2010.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PREPARATION PROGRAM MONTHLY INCENTIVE RATES:

\$50/Course to a maximum of \$250 (5 courses)

SPRING/SUMMER SESSIONS:

\$50/Course

Eligible students will be paid in accordance with the rates set under the monthly incentive rate. Full time status will be defined by the recognized Educational institution.



“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” - Gandhi

7. Post-Secondary and Technical School Monthly Incentives

Monthly incentives are available to qualifying students who are enrolled in and are attending a recognized post-secondary educational institution such as a university, college or technical school. Restrictions apply to some technical schools and some programs.

TO QUALIFY FOR INCENTIVE STUDENTS MUST:

- (1) Be eligible under Section 4 of this Policy Guide.
- (2) Complete all application procedures as set out under Section 5 of this Policy Guide.
- (3) If applicable, provide official transcripts for the previous academic year from an educational institution to the NITF.
- (4) Not be on academic probation and must provide proof of good academic standing each term/semester.

Note: No advances of any kind for student incentives will be made by the NITF. No retroactive payments will be made by the NITF. Students are only eligible to receive 60 months of incentive in total.

<p>POST-SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL MONTHLY INCENTIVE RATES: \$80/Course to a maximum of \$400 (5 courses) Students who have obtained an undergraduate degree and are enrolled in a second undergraduate degree program (as defined in this policy guide) use the schedule of rates noted above.</p>
<p>SPRING/SUMMER SESSIONS: \$80/Course Eligible students will be paid in accordance with the rates set under the monthly incentive rate. Full time status will be defined by the recognized educational institution.</p>
<p>POST-GRADUATE UNIVERSITY: Includes Masters, University Undergraduate Law and Medicine Programs. Does not include Doctorate programs. FULL TIME - \$500/Month each year PART TIME - \$250/Month each year Anyone in a master program has access to 24 months of incentive.</p>

8. Adult Upgrading / Adult Highschool Monthly Incentive

* For the purpose of obtaining High School Diploma or GED

Qualifying Samson Cree Nation Members attending an “adult education program” or equivalent as recognized by Alberta Education in order to obtain or upgrade their High School diploma or GED may apply for an adult upgrading monthly incentive from the NITF.

Due to budget restraints, the NITF has limited the number of students to be funded as per budget allotment. It is therefore understood that there is a possibility that not all students applying will receive a monthly incentive. Applications Adult Upgrading incentives will be considered in order of priority according to funding guidelines.

TO APPLY STUDENTS MUST:

- (1) Meet the eligibility requirements in Section 4 and comply with the application procedures under Section 5 of this Policy Guide.

- (2) Be enrolled in a recognized “adult education program” or equivalent as recognized by Alberta Education program in full-time core academic courses.

IF ACCEPTED STUDENTS MUST:

- (3) Must complete and sign an agreement to allow the NITF to obtain confirmation of acceptance, enrolment, transcripts, confirmation of graduation, proof of good academic standing and other related information and documents directly from educational institutions.
- (4) The NITF will provide adult upgrading incentives to qualifying students up to a maximum of one (1) academic year.
- (5) No retroactive payments will be made by the NITF.

<p>ADULT UPGRADING / ADULT HIGH SCHOOL MONTHLY INCENTIVE RATES: \$50/Course to a maximum of \$250 (5 courses)</p>
<p>SPRING/SUMMER SESSIONS: \$50/Course</p>

9. The NITF Student Awards

The NITF Student Awards are designed to recognize Samson Cree Nation members who have successfully completed their program of study at recognized educational institutions. These awards are in keeping with the mission and objectives of the NITF to promote and encourage Samson members to complete their education so that they may obtain a profession or occupation that will benefit themselves and the Samson Cree Nation as a whole.

TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST:

1. Apply for the NITF Student Awards within two (2) calendar year from the date of graduation or convocation. No exceptions are permitted.
2. Provide the original certificate, diploma or degree and transcripts to the NITF with official confirmation from a recognized educational institution.

