



WPSSP Student Success Handbook

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BCM #

CHECKLIST OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

- AN APPLICANT MUST BE A REGISTERED CITIZEN OF WASAUKSING FIRST NATION
- SPONSORSHIP OF PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED
- ONLY MINISTRY OF TRAINING, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITY OR FIRST NATIONS SANCTIONED SCHOOL PROGRAMS WILL BE SUPPORTED
- COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES MUST BE ACCREDITED AND APPROVED ACCORDING TO ISC NATIONAL GUIDELINES
- DEADLINES FOR ALL APPLICATIONS: FALL/WINTER ARE DUE INTO THE EDUCATION COUNSELLORS OFFICE BY 4:00 PM MARCH 1ST EDT (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME) BY 4:00 PM. SPRING/SUMMER APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 25TH 4:00 EDT

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

New Students

- APPLICATION FORM
- COPY OF VALID STATUS CARD (FRONT AND BACK)
- COPY OF FINAL TRANSCRIPTS
- FINAL ACCEPTANCE LETTER OR OFFER OF ADMISSION
- DIRECT DEPOSIT FORM
- CLASS SCHEDULE (WHEN AVAILABLE)
- ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE AGREEMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

Continuing students

- APPLICATION FORM
- COPY OF VALID STATUS CARD (FRONT AND BACK) – IF RENEWED
- COPY OF FINAL TRANSCRIPTS
- DIRECT DEPOSIT FORM – IF CHANGED
- CLASS SCHEDULE
- ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE AGREEMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AFTER APPROVAL

New and Continuing Students

- STUDENT CONTRACT
- STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FORM

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

GICHI MANIDOO-GIIZIS

GREAT SPIRIT MOON

JANUARY

- FINAL MARKS DUE FROM FALL SEMESTER
- JANUARY 25TH, DEADLINE FOR SPRING/SUMMER APPLICATION SUBMISSION

ONAABANI-GIIZIS

HARD CRUST ON THE SNOW MOON

MARCH

- MARCH 1ST, DEADLINE FOR FALL/WINTER APPLICATION SUBMISSION
- MARCH 1ST, SPONSORSHIP DECISIONS MADE BY WPSSP FOR SPRING/SUMMER APPLICATIONS – LETTERS TO ALL APPLICANTS
- MID-TERM MARKS FOR WINTER SEMESTER REQUIRED BY MID MONTH, END OF FISCAL YEAR.

ZAAGIBAGAA-GIIZIS

BUDDING MOON

MAY

- SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS BEGIN. FINAL MARKS REQUIRED FROM FALL/WINTER SEMESTER

ODE'MIN-GIIZIS

STRAWBERRY MOON

JUNE

- JUNE 1ST - SPONSORSHIP DECISIONS MADE BY WPSSP FOR FALL/WINTER APPLICATIONS – LETTERS SENT TO ALL APPLICANTS

AABITA-NIIBINO-GIIZIS

MID-SUMMER MOON

JULY

- ANNUAL GRADUATION CEREMONY/AGM

MANOOMINIKE-GIIZIS

RISING MOON

AUGUST

- MID-AUGUST – DEADLINE FOR REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AS COMMUNICATED TO YOU BY THE EDUCATION COUNSELLOR.
- FIRST MLA CHEQUE ISSUED TO SPONSORED STUDENTS ON OR AROUND AUGUST 25TH

WAATEBAGAA-GIIZI

LEAVES CHANGING COLOUR MOON

SEPTEMBER

- FINAL MARKS DUE FROM SPRING/SUMMER SEMESTER

BINAAKWII-GIIZIS

FALLING LEAVES MOON

OCTOBER

- READING WEEK

GASHKADINO-GIIZIS

FREEZING MOON

NOVEMBER

- MID-TERM MARKS FOR FALL SEMESTER REQUIRED BY MID MONTH

MAIDOO-GIIZISOONS

LITTLE SPIRIT MOON

DECEMBER

- WINTER BREAK

STUDENT BUDGETS (PROPOSED)

