



GAMBLER FIRST NATION EDUCATION PROGRAM

POST-SECONDARY STUDENT HANDBOOK



Welcome

Gambler First Nation Education Program has prepared this Post-Secondary Student Handbook for use by students attending post-secondary education institutions. Sponsored students are responsible for meeting the criteria for sponsorship and to maintain the required level of achievement for continued sponsorship, until completion of a diploma or degree. If there are any questions regarding this policy, please contact the post-secondary counselor for further information. Good Luck in your Studies!

Introduction

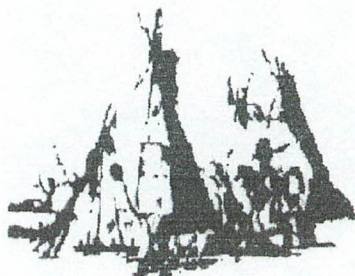
GFNEP provides assistance to as many eligible students as possible, **within limited budget restraints**. GFNEP provides post-secondary students with counseling, support services, and acts as student advocates. GFNEP is dedicated to fostering independence, self-reliance and personal development with sponsored students so that they may succeed in post-secondary education.

This policy provides information about GFNEP sponsorship guidelines and what is expected of sponsored students. It outlines the rules and regulations for sponsorship including deadlines, eligibility, levels of assistance and procedures for continued sponsorship.

Disclaimer

This handbook is a general guide to GFNEP regulations and policy. It is not intended or meant to be a contract or promise. GFNEP reserves the right to change or apply procedures and the terms of the handbook at its own discretion, upon approval by the Gambler Post Sec/PHP Education Director/Counselor and Chief and Council.

All students will be kept informed of any changes that may affect them. Under this policy, students are assured that GFNEP will do its best to provide quality service and assist the students to succeed in their studies.





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Procedures for applicants and Provision of Education Assistance

1. Applications Procedures

It is the student's responsibility to contact/apply to the education institution and to contact/apply to GFNEP for sponsorship. Applicants should contact Gambler First Nation Education Program at the Gambler Band Office to determine their eligibility: GFNEP Office. (See Appendix C)

2. Provision of Education Assistance

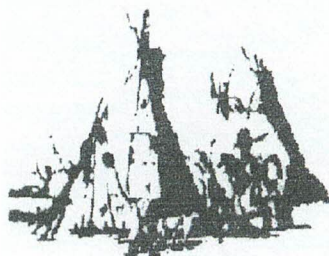
When an application is approved by GFNEP and the Education Advisory Committee, the GFNEP Education Director/Counselor shall identify all levels of assistance to which the student is eligible. A letter will acknowledge all applications.

3. Responsibility of Students

All students receiving education assistance must meet the institution's admission and academic requirements and ensure that all application fees are paid, startup costs related to rent, damage deposit, and childcare are the student's responsibility.

4. Reimbursement of Registration Fees

Upon approval of sponsorship from GFNEP, students will be reimbursed for any application, registration or testing fees for the current sponsorship year only. Receipts must be submitted prior to any reimbursements.





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Applicant Priority Categories

Application approval is based on the priority categories listed below and by the date applications are received by GFNEP. This applies to both full and part time students:

1. **Currently Sponsored Students and senior 4 Graduates:** Students who are currently enrolled in post-secondary studies and students graduating with a regular or mature high school diploma and are continuing in a post-secondary program of studies fall into the priority list. Any Senior 4 graduates who cannot be sponsored in their grad year will be **deferred for one year only**, unless special circumstances apply.
2. **Deferred Students:** These are senior 4 graduates who could not be picked up in their graduation year, or currently sponsored students who are unable to continue studies due to pregnancy, illness, or other special circumstances. Sponsorship for these applicants is put off to the following year by the date received by. **Students can be deferred for one year only**, unless special circumstances apply. After one year, applicants are returned to the regular wait list by date of application.
3. **General Wait List-** These are eligible applicants applying for GFNEP sponsorship *for the first time* to attend a post-secondary institution. Applicants are numbered by the original date received by GFNEP. **Applications must be renewed yearly for sponsorship consideration. Applicants will be numbered by the original application date on this wait list.**
4. **Previously- Sponsored wait List:** These are applicants who were sponsored previously and had graduated, quit or were withdrawn, suspended or terminated from either GFNEP or their institution. Applications will not be accepted from suspended students until after their suspension date is over. Applications are numbered by the original re-application date. Previously sponsored students must re-apply yearly for sponsorship consideration.

Please note that not all eligible applicants who apply for sponsorship are approved, due to inadequate funding from ISC. As a result, applicants will remain on the wait list until space Permits

