

Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP)

2024-25 Academic Year

Program Description

The Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) provides eligible First Nations students with funding to access education opportunities at the post-secondary level, including university and college entrance preparation programs. Subject to the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres' (BCAAFC) contract with Indigenous Services Canada, students must meet all the following eligibility requirements:

- i. First Nation students who are **registered Status Indians**
- ii. and **do not have band membership**, and are thus ineligible to apply for funding through their band
- iii. Must be a **BC resident**

Application Process

Applications for PSSSP must be completed and submitted to the Education Coordinator at BCAAFC by 5:00 PM on the application deadline. The application process requires:

- i. A complete application form signed and dated.
- ii. All supporting documents as listed in the application checklist.
- iii. Please scan and submit your application and all supporting documents into **one PDF file**, labeled **YourName_PSSSP_Fall2024** (or whichever semester you are applying for, _Fall/Winter2024, etc.). If you are unable to combine all documents, **please clearly label** each document as listed on the application checklist.



- iv. If you are a successful applicant, your funding is contingent upon submission of your
 - a. Official transcripts, provided by your school's registrar, from your most recent schooling. Please note, a screenshot of your grades cannot be accepted. It must be an official transcript.
 - b. Proof of registration for the courses you are taking in the upcoming semester

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Deadline

July 1st, 2024

for the Fall & Winter semesters (September-December 2024, January-April 2025)

November 1st, 2024

for the Winter Semester (January-April 2025)

March 31st, 2025

for students applying for the summer semester (May-August 2025)

Contact Information

Please forward all applications, correspondence, inquiries, and official transcripts to the following:

Email: education@bcaafc.com

Phone: (236) 361-9435



PSSSP Application

A. Eligibility Requirements

This funding is intended for Indigenous students who are registered in a Canadian post-secondary institution and who demonstrate significant financial need.

All fields are required to consider an application complete. If the field does not apply to you, please enter **N/A**.

Name: _____

Status First Nation (Registered Indian)

Yes

No

Registry Number: _____

Do you have Band membership?

Yes

No

Band Affiliation: _____

Are you eligible for funding through your Band?

Yes

No

Please provide any additional details to explain the above:

Have you applied for post-secondary funding from your band recently or in the past?

Yes

No

Are you a BC resident?

Yes

No

Applicant Type:

New

Continuing (funded by BCAAFC for the previous school year)

Returning (formally funded by BCAAFC; have taken a break from schooling and are returning)



B. Applicant Information

Social Insurance Number (SIN)

Birthdate

Gender

Street Address

Town

Province

Postal Code

Phone Number

Email

C. Semester

- Summer (May-August) 2024
 Fall (September-December) 2024
 Winter (January-April) 2025

D. Program Information

Name of Post-Secondary Institution

Start date of your program

School attendance:

Full-time Part-time

Program Type:

Certificate

Diploma

Degree

Other

If other, please explain

Program of Study

Length of Program (years/months)

Program location





G. Education Information

Please tell us about your academic progress to date, your areas of study, and/or certificates/diplomas/degrees you have completed.

My long term academic and career goals include:



H. Budget

(If you need more space, you may attach another sheet)

Monthly Expenses

Rent/Mortgage/Residence: \$ _____

Please specify: _____

Utilities (hydro, water, internet): \$ _____

Transportation (bus pass, gas, car insurance): \$ _____

Please specify: _____

Medical/dental premiums: \$ _____

Related health care costs: \$ _____

Food: \$ _____

Childcare: \$ _____

Other: \$ _____

Please specify: _____

Other: \$ _____

Please specify: _____

TOTAL: \$ _____





One-Time Education Costs for the 2024-2025 Academic Year

Tuition and required fees for term of study (Please specify the cost per semester that you are applying for)

Fall 2024: \$ _____

Winter 2024: \$ _____

Summer 2024 \$ _____ Total for school year: \$ _____

Mandatory books and supplies (Please specify the cost per semester that you are applying for)

Fall 2024: \$ _____

Winter 2024: \$ _____

Summer 2024 \$ _____ Total for school year: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Income & Financial Resources for 2024-2025 Academic Year

List the source of income, the timeframe, and amount. This includes part-time or full-time work and all actual and projected income from scholarships, bursaries, merit awards, and student loans.

Part-time or full-time work From (MM/YY) To (MM/YY) \$/Month

Part-time or full-time work From (MM/YY) To (MM/YY) \$/Month

TOTAL: \$ _____



Other income sources (e.g., scholarships, bursaries, loans)

Income source	From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	\$ Amount
Income source	From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	\$ Amount
Income source	From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	\$ Amount
Income source	From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	\$ Amount
Income source	From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	\$ Amount
TOTAL:			\$ _____

FUNDING AGREEMENT

**BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres
Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP)
2024-2025 Academic Year**

The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, through a contract administered by Indigenous Services Canada, is pleased to assist students with their education. Prior to funding, you, the student, must agree to the following:

- i.** To complete all sponsored courses and programs, to the best of my ability;
- ii.** To submit official transcripts of marks for completed courses according to the schedule below:
 - a.** For the Fall term, by January 15th, 2024
 - b.** For the Winter term, by May 15th, 2024
- iii.** To notify BCAAFC education department in writing if my contact information changes.



- iv. To notify BCAAFC education department of any withdrawals from my program of study.

I, _____ (the applicant), confirm that all of the personal information provided is complete and accurate. I accept responsibility for satisfying the academic requirements of the post-secondary institution I will be attending, and managing the education funds responsibly and as agreed upon. I have read and I understand the above funding agreement. I agree to these conditions and requirements. I understand that failure to fulfill these requirements and conditions may result in my funding being suspended.

Student Signature

Date

Release of Information

To whom it may concern:

This is an authorization for Admissions/Registration and the First Nations Office at _____ (your institution) to release information about my courses, grades, tuition, and student fees to the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres.

Printed name: _____

Signature:

Date:



Application Checklist

You must read and fill out ALL sections of the application to be considered for funding. Please write N/A if a section does not apply to you.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications for PSSSP must be completed and submitted to the Education Coordinator at BCAAFC by 5:00 PM on the application deadline. A complete application includes:

- Application Checklist – completed and signed
- Application Form – completed and signed
- Budget – (section h. of application form) including all expenses and sources of income for the academic year
- A copy of your Status Card – front and back
- Proof of Acceptance/Enrollment – from the institution you will be attending
- Cost of Tuition and Fees – for each semester that you are applying for, provide documentation from the post-secondary institution that clearly states approximate tuition and fees for your program of study
- Most Recent Grades/Transcripts – you may submit unofficial transcripts/grades with your application, but successful candidates must submit their official transcripts before receiving their funds.
- Proof of Registration – please send in with your initial application, a list of the courses you are registered in for the upcoming semester
- Verification of Dependents Claimed – (i.e. birth certificates, marriage certificate if applicable)
- If I am a successful applicant, I _____ (the applicant), understand that my funding is contingent upon my submission of the following documents to the Education Coordinator at BCAAFC:
 - a. Proof of Registration – list of courses you are registered in for each upcoming semester
 - b. Official Transcripts – official transcripts from your most recent schooling
 - c. Official Transcripts for each semester that I have received PSSSP funding

Printed Name: _____

Student Signature

Date

