



# **WPSSP Student Success Handbook**

**Approved by Chief and Council:  
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## 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 1<sup>ST</sup> EDT (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME) BY 4:00 PM. SPRING/SUMMER APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 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
<b>SINGLE STUDENT</b>	<b>\$1250</b>	<b>\$1250</b>
<b>MARRIED OR COMMON-LAW STUDENT WITH AND EMPLOYED SPOUSE</b>		
<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>\$1250</b>	<b>\$1250</b>
<b>EMPLOYED SPOUSE</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1250</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> DEPENDANT</b>	<b>\$170</b>	<b>\$1420</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> DEPENDANT</b>	<b>\$170</b>	<b>\$1590</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> DEPENDANT</b>	<b>\$170</b>	<b>\$1760</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL DEPENDANTS</b>	<b>\$100</b>	
<b>MARRIED OR COMMON-LAW WITH DEPENDENT SPOUSE</b>		
<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>\$1250</b>	<b>\$1250</b>
<b>DEPENDANT SPOUSE</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$1575</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> DEPENDENT</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$1900</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> DEPENDENT</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$2225</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> DEPENDENT</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$2550</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL DEPENDENTS</b>	<b>\$180</b>	
<b>SINGLE STUDENT WITH DEPENDENTS</b>		
<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>\$1250</b>	<b>\$1250</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> DEPENDENT</b>	<b>\$445</b>	<b>\$1695</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> DEPENDENT</b>	<b>\$445</b>	<b>\$2140</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> DEPENDENT</b>	<b>\$445</b>	<b>\$2585</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL DEPENDANTS</b>	<b>\$245</b>	
<b>BOOKS</b>	<b>\$510</b>	<b>PER SEMESTER</b>
<b>DAILY TRAVEL</b>	<b>\$101</b>	<b>PER MONTH WHILE IN SCHOOL</b>
<b>SEASONAL TRAVEL (IF ELIGIBLE)</b>	<b>\$130</b>	<b>2X'S EACH SEMESTER TO AND FROM SCHOOL</b>

## **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](http://www.Indspire.ca) - additional support for Indigenous students post secondary efforts.
- [www.Gezhtoojig.ca](http://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](https://www.ouac.on.ca/apply/secondary/en_CA/user/login)
- [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://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.