

Saskatchewan Student Aid for Indigenous Students

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Some program features are specifically for Indigenous students, as well as other supports available that may be of interest to you.

What's important?

Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship

If you are a Saskatchewan Grade 12 graduate (2012 or later) and enrol in a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution, you may be eligible to receive the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship. The scholarship provides \$750 per year, with a lifetime maximum of \$3,000. To receive this scholarship, students are required to apply for student aid.

Request Grants-Only Funding

When you apply for Saskatchewan Student Aid, you are assessed for loans and grants. You can choose to decline the loans and receive only grants which do not need to be paid back!

Financial Supports for Self-Declared Indigenous Students

Indigenous students are not required to make the fixed student contribution of \$3,000 per year

There is no fixed student contribution for Indigenous students, students with disabilities, students with dependants and students who are, or were, Wards. These students may be eligible to receive more loan funding.

PSSSP federal funding (e.g., band-funding), Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education Strategy (e.g., Métis Nation University Sponsorship Program administered through Gabriel Dumont Institute) and Inuit Post-Secondary Education Strategy are exempt from the need assessment. You do not have to declare this type of funding and it will not be deducted from the amount of student loans and grants you would be offered.

Other Features that May Interest You

Canada and Saskatchewan Student Grants for students with dependants

Eligible students can receive up to \$3,192 for each dependant per eight-month study period in combined Canada and Saskatchewan grants. If your income is higher than the low-income threshold, the grant will be lower or you may not be eligible.

Parents are not expected to contribute to your education costs if you are an independent student

If you have been out of high school for four years or more or you have been in the workforce for at least two years, you are considered an independent student. Independent students may be eligible to receive more funding because there is no expected parent contribution.

Students with dependants

If you are a student with dependent children, you may be eligible for monthly living allowances including daycare. Students with dependants are eligible to access all other student loan and grant programs.

If you live away from home, you can use your funding to visit your family

If you are a student living in a different community than your family home (e.g. parents or spouse), an allowance may be included for one return trip home for each period of 16 weeks, to a maximum of \$600 per semester/term.

Where can I get more information?

Online: saskatchewan.ca/student-aid

Toll-free: 1-800-597-8278

Email: studentservices@gov.sk.ca

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