* Grad Assistance Gr.12 (One-time payment), Complete Application form. \$250.00

NIPISIKOPAHK IYINISIWIN TRUST FUND PAYMENT SCHEDULE JR. & SR HIGH SCHOOL & DIPLOMA STUDENT AWARDS	
Grade 9 Achievement Awards	\$100
Grade 10 Achievement Awards	\$150
Grade 11 Achievement Awards	\$200
General Education Diploma (GED-Less than 100 credits)	\$250
General High School Diploma & K & E HS Diploma (100 Credits)	\$500
“High School Diploma ‘Advanced’” Math 30, Eng. 30, Social Studies 30 and Science 30 or Chemistry 30 or Biology 30 or Physics 30 with a minimum passing grade	\$750

University, College & Technical Schools Student Awards

TECHNICAL SCHOOL AWARDS

Trade Year	2nd	3rd	4th
Journeyman	\$1000	\$1500	\$2000
Master’s	\$1000	\$1000	\$2000

Technical School Award - (3-8 months) Certificate Program of Study leading to a diploma or certificate in a certified field of study.
\$250

Completion with Honour and Distinctions
\$250

* Some restrictions apply

DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE AWARDS

Less than three (3) months
\$100

Three (3) months -One (1) year Certificate in College/ University Preparation Program
\$250

One (1) year Certificate Program (9+)
\$500

Two (2) year Diploma or Certificate Program
\$1,000

Two (2) year Technical School Program
\$1,000

If completed with honours or distinction receive an extra \$100.

* Some restrictions apply

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Undergraduate Degree Programs (includes double-major)
\$5,000

Second (2nd) Undergraduate Degree Program
\$2,500

Advanced Graduate Diploma
\$1,500

1st Master’s Degree Program
\$10,000

2nd Master’s Degree Program
\$5,000

1st Doctorate Degree Program
\$20,000

2nd Doctorate Degree Program
\$10,000

Honorary Doctorate Program
\$500

Completion with Honour and Distinctions
\$500

Grad Assistance for Undergrads (One-time payment)
\$300

Post-Secondary grad assistance (One-time payment)
\$300. If completed with honour or distinction receive an extra \$500 (One-time payment).

* Some restrictions apply

10. Student Benefit Program

The NITF may, within its budgetary limits, include student benefits to Samson Cree Nation members.

To qualify for the student benefit the activity must meet the following criteria:

- a) The activity is part of a course or a program of study and is authorized by the superintendent or school principal;
- b) The student participants are in good academic standing, good attendance, and / or have demonstrated exemplary behavior;
- c) The excursion must be out of the Province of Alberta and excursion must be no less than 48 hours in duration;
- d) The students, staff and parents are fundraising to cover costs for the educational excursion and require supplemental financial support from the NITF.

e) If applicable, written parental consent including a parental waiver of legal liability has been provided to the NITF

f) It is clearly understood that under no circumstances is the NITF legally liable for injury, loss or damage however caused.

g) Qualifies for one trip per school year.

h) The amount each applicant is eligible for is determined by the following;

Alberta - 48 hr excursion - \$200.00

Out of Province - Maximum of \$1000 CAD

Out of Country - Maximum of \$1500 CAD

NOTE: Chaperones will not be funded by the NITF. This program will be subject to available budget.

11. After School Tutorial Program

The NITF Board recognizes the need for supplementary instructions for students to better understand their academics. These courses must be either: core, fundamental learning, or prerequisites to their academic plan.

It must be ensured that any tutor under this program is professionally qualified or is a current high school or post-secondary student who has demonstrated the qualities of mastering the course information which the student needs.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATIONS:

1. A referral from the teacher must be submitted by the parent/guardian.
2. Parents/guardians must fully complete the tutorial application form.
3. Tutor to be recommended by the school and/or alternative tutor researched by the student/parent.
4. Tutorial location and schedule shall be agreed upon by all parties involved.
5. Student has demonstrated their attempt to grasp school work with high attendance, time spent one-on-one with classroom teacher and homework attempted.

