



SIX NATIONS STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM POLICY

1. Definitions

Administrator: Finance Department staff designated by the Chief Financial Officer.

Child: A person under 18 years of age.

High School: A place, recognized by the province of Ontario, where a secondary education curriculum is taught.

Local High School: A high school located in Brant County, Haldimand County, or Norfolk County.

Parent/ Guardian: In the case of a child or developmentally challenged person, the natural, adopted parent, legal guardian or equivalent of the student who is eligible for the funds.

Policy: The Six Nations Student Support Program Policy

Reserve: Six Nations Indian Reserve No. 40.

School Year: Beginning the month of September and finishing at the end of the month of June including all months in between.

Student(s): All Six Nations members who are attending a local high school as defined above.

2. Policy Statement

The Student Support Program Policy regulates the distribution of funds received from Indigenous Services Canada to support high school students. Student support services include enrolment incentives, co-op support and additional support services such as reimbursement for student expenses for sports, enhanced courses, extra curricular activities, summer activities, etc. The benefit to students for participating in various school and extra-curricular activities is recognized and encouraged by the Student Support Program. The funding allocations of the program are limited to the resources available.

3. Eligibility

- Only Six Nations members registered at a local high school may apply for student support funding.
- Funding will be allocated based on funds availability and the criteria outlined in this policy.
- Only high school students enrolled in the co-op program may apply for the co-op related funds.
- In case of dispute, the decision of the Administrator shall be final.

4. Applications

- Students will apply for enrollment funding each school year.

- During each school year, students may apply for additional support allocations as described in Appendix 1.
- Students who are under 18 must have one of their parents, legal guardian or equivalent to sign the application.
- Students will complete the application form prepared by the Finance Department. The application form shall include student information such as name, age, address, band number, name of high school, attendance counsellor name, signature of the student and signature of the parent or guardian if the student is under the age of 18.
- Applications will be processed on a 'first come first served basis'.

5. **Amount**

Appendix 1 details the financial support provided. When funding is exhausted, no further allocations will be given out for that school year.

6. **Time of Application**

Applications for enrollment incentive may be received anytime during the school year, funds can be allocated retroactively only for the current school year.

Applications for summer activities will be received between April and August of the current school year.

7. **Enrollment Criteria**

Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council rewards the school enrollment of high school students with a minimum grade of 50% with the Awards described in Appendix 2.

Students enrolled in alternative programs will be recognized in the same manner as the students registered in the regular program.

8. **Disbursement of Enrollment Support**

- Payment will be done for 10 months a year as long as the student is enrolled and has achieved a minimum of 50%.
- The first installment will be paid in December for the months of September, October, November and December.
- The second installment will be paid in April for the months of January, February, March
- The third installment will be paid in June for the months of April, May and June.
- The Six Nations of the Grand River Central Finance shall administer the payments.

9. **Grade Awards**

Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council rewards grade achievements of high school students, one per grade, as follows:

Support	Maximums	Amount
First Place of the grade in all schools	Fixed amount	\$300.00
Second Place of the grade in all schools	Fixed amount	\$250.00
Third Place of the grade in all schools	Fixed amount	\$200.00

Six Nations secondary school graduates of the previous school year shall be recognized by the Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council and the community for completion of the secondary school program. Organization of the recognition event shall be the responsibility of the Administrator.

10. Exception

Only for school year 2021-2022, students will receive:

- A reimbursement of up to \$700 for an electronic device purchased under the student's or guardian's name (laptop, ipad, software, case, and/or printer) between September 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022. A copy of the invoice is required. Invoices for cell phones are not eligible.
- An allowance of \$200 for supplies (books, paper, ink, notebooks, folders, etc, post it)

11. Authorization

This revised policy was approved by Council at the General Finance meeting held on November 1, 2021 by SNCR No. ICGF422/11/01/2021 to be effective on September 1, 2021 policy shall repeal and replace previous policies

**APPENDIX 1
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR
ENROLLED STUDENTS**

Support	Maximums	Amount \$	Details
Enrollment allowance per student	Fixed per month, to a maximum of \$500 per year	\$50.00	From September to June. Enrollment submitted by each school
Enhanced course fees	Per student	\$100	
Post secondary application fees	Up to 3 applications, no cap amount		Reimbursement to students
Co-Op allocation	Fixed amount per school year	\$600.00	Reimbursement to students
Emergency/time sensitive fund	Per semester, per school	\$400.00	Administered by each School Councillor for immediate financial support to students in need. Student Councillor to report on the funds used (*)
Summer Activities-	On a case by case basis. Up to \$500 per student subject to budget availability		Activities sanctioned by school

(*) Schools to report expenses