

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION



**First Nation, Inuit & Metis
Post Secondary Education
Bursary Award**

Deadline: November 1, 2011

Application Form

Mail completed forms to:
National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation
Attention: Education Department
P.O. Box 759, 50 Generations Drive,
Ohsweken, Ontario
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Reference the application Guidelines and “FAQ’s - What you want know about NAAF bursaries & scholarships” at www.naaf.ca for instructions on how to complete the application. Applications must be completed in blue or black **ink**.

Section 1 - INFORMATION SOURCE

How did you learn about this award? (Check as many as applies)

- | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> College/University | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Aid Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> In remote community | <input type="checkbox"/> In rural community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In urban community | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Poster, Brochure, Flyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm a Previous Recipient | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Professor | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blueprint for the Future (BFF) Career Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please identify) _____ | | |

Section 2 - PERSONAL and CONTACT INFORMATION

| | | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Family Name | Given Name(s) | S.I.N. (required) | | Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| | | Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy) | Current Age | |
| Address While in School: | | | | |
| Street Address | | | | |
| City | Province/Territory/State | Postal Code/Zip Code | Area Code & Telephone # () | |
| Permanent/Home Mailing Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Same as above | | | | |
| Street Address | | | | |
| City | Province/Territory | Postal Code | Area Code & Telephone # () | |
| Mailing address you would like us to use: <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent | E-mail Address (Applicants are updated by email throughout the application process - current email required) | | | |
| | Alternative E-mail Address | | | |

Section 3 – EDUCATION

| | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|------------------------|
| Identify institution you plan to attend? | | Is this your last year in this program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | What year of study are you entering? (year bursary award will be applied to) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | |
| Admission confirmed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | |
| Length of program (in years)? <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | Identify the Degree/Diploma that you will receive upon graduation. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Designation <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____ | | | |
| Year you will complete your program? | What is the name of your program? | | | |
| Start date of 2011-2012 academic year (mm/yy) | Finish date for 2011-2012 academic year (mm/yy) | What job/career/occupation do you hope to have when you graduate? | | |
| Please list the last three schools, colleges, or universities that you have attended. | | | | |
| FROM (mm/yy) | TO (mm/yy) | NAME OF INSTITUTION | PROGRAM | Degree/Diploma Granted |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Section 4 – PREVIOUS NAAF SUPPORT

| | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| How much financial assistance have you received from NAAF in the past? | | | |
| 2010/11 \$ _____ | 2009/10 \$ _____ | 2008/09 \$ _____ | 2007/08 \$ _____ |
| 2006/07 \$ _____ | 2005/06 \$ _____ | 2004/05 \$ _____ | Other Years \$ _____ |
| REMINDER: If you received an award from NAAF prior to this application, the Financial Report Form must be submitted before this application can be considered for funding. | | | |

Section 5 - ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

| | | |
|--|---|--------------------|
| Are you an Aboriginal Veteran? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Are you related to an Aboriginal Veteran? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| | State name of Veteran and your relationship | |
| Identify Aboriginal Ancestry <i>(select appropriate box below)</i> | Nation (if applicable): e.g. Cree, Ojibway, Dene, etc. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Status First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Status First Nation | Name of First Nation Reserve/Band | Province/Territory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Métis | Name of Métis Association | Province/Territory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit | Name of Land Claim Organization | Province/Territory |

Section 6A - DETERMINING FINANCIAL NEED - BUDGET

- Budget cannot exceed 12 months. For the current school year, from the start date to the end of the school period (depending on your program of study this may be 8, 10, or 12 months), provide a summary of the financial resources/income anticipated and estimated financial expenses using the tables provided.
- Married and common-law students must indicate their total family income (after tax and other compulsory deductions) and total family expenses.
- NAAF encourages all students to make a personal financial contribution to the costs of their education.
- Your budget must include a projection of income. Budgets that list only expenses without a projection of income will be deemed incomplete and will not be presented to the Jury.

Residency While in School *(Check all that apply)*

- On my own With my parent(s) Student residence Subsidized housing
 With Roommate(s) With spouse or common law partner With child(ren)

Current Marital Status

- Single Married Common Law Divorced Separated Widowed/Widower

Dependants

Number of dependants under the age of 18: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 and over

List ages of dependants: _____

Current Employment: Currently Working: Full Time Part-Time Occasionally Not Working

Employment while in school: While in school, I will work part time. Yes No Not Sure

Transportation

- During the school year, I will use public transportation Yes No
- During the school year, I will drive a motor vehicle Yes No
- Do you own a motor vehicle? Yes No
- If yes, what year is the motor vehicle? _____ What model? _____
- What is your monthly vehicle payment? \$ _____
- What is your insurance payment while in school? \$ _____

Student Loan(s)

- Do you have a prior student loan? Yes No
- What is the total amount of all government student loans that you have outstanding? _____
- Do you intend to apply for a student loan for this coming school year? Yes No
If yes for what amount? _____
If yes, has your application been approved? Yes No

Line of Credit

- Do you have a Student line of credit? Yes No
- What is the total amount of Line of Credit? \$ _____
- What amount is currently available for use? \$ _____
- What is your monthly payment? \$ _____

Other Bursaries & Scholarships

- Have you applied or do you plan to apply for other bursaries / scholarships to help with studies for the 2011-2012 school year? No Yes, see the following list:

| Bursary/Scholarship | Amount | <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed | <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Pending | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsuccessful |
|---------------------|--------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Confirmed award amounts must be included in Section 6B – Financial Resources – Income below.