TUTORIAL RATES:

- a) 35 hours maximum shall be allotted per school term at a negotiable standard rate.
- b) The program is available from October-June, and special circumstances on any other months of the year.
- c) Due to limited funds within the program and various grades set out along with experience of tutor; all tutorial rates will be negotiable.
- d) Time sheets with detailed course report must be submitted with invoice at the end of each month.
- e) A report from the teacher is also required if continuing tutoring in same subject each month.

The NITF will not cover tutorial costs if:

- a) Application form is incomplete.
- b) Program for tutorial request is not a required course.
- c) Program budget has been exceeded.



NITF provides tutorial financial assistance to Samson students attending Federally funded and Provincial Schools.

12. Computer/Laptop Reimbursement

OBJECTIVE

The NITF understands the importance of life long learning. NITF recognizes the educational value of technology in the learning environment. NITF would like to support the students with assisting them with a Computer/Laptop reimbursement.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive a reimbursement under the NITF, the applicant must:

- a) Be a person whose name appears on the Samson Cree Nation membership list.
- b) Be accepted for enrollment into a program of studies at a recognized educational institution.
- c) Complete and submit a NITF application form.
- d) The NITF will reimburse adult students only (post-secondary/adult upgrading).

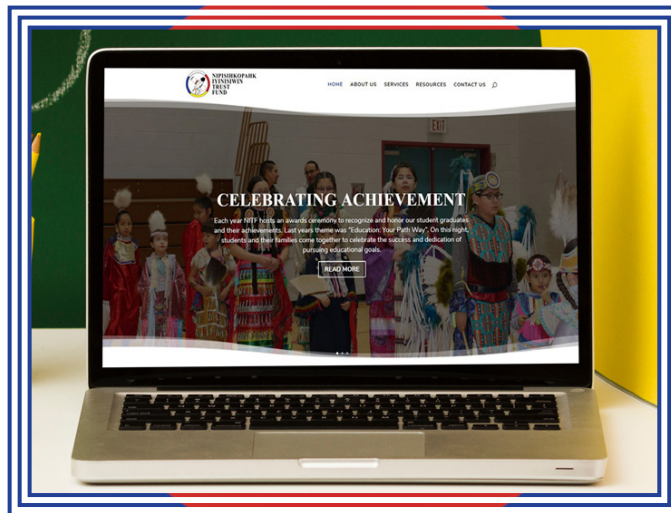
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Each applicant who satisfies the eligibility requirements must:

- a) Complete and sign an application form from the NITF.

- b) Provide written proof of acceptance from an educational institution.
- c) Attach a receipt to application (proof of purchase).

NOTE: This program will be subject to available budgets. This will be a one-time reimbursement. \$400 maximum reimbursement.



13. Scientific Calculators Policy

OBJECTIVE

The NITF understands the importance of life long learning. NITF recognizes the educational value of technology in the learning environment. NITF would like to support the students with assisting them with a scientific calculators reimbursement.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive a reimbursement under the NITF, the applicant must:

- a) Be a person whose name appears on the Samson Cree Nation membership list.
- b) Complete and submit a NITF application form.
- c) Be accepted for enrollment into a program of studies at a recognized educational institution.

- d) NITF will reimburse Students who are enrolled in one of these classes; 10-C, 20-1 & 20-2, 30-1 & 30-2, Math 31, Advanced Placement Math (any AP Math), Internation Baccaalaureate Math (any IB Math).

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Each applicant who satisfies the eligibility requirements must:

- a) Complete and sign an application form from the NITF.
- b) Provide written proof of acceptance from an educational institution.
- c) Attach a receipt to application (proof of purchase).

