



## Student Cultural Supports Grant

2022-2023 GUIDELINES

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### Description

The Cultural Supports Grant is a grant established by the Anishinabek Nation Education Secretariat. The objective of the grant is to provide financial assistance to Anishinabek Nation students pursuing language, cultural and/ or land-based opportunities outside the classroom that enhance their educational experience.

This grant will provide a reimbursement for a maximum of **\$300** per student for projects/ activities that happened/ will happen within September 1, 2022 – August 30, 2023.

The applicant must have already paid for their course, resource, or supplies and **MUST** provide a receipt.

Students will complete an application and forward it to the Anishinabek Nation Education Secretariat. Applications will be reviewed and assessed. Applications will be accepted until May 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 or until full.

### Eligible Activates

Activities or resources must endorse learning and fit within one of these 3 categories:

1. Language Learning:
  - First Nation language learning course / class
  - First Nation language learning resources
  - Language equipment / supplies
2. Land-based Learning:
  - Land-based learning course / class
  - Land-based learning resource
  - On-the-land learning equipment / supplies
3. Cultural Learning:
  - Cultural learning course / class
  - Cultural learning resource
  - Cultural learning equipment / supplies

## A. About the Anishinabek Nation

The Anishinabek Nation (AN) represents 39 First Nations throughout the province of Ontario from Golden Lake in the east, Sarnia in the south, Thunder Bay and Lake Nipigon in the north. The 39 First Nations have an approximate combined population of 65,000 citizens, one third of the province of Ontario's First Nation population. AN has four strategic regional areas: Southwest, Southeast, Lake Huron, and Northern Superior. Each region is represented by a Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief.

### Anishinabek Nation First Nations:

Aamjiwnaang First Nation	Dokis First Nation	Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg
Alderville First Nation	Fort William First Nation	Nipissing First Nation
Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation	Garden River First Nation	Pays Plat First Nation
Atikameksheng Anishnawbek	Henvey Inlet First Nation	Red Rock Indian Band
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation	Long Lake #58 First Nation	Serpent River First Nation
Beausoleil First Nation	M'chigeeng First Nation	Sheguiandah First Nation
Biigtigong Nishnaabeg	Magnetawan First Nation	Sheshegwaning First Nation
Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek	Michipicoten First Nation	Thessalon First Nation
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation	Mississauga #8 First Nation	Wahnapiatae First Nation
Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point FN	Mississaugas of Scugog Island FN	Wasauksing First Nation
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Moose Deer Point First Nation	Whitefish River First Nation
Chippewas of the Thames First Nation	Munsee-Delaware Nation	Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory
Curve Lake First Nation	Namaygoosisagagun First Nation	Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

## B. About the Cultural Supports Grant

The Cultural Supports Grant was established in 2021 by AN Education Secretariat to support students from the Anishinabek Nation. This opportunity has been designed to support students, on and off reserve, in areas of individual interests that fit into one of the three categories.

The grant will provide reimbursement for students that have accessed or will access land-based, cultural, and/or language learning opportunities between September 1, 2022 – August 30, 2023.

Selected applications will be reimbursed (with receipts) to a maximum of \$300 per student. There is limited funding available, all applications are not guaranteed.

Applications will be accepted from May 31, 2023 or until full.

## C. Eligibility

Interested applicants who meet all of the following requirements are eligible to apply.

- Must be a student within the 2022-23 school year \* *Preference will be given to projects involving Anishinabek youth under the age of 21*
- Must be a registered member of one of the 39 Anishinabek First Nations \* *see the First Nations listed in section "A"*
- Activity must fall into one of these categories:
  - i. Language
  - ii. Land-based learning
  - iii. Culture
- Ontario residents only
- Must be a reimbursement \* *a receipt will be required*
- Activity took or will take place within September 1, 2022 – August 30<sup>th</sup> 2023

Other terms:

- One successful grant per student per school year
- Sports, employment, and training are NOT eligible
- Only one gas mileage reimbursement per household for the same activity, proof of attendance is required

## D. Activities Eligible for Reimbursement:

Activities or resources must endorse learning and fit within one of these 3 categories:

1. Language Learning:
  - First Nation language learning course / class
  - First Nation language learning resources
  - Language equipment / supplies
2. Land-based Learning:
  - Land-based learning course / class
  - Land-based learning resource
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3. Cultural Learning:
  - Cultural learning course / class
  - Cultural learning resource
  - Cultural learning equipment / supplies

More examples:

- Registration fees e.g. Anishinaabemowin (language) immersion camp, etc.
- Course fees reimbursed e.g. immersion or land based learning course fee, etc.
- Anishinaabemowin (language) learning resources e.g. text books or dictionaries
- Material for culture-based workshops e.g. regalia making, lodge building etc.

- Land-based learning equipment / supplies (i.e. gardening, harvesting, etc.)
- Travel costs associated with the activity / project

Please reach out to Natasha George, Lifelong Learning Coordinator, if you have any questions on eligibility: [natasha.george@anishinabek.ca](mailto:natasha.george@anishinabek.ca).

### **E. Ineligible Activities**

This grant does not reimburse:

- employment training
- costs associated with sports
- post-secondary tuition

### **F. Selection Process**

- Applicant selection will take place after the closing date of May 31, 2023
- All applications will be reviewed for completeness
- Complete applications will be assessed on eligibility and application responses
- Decisions will be made taking into consideration diversity of recipients with respect to AN regions, student grade level, and eligibility of grant for reimbursement
- All applicants will be informed of the status of their application after May 31, 2023
- Successful applicants will be asked to provide a photo of the finished project / activity and feedback.

### **G. Payment information:**

- Successful applicants will be notified the week following the closing date of May 31, 2023
- Successful applicants will be asked to send original / copy receipt(s) to Natasha George (email or mail) and confirm name for cheque
- Cheques will be issued following receipt submission
- All applicants will be notified of successful or unsuccessful applications.
- Successful applicants will be mailed a cheque for reimbursement.

**Due Date for Applications: May 31, 2023**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please submit inquiries or comments to:

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