

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/u-pass and e-texts**) will be paid direct to the school upon receipt of an invoice from the school. The school is responsible to send an official copy of the invoice to GRFN Education Unit.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES: Each student will receive a minimum \$400. to start the school year. If the mandatory books/supplies for your courses **cost more than the \$400 advance**, you will be **reimbursed upon submission** of the (i) receipts, (ii) course outlines (or official text/supply list) and (iii) the completed GRFN Reimbursement form. *The second semester advance* will be dependent on reimbursements received in the previous semester (the maximum for a school year is \$800 without justification).

IMPORTANT: GRFN does not cover computers, laptops, printers, related supplies regardless if they are required or not.

LIVING ALLOWANCE: Unfortunately, this is only 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 ISC guidelines (see other side). Monthly living allowances are automatically deposited **on the last Friday of the month for the next month** (end of August for September, end of September for October, etc). Students are encouraged to apply for **OSAP "GRANTS ONLY"** and the thousands of **scholarships/bursaries/awards** out there to help cover their remaining living expenses - make sure to check out **INDSPIRE** at indspire.ca - you submit one application and they do the work of finding you suitable scholarships/bursaries/awards. Please note that GRFN will not help with student loan payments.

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 payroll deposit form or 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, etc, 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 monthly to all full-time students in the amount of **\$80. X # of weeks each month** to help pay for gas, a bus pass, parking pass/permits, etc. to get to/from school daily; note this is the maximum. **Thus, if your school charges a bus pass/U-Pass type fee in your tuition fees, it is your responsibility to pay this fee directly to the school using the monies provided to you in your monthly deposit.**

(b) Seasonal Travel Assistance is provided for **students (and their dependents) living away from home.** This assistance will automatically be provided at the following times using the most economical means of transportation. If it is a bus fare, you do not have to travel by bus - feel free to check for airline seat sales or drive yourself or catch a ride with someone else.

Start of School Year/Semester: equivalent to one way fare
Christmas: equivalent to one way fare in December and in January
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 from their permanent home to attend this college/university out-of-town**, a moving assistance 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.** **NOTE:** Where a student has discontinued, abandoned or withdrawn from their studies, the moving allowance will no longer be available.

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

Where a **moving company/or moving van** must be hired or rented, assistance will be 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 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 Education Unit that this assistance will be required.**

SUMMER STORAGE: Where a student has moved home for summer and **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 deposit each new school year that the student after their first year. **NOTE: You must not be registered in any classes over the summer to receive the summer storage assistance.**

GRFN Monthly Living Allowance Rates (Copied from ISC'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 with or without a MEAL PLAN :

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

Maximum available assistance from GRFN for Residence and Meal Plan fees for a single student:

Monthly Living Allowance: \$675 x 8 months (Sept - April)	= \$5,400
Regular Travel Assistance: \$80 x avg 34 weeks in 2023/2024 school year	= <u>\$2,720</u>
Maximum Total Available Sponsorship for 2023/2024	= \$8,120

* *Residence, meal plan and related application & deposit fees* can be paid by using the student's eligible Monthly Living Allowance and if necessary due to high costs, we can also use the Regular Travel Assistance. **NOTE: This does not affect your other sponsorship monies that you are eligible for such as tuition, books/supplies, seasonal travel, etc.**

Monthly Living Allowance (single \$675) x 8 months (Sept. to April):	\$5,400.00
Regular Travel Assistance (\$ 80 x 34 weeks in 2023/2024 school year):	<u>\$2,720.00</u>
Maximum Total Available Sponsorship for 2023/2024:	\$8,120.00
Less Cost of Residence: \$ (insert your actual cost including deposits)	\$5,000.00
Less Cost of Meal Plan: \$ (insert your actual cost including deposits)	<u>\$2,400.00</u>
Total Cost of Residence and Meal Plan:	\$7,400.00
Total Available Sponsorship less Total Cost of Residence & Meal Plan = Balance of your funding (or if the cost of your residence and meal plan are more than the GRFN maximum, balance owing by you)	\$720.00

In this example, this student would only receive a monthly assistance of \$90 to help cover remaining living and regular travel expenses each month. (Total Available Sponsorship less Total Cost divided by 8 months)

Where your residence and meal plan fees cost more than the GRFN maximum available sponsorship in any given school year, the student would be fully responsible for paying the balance on their own.

***If your room deposit was paid or reimbursed to you by Garden River, you must return this to Garden River at the end of the school year when issued to you. If you do not return this to Garden River, this money will be considered an overpayment and your continued funding will be on hold until paid in full to Garden River.