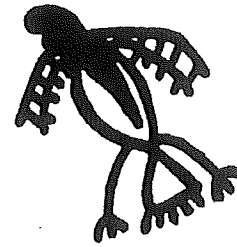


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NESKONLITH INDIAN BAND POST SECONDARY EDUCATION POLICY

Definitions

Chairperson	the Education Committee chairperson shall be the Education Portfolio holder of the Neskonlith Chief & Council. The Chairperson will appoint an alternate in the event of their absence.
Continuing Student	a student returning to the same course of study as previously registered and funded.
INAC	Indigenous Affairs and Northern Canada
Dependent	a biological or legally adopted child under the age of 18 residing with the student
Director of Education	the Neskonlith Band employee hired to oversee the education department and band operated school.
Education Coordinator	the Neskonlith Band employee hired to coordinate post-secondary and Neskonlith K-12 educational needs.
Full-time student	recommended a minimum of 24 credits per year or <i>4 courses per semester or 8 courses for year at 3 credits per course.</i>
GED	General Equivalency Diploma, Grade 12 Equivalency Certificate.
Student Learning Plan	planning of courses and career goals to assist in identifying their interests and needs. {1 st Year students only.}
Neskonlith Education Committee	the advisory committee sanctioned by Neskonlith Chief and Council within the TOR
New Applicants	defined as first time applicants or students changing their program of study, Grade 12
Post-Secondary Institute	post-secondary institution that offers diploma or degree program recognized by a province or territory in Canada.
Private Post-Secondary Institute	a Canadian or foreign post-secondary institution.
Valid Course	courses required as part of the current program of study and not courses repeated for a better grade.
Waiver Form	authorization required the Education <i>Coordinator</i> to request student records from the institution.
Parent Waiver Form	parent understands what the Post-Secondary application is about
Terms of Reference	Guide to recommend Policies within the Neskonlith Indian Band.

1. Eligibility Requirement

- a) Must be a status first Nation person registered to the Neskonlith Indian Band.
- b) Student Learning Plan requirement (1st year ONLY)

Prior to submitting an application for post-secondary education assistance, students **must** complete the attached student- learning plan. **The Student Learning Plan** is a process that has been accepted by the Neskonlith Band to assist individuals in identifying their interests and needs in order to successfully attain their personal goals and objectives.

c) Post-Secondary Eligible Degree Programs

All Neskonlith Band Members applying for Post-Secondary funding must ensure that the institute of choice meets the following criteria:

- i. A minimum of one academic year in length, as defined by the institution. (4 courses per semester)
- ii. As per INAC Policy the institute of choice **must require Grade 12**,
- iii. Require secondary school studies or equivalent (completion of secondary school studies, or equivalent, as recognized by the Post-Secondary institution)
- iv. The institute of choice **must be a registered accredited program**. Such as; Thompson Rivers University, Okanagan University College, University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University etc...
Use the following websites:
TRU: www.tru.ca OUC: www.ouc.ca
UBC: www.ubc.ca NVIT: www.nvit.ca
SFU: www.sfu.ca www.canadastudentloans.ca
INAC: www.inac.gc.ca

d) *UCEP students require a statement from the relevant college or university that states:*

- The program must provide the courses required to attain the academic level for university or college.
- The student will be eligible for admittance to a credit program upon completion
- The completion of secondary school studies at a **Grade 12 or 0600 Level will apply**
- must also obtain from the post-secondary institution offering the program a statement that attests the UCEP program will provide the student with the necessary courses to attain the academic level for university or college entrance and the student will be eligible to be accepted as a student of a regular university or college credit program upon successful completion of the UCEP course of studies.

2. Application Process & Deadline

a) Deadline

Students must apply to the Neskonlith Band **no later** than the following:

- February 15th Continuing Students (*Due to budgetary reason this only applies to priority 1 students in advanced/professional degree programs*)
- April 30th New Student Applications
 Masters Student Applications
- October 30th Waitlisted Student's

Students must submit an application each year to be considered for continuous funding.

b) Maximum Tuition & Living Allowance

The Neskonlith Band recognizes the importance of education to its members. The limited availability of resources and funding requires Neskonlith Band to set a maximum length of enrollment at an educational institute.

Education Committee will terminate educational assistance to a student who:

- a) Is registered as a full-time student and does not inform the Education Committee in advance of any such change in status and becomes a part-time student during the course of the semester. The student must inform the Education Committee of any change from full-time to part-time status.
- b) Is registered as a full-time student and is absent from one or more of the **required** number of courses per semester to be considered full-time by the institution. Students in this category will be considered part-time and not eligible for the student allowances.
- c) Is successful in fewer than 75% of the courses for which the student had registered.
Note: Students who would normally have their assistance terminated under this clause may request their assistance reviewed. The student must provide all of the following:
 - i. A letter stating reasons for low success rate must be presented for review by the Education Committee.
 - ii. A letter from each course professor/teacher stating that the student had been in full attendance throughout the course and has submitted all assignments on due dates; and
 - iii. A letter from the Program Director indicating the student's potential to succeed in the subsequent semester. Failure due to reason of ill health will be considered. All requests will be reviewed and evaluated based on individual merit.
- d) **The Education Coordinator & Director of Education will determine if the reasons given by the student are adequate for a second chance. An agreement between the student and the Education Coordinator & Director of Education will be signed to ensure that the student is:**
 - i. **Following the Education Policy and guidelines to be successful.**
 - ii. **The student is required to show transcripts that will indicate the student is successful.**
 - iii. **The student will meet with the Education Coordinator & Academic Counselor before the January cheque is released.**
- e) Students who register at a post-secondary institution and who receive the student allowance, but do not attend classes and fail their program of study, must return to the Neskonlith Indian Band all allowances, which we received and/or paid, on their behalf. This includes tuition fees, book allowance and any other monies that have been forwarded to the student or to the institution on their behalf.
- f) Full-time student who leave their program of studies prior to the completion of their semester and who wish to receive funding for future semesters, must provide written proof from the institution that they were in full-time attendance during the period of the semester for which they were funded. Failure to provide such proof will result in the student being denied future funding as well as owing to the Post-Secondary Education Program all funds received and/or paid on their behalf for the semester they did not complete.
- g) Students who owe money to the Post-Secondary Education Program and who wish to return to the Post-Secondary studies and furthermore who wish to receive financial support from the Post-Secondary Education Program must make arrangements to pay back the amount owed before any future funding is provided.

