

GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION: POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM

SUMMARY OF FULL-TIME SPONSORSHIP

(Please refer to your GRFN PS Operating Guidelines for more details)



TUITION: All mandatory fees (including optional and mandatory health coverage; **excludes any charges for a bus pass**) will be paid direct to the school upon receipt of an invoice from the school.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES: Each student will receive a minimum \$400. to start the school year (\$50 is for your basic supplies - paper, pens, binders, etc). If the required books/supplies **cost more than the \$350 advance**, you will be **reimbursed upon submission of the receipts, course outlines (or official text/supply list) and the completed GRFN Reimbursement form. The second semester advance will be dependent on reimbursements received in the previous semester.**

LIVING ALLOWANCE: Unfortunately, this is only meant as an assistance to help cover your living expenses while at school (i.e. rent, food, utilities, child care, entertainment, etc). You will receive this allowance according to your personal allowance category under the AANDC guidelines. Monthly cheques **are issued on the last Friday of the month for the upcoming month** (end of August for the month of September, end of September for October, etc).

Monthly Allowance: *chart on other side	_____
Regular Travel (\$80 x 4 wks):	_____
Avg. Monthly deposit:	_____

Direct Deposit is MANDATORY (in effect May 2007): Students must provide the Education Unit with a printout from their bank with their electronic banking information.

IMPORTANT NOTE: As we are **not able to make deposits** in person at other non-Sault Ste. Marie local credit unions and smaller sub-divisions of national banks such as President's Choice, it is required that you set up an account at any of the other **widely accepted national banks within Canada** such as CIBC, Bank of Montreal, TD/Canada Trust, Royal Bank, Scotiabank.

TRAVEL: (a) Regular Travel Assistance is provided for all full-time students in the amount of **\$80. X # of weeks in the month** to help pay for your gas, bus pass, parking pass/permits, etc. to get to/from school daily.

(b) Seasonal Travel Assistance is provided for **students (and their dependents) living away from home** for the school year. As bus transportation is usually the most cost efficient method of travel, these rates are used when providing this assistance. You do not have to travel by bus - check for airline seat sales - drive yourself - catch a ride. Assistance equivalent to the bus fare will be provided at the following times throughout the year:

- Start of School Year/Semester: equivalent to one way fare
- Christmas: equivalent to return fare
- End of School Year: equivalent to one way fare

MOVING EXPENSES: Where a full-time student has received and submitted a copy of their final acceptance to an eligible program and school, and they must **move (either personally or with a moving/rental company) from their permanent place of residence to attend this college/university out-of-town**, a moving allowance (per level of sponsorship) is available to help move personal belongings at the beginning of their studies and upon graduation. **This assistance will be made available, at the earliest, one month prior to the official start date of the program.** Where a student has discontinued, abandoned or withdrawn from their studies, the moving allowance will not be available.

Where a student is **personally moving their belongings**, the assistance will automatically be included on the first cheque for the school year according to the maximum rate established by the Education Unit.

Where a **moving company/or moving truck** must be utilized (hired or a suitable large vehicle rented), assistance is provided up to a **maximum of \$1000. The student must inform the Education Unit and submit three official written estimates** from moving companies or rental agencies **at least a month in advance of the move date.** The estimates must be based on same amount of coverage, items to be moved, weight, and insurance. Payment will be made directly to the company for the actual hire/rental or be reimbursed to the student upon submission of the receipt marked "paid in full". There is no advance for fuel charges. However, upon submission of receipts, fuel expenses may be reimbursed if still within the \$1,000 maximum. **Students are expected to pack their own belongings. It is the student's responsibility to inform the Unit that this assistance will be required.**

SUMMER STORAGE: Where a student has moved home for summer and is **continuing their full-time studies in the upcoming academic year (out-of-town), has submitted their new GRFN Application for Sponsorship, HAS NOT registered for any courses throughout the summer months, and they have either personally moved their belongings at the end of the school year, or have stored their belongings over the summer**, \$300 per academic year will automatically be provided to help offset the costs with doing so. This assistance will be automatically included on the first cheque for each new school year that the student is not registered in their first year or graduating year.

NOTE: You must not be registered in any classes over the summer to receive the summer storage assistance.

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Monthly Living Allowance Rates (Copied from Inac's Maximum Level of Assistance for Living Expenses)

•	Single Student	\$ 675
•	Married Student with Employed Spouse	\$ 675
	• with 1 Dependent Child	\$ 850
	• " 2 Dependent Children	\$1030
	• " 3 Dependent Children	\$1205
	\$50 per Month for Each Additional Dependent	
•	Married Student with Dependent Spouse	\$ 895
	• with 1 Dependent Child	\$1045
	• " 2 Dependent Children	\$1205
	• " 3 Dependent Children	\$1355
	\$50 per Month for Each Additional Dependent	
•	Single Parent	
	• with 1 Dependent Child	\$1045
	• " 2 Dependent Children	\$1205
	• " 3 Dependent Children	\$1355
	\$50 per Month for Each Additional Dependent	

EXAMPLE OF A STUDENT'S ASSISTANCE IF IN RESIDENCE / MEAL PLAN :

The monthly living allowances available to full-time students help cover living expenses while at school. As **residence fees, deposits and meal plan fees** (whether optional or mandatory) are part of your living expenses, AND these fees must be paid by the beginning of the school year, the Education Unit will pay our maximum towards these fees directly to the school upon submission of the required documentation.

Therefore, where a student has chosen to stay and has been granted a room in the College's/University's Residence, their monthly living allowance will be calculated in the following manner:

*** **Residence + deposit and Meal Plan + deposit fees** are deducted from the **September to April Living Allowances (8 months)**

Example for a Single Student:

\$675 living allowance X 8 months = \$5,400. - \$4,500 (Cost of deposit, residence + meal plan) = \$900.
 \$900. divided by 8 months = \$ 112.50 /month for a living allowance

Therefore, this single student would receive a monthly living allowance of **\$112.50 plus the \$80./week/month for regular travel assistance for an average of \$432.50 month** (where there is 4 weeks in the month).

IMPORTANT: If the cost of Residence/M meal Plan and applicable deposit fees exceeds the maximum available funding from your Monthly Living Allowances, GRFN can use some or all of your Regular Travel Assistance to help decrease the balance owing.

If there is still a balance owing, this will be the student's full responsibility.

<u>Maximum available funding from GRFN for Residence and Meal Plan fees:</u>	
Monthly Living Allowance x 8 months	= \$5,400
Regular Travel Assistance (\$80 x avg 32 weeks per school year)	= \$2,560
Total	= \$7,960