



Financial Aid

Assiniboine students have a variety of options for financial support when attending college. Financing your education is one of the most important aspects of planning and preparing for college. You can receive funding from more than one source, so do your research and ensure you apply for all possibilities.

GOVERNMENT STUDENT AID

- ▶ Student loans, grants and bursaries are available to students through provincial and federal student aid programs. Student loans are repayable and interest-free, always. Grants and bursaries do not need to be paid back. This can save you thousands of dollars when it comes time for repayment. Applications typically open in June each year for the following academic year.
- ▶ In addition to student loans, grants are available for students with dependants, students with permanent disabilities and Indigenous students. Visit manitobastudentaid.ca to learn more.

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Funding from other government agencies may be available for students who are unemployed, underemployed, receiving income assisted benefits or who have a disability. For more information, call Manitoba Jobs & Skill Development at 866.332.5077 or email mjsd@gov.mb.ca.
- ▶ First Nations, Métis and Inuit students are encouraged to contact their education authority, tribal council or regional Manitoba Métis Federation office. Various funding sources have their own deadlines, so ensure you reach out early.

USE YOUR RESP OR RRSP

- ▶ To use a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) that has been set up in your name, contact the RESP provider to find out how to access the funds. You usually need proof that you are accepted to a program and information about the fees you will pay.
- ▶ The Government of Canada's Lifelong Learning Plan (LLP) allows you to withdraw amounts from your Registered Retirement Savings plan (RRSP) to finance full-time training or education for you or your spouse or common-law partner.

STUDENT LINE OF CREDIT

A student line of credit is available from most banks and credit unions. This option is useful for students ineligible for government student aid due to income or program length.

Need a Little Guidance?

Attend a free, live Financial Aid & Awards online information session. To view dates and register, visit assiniboine.net/infosession.



Scholarships and Bursaries



Funding your education is an important piece of your academic journey. Don't miss out – apply to your program as early as you can. The earlier you're in, the more awards you'll be considered for.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

Many students qualify for scholarships and bursaries. Scholarships can be awarded based on a variety of criteria, including academic achievement, school or community involvement and athletics. Bursaries are awarded primarily based on financial need. Once you have been accepted to your program, you can begin applying for awards. The earlier, the better!

HOW DO I APPLY?

Many scholarships and bursaries are selected by the Awards Office when you apply to your college program. These types of awards are based on academics and students do not apply. For scholarships and bursaries that require an application, visit assiniboine.net/awards to get started. You will need to create an online profile on our awards portal and complete the application. Be sure to complete all required tasks and submit any documentation to ensure your application is complete.

WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

Don't let the cost of education hold you back. Everyone should consider applying for scholarships and bursaries – chances are you're eligible for some support.

WHEN DO I APPLY?

- ▶ We encourage you to apply early to your program of choice. You can begin applying for scholarships and bursaries as soon as you are accepted or conditionally accepted to your program. The earlier you're accepted to your program, the more awards you'll be considered for.
- ▶ Entrance awards are for first-year students entering a program. Bridging awards are available for students going into their second year of studies.
- ▶ Please visit assiniboine.net/awards as soon as you are accepted into a program. This will ensure you have enough time to check for deadlines, review any requirements and complete the scholarship and bursary application.

NEED SOME GUIDANCE?

If you have any questions or experience any difficulties when applying for scholarships and bursaries, please contact the Awards Office at 204.725.8700 or 800.862.6307 ext 6978 or awards@assiniboine.net.