



POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the funding deadlines?

ALL applications must be completed and submitted to Mikisew Student Services on the last business day prior to:

July 30	if starting in September	(Fall)
November 15	if starting in January	(Winter)
April 1	if starting in May	

2. Can I get a funding deadline extension?

Funding deadline extensions are possible. This only applies if a student is waiting for institution acceptance letters, program/course registration, or tuition fee assessments. Students must contact MCFN Student Services for more information on this.

3. Can I transfer courses during a semester?

Not without approval of the Standing Committee.

All students transferring to a new program of studies or institution will need to start a new application, which will require approval of the Standing Committee **prior** to disbursement of any additional funding.

4. Can I drop a course?

If students are registered in 4 or more courses, they may drop one course. Students must be registered in at least 3 courses per semester to be eligible for full-time funding.

5. How much is the living allowance?

The Living Allowance rate structure and entitlement will be set annually in Appendix B - Post-Secondary Education Funding Amounts. Contact MCFN Student Services for the annual amounts.

6. How much funding can I get for tuition and books?

Tuition funding is based on Appendix B – Post-Secondary Education Funding Amounts and the student's institution Tuition Fee Assessment. Contact MCFN Student Services for the annual amounts.

7. Are there any scholarships?

There are no MCFN Student Services scholarships, however students are encouraged to apply for scholarships, and bursary awards and this will not affect funding.



8. If I fail a course or program, does funding cover me to re-take it?

The student shall pass **75%** of their course load, in order to be considered for further funding. (For example, students must pass three out of four classes). Funding shall be terminated if the student and/or institution indicate there is an unsuccessful completion of a program.

9. Does funding cover private institutions?

Funding is only provided for post-secondary institutions that are accredited and recognized by provincial authorities.

10. Can I work while being funded?

Part-time students can work while being funded for tuition and books.

11. Can I get funded for summer programs?

Summer programs funding may be available, depending on MCFN Student Services' budget, which is set annually. Contact MCFN Student Services for more information on this.

12. Can my parent(s) fill out and submit the application for me?

MCFN Student Services will maintain all confidentiality of student records in accordance with applicable privacy legislation. If a student wishes a specific person (including parents) to have access to their records, they must submit a written request with details to MCFN Student Services.

13. If I can't submit my application online through the MCFN website, can I email or fax it?

Yes.

Contact MCFN Student Services to arrange this option.

14. Does funding cover travel? If yes, how much is covered?

Students and their dependents will be eligible for travel support for one round trip between their home and their institution per semester. This **ONLY** applies if their permanent residence is different from their address while attending their program of studies. The funding amount for travel is set annually and depends on MCFN Student Services' budget. Contact MCFN Student Services for the annual amounts.



15. What types of programs or courses can I get funding for?

Funding is available for the following:

- Pre-Tech/Upgrading Programs
- University or College Entrance Preparation Program
- Technical Institutions
- Community College Programs
- Home Study Programs
- University Undergraduate Programs (BA/B.Ed./B.Sc.)
- University Professional Programs (M.D.)
- Post-Graduate Programs (M.A./M.Ed./Ph.D.)

16. How does MCFN recover overpayment funds?

On the funding application, the student specifically authorizes the deduction and recovery of any overpayments, including withholding any amount due to the student from MCFN (i.e., per capita distribution payment).

17. What if I get sick or have to leave during my program?

Students who wish to be excused from regular class attendance requirements, or who wish to defer or extend their funding support, for properly documented medical reasons, shall have their request considered on an individual basis. Medical absences must be supported by a note or certificate from a doctor or other medical professional that provides details of the circumstances or reason for absence from classes. Failure to provide such a note to the Education Coordinator may result in the student being required to reimburse MCFN for all educational funds that have been provided to the student for the semester during which the absence occurred.

Compassion leaves (pertaining to the death, incapacitating illness, or serious accident of an immediate family member) are approved at the discretion of the Standing Committee.

18. Can I get retroactive funding?

No.

Students who are partially through their program of studies and who did not previously qualify for support for funding, may subsequently qualify and receive support for the remainder of their program, up to the maximum limit of eligibility.