Section 6B – FINANCIAL RESOURCES-INCOME

Identify your sources of financial income: on a monthly basis and calculate the total amount for the number of months in your program for the school year (NOTE: Multiply the monthly amount by only one amount – 8, 10 OR 12 months). If your program is a different length of time, please specify and calculate.

| INCOME SOURCE | | TOTAL AMOUNT |
|--|----------|---|
| Very Important: Number of months cannot exceed number of months you are enrolled in full-time studies. Eg. If your letter of confirmation states you are enrolled from September 2011 to April 2012 the maximum number of months you can apply for is 8. | | Budgets cannot exceed 12 months. Length of 2011-2012 school year in months: <input type="checkbox"/> 8 month school year; <input type="checkbox"/> 10 month school year; <input type="checkbox"/> 12 month school year; <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| Monthly Income from Savings or Work (after tax) | \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Income from Spouse or Partner (after tax) | \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Other income (please identify)) *Student loans are not considered income | \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Financial Contribution from Parent(s) | \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Child Support | \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Child Tax Benefit/Family Allowance | \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Pension Income (orphan benefits, CPP) | \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Social Assistance | \$ _____ | |
| SUBTOTAL | | |
| Total HST Rebates During the School Year | | |
| Total Confirmed Bursary & Scholarship amounts for the 2011-2012 school year | | |
| Total Band/Community/Organization Funding for Tuition, Books and Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Funding unavailable **Amounts must be provided to ensure accurate need | | |
| Total Band/Community/Organization Funding for Living Expenses <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Funding unavailable **Amounts must be provided to ensure accurate need | | |
| TOTAL SCHOOL YEAR INCOME | | |

Section 6C - FINANCIAL EXPENSES

- The Jury will exercise its discretion in determining whether the expenses provided are reasonable when considering the overall shortfall forwarded by the applicant. As an example, rents vary widely from city to small town, province to province and the jury takes this into account when reviewing costs;
- The budget should cover **only the months that you are in school** (May be 8,10, or 12 months).
- If you are sharing a dwelling with someone who is not a dependant, do not include the costs for the second person.
- Use the table below to identify all of your expenses for the number of months in your program for this school year.

| EXPENSE TYPE | TOTAL AMOUNT |
|--|---|
| | Budgets cannot exceed 12 months. Length of 2011-2012 school year in months: <input type="checkbox"/> 8 month school year; <input type="checkbox"/> 10 month school year <input type="checkbox"/> 12 month school year; <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| SUB-SECTION A Cost of Tuition/Training for School Year \$ _____ **Must be completed even if receiving Band/Community/Organization Funding Cost of course materials for school year: Books \$ _____ Equipment \$ _____ Supplies \$ _____ Fees \$ _____ Other \$ _____ | |
| SUBTOTAL SUB-SECTION A | |
| SUB-SECTION B Monthly Mortgage Rent or Residence Costs \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Food \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Utilities (heat, electricity, water) \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Telephone: \$ _____ Monthly Internet: \$ _____ Monthly Cable TV \$ _____ | |
| Transportation \$ _____ Bus Pass \$ _____ Parking \$ _____ Gas \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Toiletries, Personal Care, Laundry \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Childcare \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Entertainment, Recreation \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Clothing \$ _____ | |
| Mortgage Insurance \$ _____ | |
| Car Insurance \$ _____ | |

| | |
|--|--|
| Life Insurance \$ _____ | |
| Gym Payment \$ _____ | |
| Other Monthly Expenses (Please Specify) | |
| Other \$ _____ | |
| Other \$ _____ | |
| Other \$ _____ | |
| Other \$ _____ | |
| Monthly Debt Payments: | |
| Credit Card \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ | |
| Vehicle Payment (refer to answer you put in 6A) \$ _____ | |
| Other \$ _____ | |
| Other \$ _____ | |
| Other \$ _____ | |
| Other \$ _____ | |
| <i>SUBTOTAL SUB-SECTION B</i> | |
| TOTAL SCHOOL YEAR EXPENSES (Add Subtotals for Sub-Section A and Sub-Section B) | |

Section 6D - TOTAL FINANCIAL NEED

Calculate your total financial need by subtracting your total expenses from your total income.

$$\underline{\hspace{10em}} \text{ (- minus) } \underline{\hspace{10em}} \text{ (= equals) } \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

Total School Year Expenses Total School Year Income Total Financial Need for School Year

***** Applicants who do not demonstrate a financial need will not be assessed.**

Section 7 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If there are additional details that you wish or are requested to provide, please use this space to do so.
- Should you have circumstances that warrant special consideration, please specify below.
- It is important that a full explanation of your financial circumstances be available to the Jury.

