

# Native Council of Nova Scotia's Resource Handbook for the Mi'kmaw /Aboriginal Students of Nova Scotia

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# Native Council of Nova Scotia

The Self-Governing Authority for Mi'kmaq Aboriginal Peoples residing Off-Reserve in Nova Scotia throughout traditional Mi'kmaq Territory.

*"Going Forward to a Better Future"*

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Training & Employment  
Commission (APTEC)

Social Assistance  
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Employment & Training  
(SARSET)

Micmac Language  
Program

Native Social  
Counselling Agency

Child Help Initiative  
Program (CHIP)

First Step Initiative  
Program (Prenatal)

Netukulinkewi  
Commission

Dear Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal Student:

For over forty (40) years the large Community of Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal Peoples, who continue to reside in their traditional ancestral homelands of Mi'kma'ki outside of Indian Act reserves in Nova Scotia, have maintained our obligation and commitment to all our relations who have come before us. We collectively unified voluntarily as the Native Council of Nova Scotia (N.C.N.S.) Community of off-reserve Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal people to be the *"Voice to the Councils of Governments"* and *"To Go Forward to a Better Future"*.

As we continue *"To Go Forward to a Better Future"*, we hold dear the importance of our Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal youth. This "NCNS Student Resource Handbook" has been developed by our education office and we thank our advertisers for making this handbook a reality. Our thanks are also extended to the supporters who get the NCNS Student Resource Handbook out to the Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal youth across Nova Scotia.

I am happy to introduce and present to all of our Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal youth, parents and our supporters our 2014 edition of the NCNS Student Resource Handbook for the Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal Students of Nova Scotia.

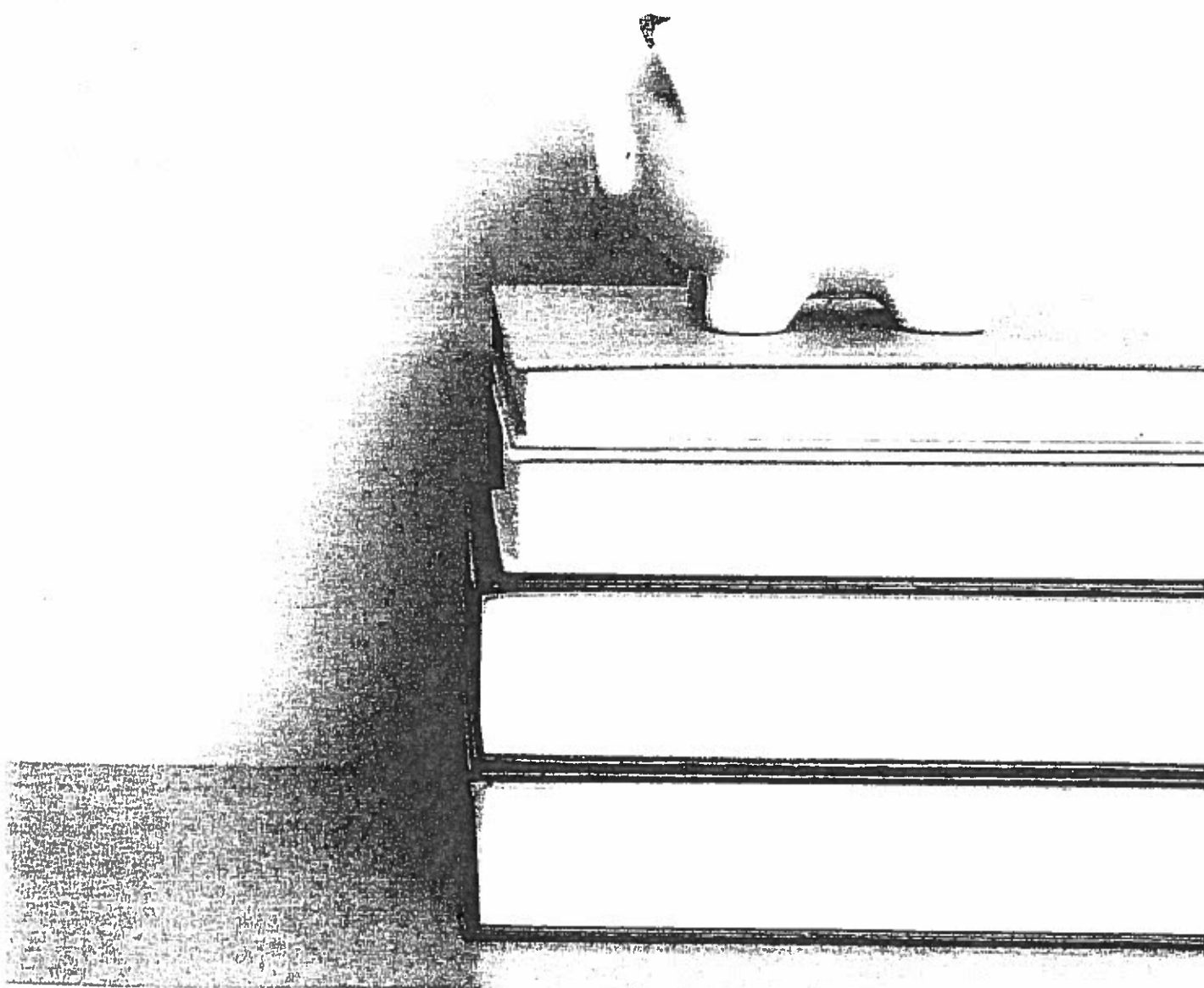
I hope that you will find the handbook informative and that it serves a purpose to assist all of our students as they work their way to becoming productive members of our community within the Canadian fabric.

