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EDUCATION GRANT GUIDELINES



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(All grants are subject to investment income availability)

Application Deadline

The Atikameksheng Trust Education deadline is as follows, in coordination with the Atikameksheng Anishinabek Education Policy:

September Fall Session – Second Friday of June

January Winter Semester – Second Friday of November

Spring and Summer Sessions -- second Friday of March
(Only approved for students whose' program requires Spring or Summer courses)

Funding Selection Criteria

- ❁ Applicants must be members of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
- ❁ All applicants Must apply with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Naadmaadwiiuk and provide confirmation or denial letters from each organization
- ❁ Applications MUST be completed in full
- ❁ All required documents MUST be submitted
- ❁ Members are eligible for Education Grant funds based on one Certificate or Degree program. Program switches will not be funded
- ❁ Repeat Course/Program will not be funded
- ❁ Registered Full-Time students may be eligible for Living Allowance and Top-Up.
- ❁ All applications for Spring and Summer Education Grants MUST be accompanied by confirmation from the school that it is a **required** course.

- ☪ We at the Atikameksheng Trust understand that from time to time extenuating circumstances require the Trustees to make exception for an application – these applications will be reviewed on an individual basis and will require a meeting with the Trustees to determine eligibility

Order of Review

- ☪ Continuing students (students already in a program/course currently being funded by Atikameksheng Trust)
- ☪ New graduating high school students
- ☪ Mature Students (members currently out of school – 18 years and older)
- ☪ High School and Elementary School students

Post- Secondary Students

Parking and Bus Passes

All Full-Time students are eligible to apply for up to \$300.00 per semester providing they meet the following requirements:

- ☪ Application to the Atikameksheng Trust
- ☪ Copy of approval or denial letter from other funding sources
- ☪ Status Card provided
- ☪ Acceptance Letter from post-secondary institute
- ☪ Proof of full-time status
- ☪ Copy of registration letter
- ☪ Copy of your grades (if continuing student)
- ☪ Eligibility Form provided

Books, Supplies and/or Equipment

All Full-Time Post-Secondary students seeking Full Funding from the Atikameksheng Trust are entitled to up to \$300.00 per semester providing they meet the following requirements:

- ☪ Application to the Atikameksheng Trust
- ☪ Copy of approval or denial letter from other funding sources
- ☪ Status Card provided
- ☪ Letter from the School confirming that books, supplies and/or equipment are needed for the program

10-09.1.4 Students are asked to keep all receipts when purchasing required textbooks. They will be required when requesting additional funding for books. If receipts are not submitted no additional funds will be issued. *Subject to availability of funds.

Registration Fee

If you are funded by the Atikameksheng Trust, we will reimburse the registration fee

Living Allowances

Post-Secondary students can apply to the Atikameksheng Trust for financial assistance with their living expenses while attending school providing they meet the following requirements:

- 🌀 Application to the Atikameksheng Trust
- 🌀 Copy of approval or denial letter from other funding sources
- 🌀 Status Card provided
- 🌀 Copy of acceptance letter from Post-Secondary Institute
- 🌀 Grades – Transcript of a 2.0 GPA

The Atikameksheng Trust does not cover **Residence Fees**. However the living allowance allotted to the student can be paid directly to the Educational Institution if an invoice is provided.

Full-Time students funded by other funding sources who meet all the requirements above may apply for **Top-Up** grant up to \$400.00 per month during registered months of schooling.

Full-Time students that have been denied by other funding sources and meet all the requirements above may apply for:

Living Allowance grant up to \$800.00 per month during registered months of schooling.
Top-Up grant up to \$400.00 per month during registered months of schooling.

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Tuition

All applicants who have been denied funding by other funding sources due to lack of funding may apply for tuition costs provided they meet the following requirements:

- 🌀 Application to the Atikameksheng Trust
- 🌀 Denial letter from other funding sources
- 🌀 Status Card provided
- 🌀 Copy of acceptance letter from Post-Secondary Institute
- 🌀 Invoice or tuition amount required by the College/University (Please note that the amount submitted will not be re-reviewed and any outstanding amounts will be the applicant's responsibility)
- 🌀 Grades and transcripts of a 2.0 GPA or minimum GPA for enrolled program
- 🌀 Tuition cost **MUST** be included on the application and will be paid directly to the College/University.

**** International and U.S. student tuition will be paid directly to the Institution based on comparable programs at a post-secondary Institution close to Atikameksheng Anishnawbek within Canada in CD funds.**

Grade Point Average

All students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher if there is a minimum program requirement. Students funded previously by other funding sources and were denied due to unsuccessful maintenance of their GPA will be denied. Students who fail to attain the minimum requirements will be directed to resources to help improve their GPA. If the student grades do not improve the following semester – student will not be eligible for funding.

To become eligible for future funding students are directed to continue their studies for one year. They may then apply and be eligible the following year if minimum GPA is maintained on their own.

Failure to Submit

It is the responsibility of the student to submit all required documents. Failure to submit may result in your application being denied. Please note that additional documentation may be requested from time to time.

Withdrawing from School

Students withdrawing from their program of study MUST notify the Atikameksheng Trust. In the event of the student owing monies for receiving ineligible grant funds – the Atikameksheng Trust will contact the student to inform of the process.

Confidentiality

The Atikameksheng Trust holds the confidentiality of our applicants in high regards. Applications will not be discussed with any third party unless otherwise noted on the application. It is the responsibility of the age of majority applicants to submit their information as the person of contact.

Any situation for issues not covered in this document will be dealt with on an individual basis and will be updated. The Board of Trustees maintains their discretion in all decision making and will use this document as guidelines in their decision making process.