FULL TIME MONTHLY LIVING ALLOWANCE MLA RATES (10% INCREASE OVER EXISTING RATES)

MLA NEED FACTORS	MLA RATE	CUMULATIVE MLA
SINGLE STUDENT	\$1137	\$1137
MARRIED OR COMMON-LAW STUDENT WITH AND EMPLOYED SPOUSE		
STUDENT	\$1137	\$1137
EMPLOYED SPOUSE	\$0	
1ST DEPENDANT	\$151	\$1289
2ND DEPENDANT	\$151	\$1440
3RD DEPENDANT	\$151	\$1590
ADDITIONAL DEPENDANTS	\$84	
MARRIED OR COMMON-LAW WITH DEPENDENT SPOUSE		
STUDENT	\$1137	
DEPENDANT SPOUSE	\$296	\$1433
1ST DEPENDENT	\$296	\$1729
2ND DEPENDENT	\$296	\$2022
3RD DEPENDENT	\$296	\$2317
ADDITIONAL DEPENDENTS	\$161	
SINGLE STUDENT WITH DEPENDENTS		
STUDENT	\$1137	\$1137
1ST DEPENDENT	\$405	\$1542
2ND DEPENDENT	\$405	\$1947
3RD DEPENDENT	\$405	\$2352
ADDITIONAL DEPENDANTS	\$223	
BOOKS	\$460	PER SEMESTER
DAILY TRAVEL	\$92	PER MONTH WHILE IN SCHOOL
SEASONAL TRAVEL (IF ELIGIBLE)	\$115	2X'S EACH SEMESTER TO AND FROM SCHOOL

WPSSP STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES CONTRACT

As a student sponsored by the Wasauksing Post Secondary Sponsorship Program, I agree to and accept the following conditions and responsibilities.

That:

1. I satisfy the academic requirements specified by the school.
2. I must submit transcripts for each school semester to the Education Counsellor when they are available from the college or university.
3. I understand that the Monthly Living Allowance should be budgeted for the whole month.
4. I will be responsible for opting out of any health and dental plans by the deadline date specified by the college or university or any fees incurred if neglecting to do so.
5. I will report any program changes, including course withdrawals which must be approved by an education counsellor from the college or university, with final approval by the Education Counsellor from Wasauksing.
6. I will notify the WPSSP immediately if withdrawing from school and complete the necessary withdrawal forms.
7. I will forward tuition and residence invoices immediately (if received).
8. I will notify the Education Counsellor within 48 hours of any changes in my status as a Wasauksing First Nation citizen member. e.g. transfer to another First Nation.
9. I will submit a formal letter of request if I require a copy of my student file and provide a reason for this request.
10. If I receive a Monthly Living Allowance to which I am not entitled, I will be required to repay the full amount before further support is approved.

IF ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS OR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE NOT MET, SPONSORSHIP WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

Signed by: _____ Sponsored Student

Date: _____

ADDITION STUDENT SUCCESS RESOURCES

Below is a list of additional resources that the student can tap into on their own. Your Education Counsellor will help to navigate these resources if help is needed.

- www.Indspire.ca - additional support for Indigenous students post secondary efforts.
- www.Gezhtoojig.ca - primarily support for Indigenous students who want to pursue the trades and receive funding for training to secure qualifications. Programs under 52 weeks long and for up to \$12,000 in support.
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada.html> Works collaboratively with partners to improve access to high quality services for First Nations, Inuit and Métis. Our vision is to support and empower Indigenous peoples to independently deliver services and address the socio-economic conditions in their communities.
- https://www.ouac.on.ca/apply/secondary/en_CA/user/login
- www.ontariocolleges.ca
- <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033679/1531406248822>
- college and university prep programs - <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033688/1531936422341>
- Indigenous Supports on campus
- <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1351185180120/1351685455328>
- additional resource - **every school** has an Indigenous Student Support Office as well as a list of specific supports or important links for “their” students.