I invite all of you to call, talk and meet with us, and learn about what is available to assist the off-reserve Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal youth in Nova Scotia to succeed with their education.

Wela'lin (Thank You)

Chief Grace Conrad  
N.C.N.S. Chief and President

# Financial Information and Scholarships



# Nova Scotia Student Assistance

Will you go to college or university? Well, why NOT you?

Are you wondering how to afford it?

Do you wonder if it's worth it to borrow money to pay for school?

Going to school gives you many advantages: Better lifelong earnings, better quality of life, more choices and even better health. We can help you get the opportunities you deserve.

Nova Scotia Student Assistance is now better than ever. There are many myths about Student Assistance, but here are a few facts:

**FACT:** There's more funding available today than ever. Applying gives you access to both loans AND grants. Grants are money that you don't need to pay back.

**FACT:** We have federal and provincial grants for students from low-income families, middle-income families, students with dependents and students with disabilities.

**FACT:** Even if someone else you know didn't get Student Assistance, that doesn't mean you won't. Every student's case is different; Different family incomes, family sizes, student earnings and tuition costs mean each student has different funding needs.

**FACT:** Government student assistance has very good borrowing terms that stay the same even after you leave school. You don't even pay any interest or start repaying loans until you leave school.

**FACT:** We have programs that help qualifying students reduce their debt and manage repayment.

Learn why college or university IS within your reach. We help thousands of Nova Scotians afford school every year. Why Not You?

## **Nova Scotia Student Assistance**

[studentloans.ednet.ns.ca](http://studentloans.ednet.ns.ca)

1-902-424-8420 / 1-800-565-8420 (toll-free in Canada)

Find us on Facebook at *Nova Scotia Student Assistance* or Twitter @NSStudentAssist

Are you helping someone make choices about school? Visit: [novascotia.ca/WhyNotYou](http://novascotia.ca/WhyNotYou)

# Post-Secondary Disability Services



**Have Questions?**

**Contact us!**

**Post-Secondary Disability Services  
2021 Brunswick Street, PO Box 578  
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2S9**

[www.psd.ednet.ns.ca](http://www.psd.ednet.ns.ca)

424-6737 (metro) or 1-800-285-1197 (toll free in NS)



**to get Nova Scotia  
Post-Secondary  
Disability Services  
working for you.**

**A guide to the process.**



For more information: [www.pids.ednet.ns.ca](http://www.pids.ednet.ns.ca)

# Donald Marshall Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

## Terms and Conditions

The terms and conditions listed below are based on an agreement between Mi'kmaq Kina'matnewey, representing the Mi'kmaq post-secondary students of Nova Scotia First Nations, and Mrs Caroline Marshall-Hobbs, wife of the late Grand Chief Donald Marshall, Mi'kmaq Grand Council

