Post-Secondary Student Scholarship Program (PSSSP).

K'at'odeeche First Nation

OPPORTUNITY

For KFN members ineligible for Student Financial Assistance (SFA), University and College Entrance Preparation Program (UCEPP) and GNWT funding

Program Policy for the 2026/27 Academic Year

I. MISSION

The Post-Secondary Student Scholarship Program (PSSSP) is designed to provide post-secondary financial support to Kátł'odeeche First Nation (KFN) members, as registered under the Indian Act, who are otherwise ineligible to access the Northwest Territories Student Financial Assistance Program (NWTSFA) due to residency restrictions.

A total of ten (10) scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants enrolled in postsecondary education for the academic year of **2026/27**

As part of the application process, a 500-word essay will be required from students to encourage them to think about how their own education and career objectives might apply towards improving Kátł'odeeche First Nation in the future.

II. ELIGIBILITY

To be considered an eligible applicant, the following requirements must be met:

2.1 Student eligibility requirements

All applicants:

2.1.1 Must be enrolled in a qualified institution, as specified in S2.2**,** for **September 2026** and or; **January 2027** and provide proof of registration.

2.1.2 Must be a member of Kátł'odeeche First Nation and provide proof of Status Indian under the Indian Act.

2.1.3 Must be ineligible for University and College Entrance Preparation Program (UCEPP), Student Financial Assistance (SFA) or any other Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) student program and provide proof of denial.

2.1.4 May not concurrently access any territorial, provincial or federal funding program.

2.1.5 Must hold a 60% or C+ or above grade average for their most recent semester and most recent academic transcripts.

2.1.6 Must write a 500-word essay (double-spaced, 12pt font) describing how their choice of education and career objectives could help improve Kátł'odeeche First Nation in the future.

2.2 Institution eligibility requirements

All institutions where the applicant is enrolled:

2.2.1 Must meet the eligible post-secondary institutions are degree, diploma or certificate-granting institutions that are recognized by a province or territory in Canada or abroad. The following are eligible institutions:

2.2.1.1 List of eligible Canadian post-secondary institutions; and
2.2.1.2 List of eligible foreign institutions

III. SELECTION CRITERIA

3.1 Priority

In the event the program cannot fund all applicants due to budgetary constraints, applicants shall be selected in order of least to most years required to complete degree (bachelor's, master's or Ph.D.), certificate or diploma in the following order:

3.1.1 University in any of the following disciplines:

1. Business/economics/accounting/finance/management
2. Engineering /mathematics
3. Computer science/IT 4. Medicine/science
5. Law/political science
6. Land development/real estate
7. Environmental science

3.1.2 University in any discipline

3.1.3 College education in any discipline

3.1.4 Technical/Vocational education in any discipline

3.1.5 Other post-secondary education

3.2 Tie-breaking procedures

If 2 or more applicants meet the same criteria, consideration will be given to the student with the higher average score on most recent transcript.

IV. SCHOLARSHIP

A total of ten (10) scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants. Each successful applicant will receive administrative and living expenses to maximum of $9,400 per semester for no more than two (2) semesters per academic year. All funds provided are intended to cover administrative and living expenses associated with post-secondary education:

4.1 Administrative & Living Expenses

4.1.1 Living expenses

4.1.2 Tuition and other student fees

4.1.3 Initial professional certification and examination fees

4.1.4 Books and supplies required by the student for their program of study

4.1.5 Official transcript fees

4.1.6 Application fees

4.1.7 Expenses associated with travel home, including for dependents if applicable

4.1.8 Supplemental tutorial, guidance, and counseling service

4.1.9 Childcare, as needed

4.1.10 Administration costs

4.1.11 Scholarship and incentive payments

V. PROCESS

5.1 Requirements

5.1.1 Only complete submissions, as described in Section II, will be considered as eligible. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

5.2 Deadlines

5.2.1 Complete applications for the fall semester commencing **September 2026** are to be submitted no later than **August 31st, 2026** and for the winter semester commencing **January 2027** are to be submitted no later than **December 14th, 2026**

5.2.2 Complete submissions must include all documents required in check list with application in Section II and be sent by email with attachments to:

scholarships@katlodeeche.com or receptionist@katlodeeche.com

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5.3 Approvals

5.3.1 Approval process shall commence on **September 4th,2026** for fall semester and **December 16th, 2026** for winter semester according to the procedures described in Section III.

5.4 Selection

5.4.1 All applicants will be notified by email regarding the outcome of their application for both the fall and winter semesters.

5.5 Disbursements

5.5.1 Disbursements shall be issued at the end of September for fall semester and end of January for and for the winter semester.

5.5.2 Students shall receive funds through direct deposit, unless a cheque requisition is requested.

VI. INFORMATION

6.1 Student Information

6.1.1 Kátł'odeeche First Nation (KFN) shall collect and secure all student information and keep all information confidential.

6.1.2 All submissions and student information shall be retained on file by KFN.

6.1.3 Each student file shall be stored for program reporting, audits, payment, and historical purposes.

6.1.4 Each student file will be shared with the Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada and/or Indigenous Services Canada for entry into the Education Information System (EIS) or any other system pertain to Education in the future.