Section 8 – LETTER OF PERSONAL INTRODUCTION

This is an award for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples, therefore, your involvement/ engagement/ participation in the First Nations, Inuit or Métis community is of utmost importance.

If this is your first time applying to NAAF your letter of introduction should include paragraphs 1 to 8. Applicants who received an award from NAAF in the previous year must include paragraphs 1 to 10.

Paragraph 1 - Tell us where you were born, where you grew up and about your family & community.

Paragraph 2 - State your reason for choosing your field of study.

Paragraph 3 - Tell us why you are passionate about this field of study and committed to completing this program

Paragraph 4 - State your hopes and dreams regarding your future career and employment.

Paragraph 5 - State how you participate in the First Nation, Inuit and/or Métis community. Give specific examples of how you participate in both the academic community and the FN/I/M community.

Paragraph 6 - Demonstrate your contribution and ongoing involvement in the Aboriginal community. Give specific examples of how you contribute and are involved in both the academic community and the FN/I/M community.

Paragraph 7 - Any special circumstances you feel Jury should be aware of.

Paragraph 8 - A paragraph explaining how the knowledge and skills that you have acquired over the last school year have contributed to your commitment to your field of study – how has it changed? (*if applicable*)

Paragraph 9 - A paragraph identifying the new challenges and successes that you have experienced during the academic year. (*if applicable*)

Paragraph 10 - A paragraph explaining what important lessons have you learned?

Language:

Do you speak/read/write a First Nations, Inuit or Métis language? No Yes If yes, a little moderately fluently

Explain: _____

Do you speak/read/write French language? No Yes If yes, a little moderately fluently

Explain: _____

Section 9 - DECLARATION and CONSENT

My signature below confirms that:

- I was not awarded a bursary or scholarship from NAAF for the 2011-2012 academic year.
- I am aware that if I am successful I have until June 30, 2012 to provide all required documentation to claim the award and that awards not claimed by that date are forfeited.
- I am/will be enrolled in full-time studies for the number of months indicated on the budget section of my application for the 2011-2012 academic/school year.
- I am aware of the mandatory documents listed below are due November 1, 2011 – no exceptions – or my application remains incomplete and will not be reviewed by Jury. I have included the following in my application package.
 - One current NAAF Post Secondary Education Bursary Awards Application Form fully completed and signed in the designated areas.
 - Proof of First Nation (status or non-status), Inuit or Métis status.
 - Letter of Personal Introduction (minimum 750 words, maximum 1,500 words).
 - A recent & clear colour Electronic Photograph.
 - Marks (official or unofficial) from your present or most recent academic program. For the November 1st deadline do not submit your Fall 2011 marks. If you attended school last year, your most recent marks would be your Fall 2010 and Winter 2011 marks. If you were not in school then this would be marks from the program you were in before your current program.
 - Letter of acceptance or offer of admission into a program OR I am still waiting for an offer into a program
 - Verification of current tuition & fees amounts for the program
 - Financial Report Form if you received an award the previous year and have not yet forwarded it to NAAF.
- I am aware that if my application is successful and Jury allocates an award the award is conditional upon NAAF receiving the following documents:
 - Original Official Transcript (stamped and signed by the Registrar's Office) from your present or most recent academic program.
 - Confirmation of enrolment that I am registered as a full-time student in 2011-2012 for the timeframe that coincides with the number of months you are requesting funding for in the budget section of my application to NAAF.
 - Verification of 2011-2012 Tuition & Fees.
 - Letter from Band/Post Secondary Education Office or Support Organization indicating the amount of support you will receive or that funding is unavailable (applicable to Status First Nation & Inuit applicants only).
- I have read and fully understand the guidelines that govern the application and Jury process, and I have provided answers to **all** questions which apply to me.
- I certify that all information contained on this form is true and correct. I understand that any false statements intentionally given on this application, by email, or telephone will disqualify my application and will affect my ability to access future funding.
- If I have not done so previously, I am attaching a Financial Report Form and supporting documents for my last award.
- I hereby give consent that NAAF is authorized to release my contact information to NAAF's sponsors (including name, telephone number, e-mail, mailing address), so that they may contact me personally.
- I hereby give consent for NAAF to use/publish my name, photo, and relevant information on NAAF's website, in NAAF's brochure, for promotion, marketing, advertising, or in sponsor communications.
- I acknowledge that if my application package does not include all the required documents my application will be deemed ineligible. I also recognize that it is my responsibility to ensure that all supporting documents are post dated and/or received by the NAAF office by the deadline. For Example: Official transcripts being mailed directly to NAAF by the school.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____