



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. They are interest-free as long as you are a student. This can save you thousands of dollars when it comes time for repayment. Apply early to avoid delays.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ First Nations, Metis and Inuit students are encouraged to contact their education authority, tribal council or regional Manitoba Metis 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.

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

\$1 Million in scholarships and bursaries is available for Assiniboine students. Scholarships are based on merit, such as academic achievement, school or community involvement and leadership. Bursaries are based primarily on financial need.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- ▶ Scholarships and bursaries are listed at assiniboine.net/awards. Please use our awards search tool to find the detailed lists with complete criteria, including deadlines and instructions on how to apply. When applying online, please provide all required documentation as outlined in the individual award criteria 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 financial aid and awards – chances are you're eligible for some support.

WHEN DO I APPLY?

- ▶ We encourage you to apply early to your program of choice. In order to be eligible for automatic entrance awards, you must apply to your program by March 15. Automatic awards are for students entering into year one of a program.
- ▶ 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 awards application.

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**More than \$1 Million in
Scholarships and Bursaries**

Now is the perfect time to see
if you qualify - you probably do!