



Student Cultural Supports Grant

2023-2024 GUIDELINES

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 (AN) 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 per year** for projects/ activities that happened/ will happen within September 1, 2023 – August 30, 2024.

Students or caregivers are invited to complete an application for eligible activities. All applications will be reviewed and assessed: applications will be accepted until full or deadline date and are subject to available funding.

The Cultural Support Grant will have two intake periods: winter and spring.

Eligible Activities

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

In 2021, the Cultural Supports Grant was established by AN Education Secretariats Lifelong Learning program. This Grant has been designed to support AN students, on and off reserve, in areas of individual interests that fit into one of the three categories outlined.

The grant will provide a maximum reimbursement of up to \$300 for students that have accessed or will access land-based, cultural, and/or language learning opportunities.

C. Eligibility

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

- Must be a student within the 2023-24 school year (caregivers can apply for their student)
 - * *Preference will be given to projects involving AN youth under the age of 21*
- Must be enrolled as a student of a First Nation school, elementary school, secondary school, post-secondary institute, or home school
- Must be a registered member of one of the 39 Anishinabek Nation 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 provide a **receipt** of costs for approved activity
- Activity will or did take place within September 1, 2023 – August 30th 2024

Other terms:

- All applications are subject to available funding and are not guaranteed
- One successful grant per student per school year (students cannot apply to the second intake if they were successful with the first intake)
- Unsuccessful applicants can apply at the other intake period. Ex. A new application can be submitted for an alternative eligible project
- One gas mileage reimbursement per household for the same activity, proof of attendance is required
- If receipt(s) are not received before the identified date, the approval will be withdrawn

D. Activities Eligible for Reimbursement:

Activities or resources must endorse learning and fit within one of these three 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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 - Cultural learning resource
 - Cultural learning equipment / supplies

More examples:

- Registration fees e.g. immersion camp, 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

E. Ineligible Activities

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

F. Application Process for Applicant

- Step 1: Review:
 - *Student Cultural Supports Grant 2023-2024 Guidelines and Student Cultural Supports Grant 2023-2024 Application*
- Step 2: Complete Application
 - Direct questions to Natasha George at natasha.george@anishinabek.ca
- Step 3: Submit Application
 - Completed applications must be sent to the AN Education Secretariat, via online application, email or mail
- Step 4: Await Decision
 - Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be contacted following the closing date
- Step 5: Send in Requirements
 - Successful applicants will be required to send in receipt(s) for their approved project/ activity
 - Successful applicants will be asked to send a photo of project/ activity and/ or feedback
 - Confirm name for the payment
- Step 6: Payment
 - Cheques will be mailed to the successful applicant. Payment will only be released following submission of receipt(s)

G. Selection

- All applications will be reviewed and assessed for:
 - Application completeness
 - Responses to application questions
 - Eligibility
- Decisions will be made taking into consideration diversity of recipients with respect to AN regions, and student grade level
- Applicant selection will take place after each closing date; all applicants will be informed if their application was successful or not

H. Payment information:

- Payments will only be released following submission of receipt(s) (copy/ or original)
 - Receipts can be sent via email or mail to Natasha George at the AN Education Secretariat, see contact info below
 - Applicants who do not send receipts before identified due date will be withdrawn from consideration
- A follow up email will be sent to verify the name for payment
- Successful applicants will be mailed a cheque for reimbursement

I. Important Dates

Applications will be accepted until full or deadline date:

Winter Intake: January 26, 2024 – March 15, 2024
Applications Due: **March 15, 2024**

Spring Intake: April 12, 2024 – June 7, 2024
Applications Due: **June 7, 2024**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please submit inquiries or applications to:

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