1. The objective of the Donald Marshall Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund is to support Mi'kmaq post-secondary students at the diploma, certificate, bachelor and graduate level in their field of study.
2. The Donald Marshall Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund will contribute two annual scholarships for one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each on or before October 1 (Treaty Day) of each calendar year. One for undergraduate studies and one for graduate studies
3. Must be a registered Mi'kmaq from Nova Scotia First Nations or be on the Nova Scotia General Band Registry
4. Must be a graduate or be continuing in their field of study.
5. Must submit an official transcript of marks from institution.
6. Application deadline August 29th Annually

## APPLICATION

Type of award applied for:

Undergraduate  Graduate

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Number: \_\_\_\_\_

General Band Registry Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant must submit a two-page essay advising committee as to the following:

1. Educational Goals.
2. Career Plans.
3. Volunteer Work.
4. School Activities.
5. Barriers student has had to overcome in order to do well in their field of study.
6. Cultural/Community Activities.
7. Awards.

Send to:  
Donald Marshall Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee  
Mi'kmaq Kina'matnewey  
47 Maillard Street  
Memberou, Nova Scotia B1S 2P5  
Phone: (902) 567-0336  
Fax: (902) 567-0337  
E-mail: clare@kinu.ns.ca  
Website: www.kinu.ns.ca

# Sister Dorothy Moore Mi'kmaq Education Scholarships



## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please type or print clearly.
2. Submit a completed application form and all related documents as outlined in Application Requirements.
3. Deadline to submit application is AUGUST 29 2014 12:00PM.
4. Incomplete or late applications will NOT be considered.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- A: Completed Application Form
- B: Resume
- C: Personal Essay
- D: 2 Support Letters
- E: Official Transcripts

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered member of a NS Mi'kmaq Band? Yes No (please circle)

Band Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION:

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously attended a post secondary institution? Yes No (please circle)

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROGRAM ENROLLMENT:

Name of Certificate, Diploma or Degree Program currently studying: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Academic Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received confirmation of acceptance? Yes No (please circle)

Expected Year of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have carefully read the foregoing application form and that all information provided is accurate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Deadline: Friday, August 29 Annually

Forward completed application package via email to maeducation@kinu.ca, or by mail to:

Eleanor Bernard, Executive Director  
Mi'kmaq Kina'matnewey  
47 Maillard Street  
Sydney, NS B1S 2P5

# Indspire

*Formerly: National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation*

Indspire is the largest supporter of Aboriginal education outside of the federal government of Canada. Thanks to many corporate and government partners, Indspire's bursary and scholarship program disburses almost \$6 million a year to First Nations, Inuit and Metis students across Canada.

Indspire bursaries cover a comprehensive array of disciplines in four funding categories: Fine Arts, Health Careers, Post-Secondary Education and Oil and Gas, Aboriginal Trades and Technology.

For further information on Indspire, deadlines and to download application forms visit: [www.indspire.ca](http://www.indspire.ca)

## **Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY)**

Who is eligible to apply to FAAY?

All Canadian Aboriginal students (status, non-status, Metis and Inuit) who are studying full time in a high school, college, university or technical institution in Canada are eligible to apply for funding from FAAY.

For further information on FAAY and to download an application visit their website at [www.faay.ca](http://www.faay.ca)

# NS Power Aboriginal Scholarship

Created in 1994, the Employment Equity Scholarship offers four \$1500 entrance scholarships to graduating high school students who are: disabled persons; persons of visible minorities; or Aboriginal Persons.

The scholarships are tenable at any institution offering post-secondary education. The scholarships are renewable for a maximum of your years of study (depending on the length of study) leading to a certificate, diploma or degree.

## Criteria:

Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, community involvement, involvement in extra-curricular activities and personal attributes. Applicants must be graduating from a Nova Scotia high school and entering their first year of post-secondary education within 15 months of their high school graduation.

## Eligibility:

- Applicants must be either disabled persons, persons of visible minority(\*), or Aboriginal persons.
- Applicants must be Canadian or landed immigrants, and a permanent resident of Nova Scotia for at least three years, two years of which are immediately prior to high school graduation.
- Applicants must be graduating or have graduated from Nova Scotia high school and entering their first year of post-secondary education within 15 months of their high school graduation.