NOTE: This program will be subject to available budgets. This will be a one-time reimbursement. \$100 maximum reimbursement.

14. Off-Reserve School Supplies

OBJECTIVE

The NITF understands the importance of life long learning. The NITF would like to support the off-reserve students with assisting them with School Supplies.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive Off-Reserve School Supplies under the NITF, the applicant must:

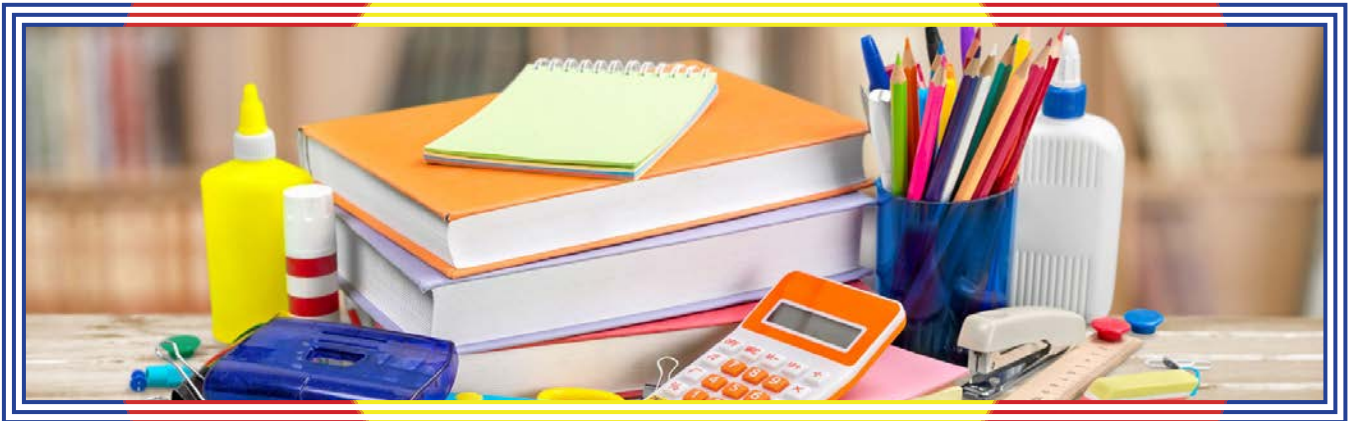
- a) Be a person whose name appears on the Samson Cree Nation membership list.
- b) Be accepted for enrollment into a program of studies at a recognized educational institution.
- c) Complete and submit a NITF application form.
- d) Be a person who goes to school off-reserve.
- e) Be a person who is in Kindergarten to Grade 12.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Each applicant who satisfies the eligibility requirements must:

- a) Provide proof of Citizenship (eg. copies of IDs).
- b) Complete and sign an application form from the NITF.
- c) Provide written proof of acceptance from an educational institution.

NOTE: This program will be subject to available budgets. Off-Reserve School Supplies will be \$100/student/school year (Sept - June).



15. Student Expenses NOT Covered

The mission and objectives of the NITF is to focus on incentives for Samson students to continue their education and to recognize Samson students who successfully complete a program of study leading to a trade certification diploma, degree.

The NITF does not provide financial assistance for any direct costs related to education programs. Any assistance provided to qualifying Samson students is without prejudice to the obligations of the Government of Canada by virtue of Treaty No. 6.

The Federal government has a treaty, trust, fiduciary and other obligations and responsibilities to provide financial assistance to Samson Cree Nation members

for their education. The NITF's Trust Deed does not permit Board of Trustees to occupy any area of funding that the federal government is responsible for.

Therefore, the NITF does not, under any circumstances, provide assistance for the following:

- (1) Registration Fees**
- (2) Tuition Fees**
- (3) Student Living Allowance**
- (4) Books**
- (5) School Fees (E.g., Yearbooks)**

The NITF staff will assist students in securing student funding from agencies other than the NITF.