**Deadline:** March 30, annually

Log on Nova Scotia Power Employment Equity Scholarship to download an application.

# CN Scholarship

CN is proud to recognize and encourage educational excellence. Through its Diversity Scholarship Program, CN will offer grants to support the post-secondary education of women, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, military veterans and people of Aboriginal heritage in Canada.

As part of this program, and to support its hiring needs, CN will sponsor these deserving, best-in-class students enrolled in programs relevant to CN's core business. Selected students will be awarded a \$3,000 scholarship, tenable for one academic year. Submit your application to CN directly no later than December 31, 2014. When you do, make sure the following documents are also attached to your application :

- Your resume
- A reference letter endorsed by a community or academic leader
- A copy of your most recent Academic Transcript
- Your Plan of Study: In more or less 500 words, tell us about your educational goals and career plans. Be sure to talk about any community, family or school initiatives you may be involved in as well as personal challenges, and the importance of the CN Scholarship
- Applicable proof of eligibility
  - Aboriginal status see accepted documents

Proof of heritage includes any of the following: copy of Indian status card; copy of Métis membership card; copy of Inuit beneficiary card; parent/grandparent heritage information and official document(s) showing your relationship to them (long-form birth certificate and/or baptismal records); letter of acknowledgement from First Nation, Métis association or Inuit agreement administrator. When sending in long form birth certificate, please send in the long-form birth certificate that indicates the parent name that will reflect the parent name on the accompanying status card/Métis card/Inuit agreement.



# Check out the websites below that list financial assistance programs for post-secondary students

Aboriginal Learning Links  
Scholarships, Grants and Bursaries  
[www.aboriginallearning.ca/resources/1/1/2](http://www.aboriginallearning.ca/resources/1/1/2)

Grant Canada  
[www.grantcanada.com](http://www.grantcanada.com)

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
[www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/ys/sbaas\\_e.html](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/ys/sbaas_e.html)

Aboriginal Multi-Media Society  
[www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html](http://www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html)

Scholarships Canada  
[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

Student Awards  
[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

Information Centre on Aboriginal Health  
[www.icaah.ca/content/en/scholarships/](http://www.icaah.ca/content/en/scholarships/)

Aboriginal Youth Network  
[www.ayn.ca/education-scholarships.aspx](http://www.ayn.ca/education-scholarships.aspx)

School Finder  
[www.schoolfinder.com/finance/index.asp](http://www.schoolfinder.com/finance/index.asp)

Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation  
[www.cmsf.ca](http://www.cmsf.ca)

Nova Scotia Community College  
[www.nsccl.ca](http://www.nsccl.ca)



*You can also contact the Native Council of Nova Scotia and ask for the  
NCNS Scholarship Resource Guide.*



We help thousands of Indigenous students with scholarships and bursaries every year.

We can help you too.



**building  
brighter futures**  
Bursaries and Scholarship Awards

Indspire is a national charity dedicated to raising funds that deliver programs and provide the necessary tools for Indigenous peoples, especially youth to achieve their potential.

To date Indspire, through its *Building Brighter Futures* program has disbursed almost \$65 million through close to 20,000 scholarships and bursaries to Indigenous students.

Please visit the Indspire website to apply for a bursary or scholarship award today!

[indspire.ca/apply](http://indspire.ca/apply)

Questions? We can help.

Phone: 519.445.3020  
Toll-free: 1.855.INDSPIRE (463.7747) x020  
Email: [education@indspire.ca](mailto:education@indspire.ca)

**Annual bursary and scholarship deadlines:**

**Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres (OFIFC)**  
May 1

**Fine Arts**  
May 1

**Legal Studies for Aboriginal People (LSAP)**  
May 15

**Post-Secondary Education (PSE)**  
June 1 & November 1

**Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY)**  
June 1 for Post-secondary students  
November 1 for High school students

**Oil & Gas, Trades & Technology (OGTT)**  
April 30 & November 30

**Oil & Gas, Trades & Technology Apprenticeship and Incentive Awards**  
open all year