16. Student Withdraw or Change of Status

- a) Students must notify the NITF in writing within ten (10) days when withdrawing or dropping out of an educational institution,
- b) Students must notify the NITF in writing within ten (10) days if their status changes from a full-time to a part-time student.
- c) Students who withdraw from an educational institution due to a medical reason must provide the NITF with an original note from a physician.



17. Suspension of Incentives and Awards

The NITF will suspend incentives or payments of any kind from the NITF, upon notification that a student has been terminated, or has withdrawn or dropped out of their program of studies.

The NITF may suspend payments to students for any of the following reasons:

- a) Incomplete application provided to the NITF;
- b) Failure to provide the NITF with the necessary information to permit direct deposits to a student's bank account.

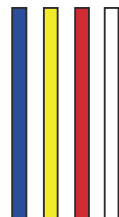
- c) When a student has exceeded the maximum duration of 60 months (post-secondary) or 12 month (for adult upgrading).
- d) When a student is placed on academic probation and fails to inform the NITF of ineligibility to receive monthly incentive.

18. Disqualification from Receiving Incentives and Awards

- 1) When terminated by withdrawing from or dropping out of an education institution students must notify the NITF.
- 2) Students who fail to notify the NITF will be

- disqualified from receiving any incentives, awards or payments of any kind from the NITF for a term of three (3) years.
- 3) False or fraudulent information provided by a student on any form required by the NITF will result in disqualification of funding for a term of three (3) years. There is no appeal in this case.
- 4) There is zero tolerance for abusive language and/or behavior directed towards the NITF Trustees and staff. Such conduct may result in suspension or termination of incentives, awards or payments of any kind.

“Freedom of teaching and of opinion in book or press is the foundation for the sound and natural development of any people” - Albert Einstein



19. Student Appeal Process

The NITF provides an appeal process for students wishing to appeal a decision of the NITF.

This will ensure any applicant fair and equitable treatment in accordance with the policies, procedures and guidelines adopted by the NITF including the restrictions found therein;

a) The appeal process is available only to those applicants who have met all requirements for eligibility set out in Section 4 of this policy guide, and who have complied with all of the application procedures set out in Section 5 of this policy guide.

b) Applicants, students and employees of the NITF must comply with all of the policies, procedures, and guidelines adopted by the NITF.

c) Applicants who wish to appeal must do so within fourteen (14) calendar days of notification of a decision of the NITF.

d) Applicants and students are required to submit their appeal in writing to the Coordinator of the NITF outlining their grounds for appeal. All supporting

documentation must be included in order for the appeal to be considered. The Coordinator will attempt to resolve the matter under appeal based on the material submitted and in accordance with the policies of the NITF.

e) If the matter cannot be resolved by the Coordinator, the matter will be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees who will attempt to resolve the matter under appeal within the policies and guidelines established by the NITF.

f) If the matter cannot be resolved by the Chairperson, the matter will be placed on the agenda of the Board of Trustees of the NITF. Any decision of the Board of Trustees is final and no further appeals are permitted.

There is no appeal to the Samson Cree Nation Chief and Council.

NOTE: Appeals must be made within fourteen (14) calendar days of the decision of the NITF.

20. Additional Resources

Samson Cree Nation Human Resources:
Workforce and Training
(780) 585-3305 Ext. 139

Samson Cree Nation Income Support
(780) 585-6680

Samson Cree Nation Membership Office
(780) 585-3793 Ext. 166

Samson Youth and Sport Development
<https://www.samsoncree.com/departments/sysd/>
(780) 585-0096

Maskwacis Employment Center
www.maskwacisemployment.ca
(780) 585-4450

Lokken Career Training
(780) 312-2895

Aboriginal Scholarships
www.ammsa.com

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation
www.naaf.ca

Alberta Student Finance & Loans
www.alis.gov.ab.ca

Alberta Works
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