

Thunderchild First Nation
Post Secondary Student Support Program
Policy Manual

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This policy may be cited as the Post Secondary Student Support Policy or by its acronym PSSSP.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Thunderchild First Nation has traditionally and historically recognized the importance of a collective right to an opportunity for an adequate and meaningful education. This importance was acknowledged and affirmed in Treaty No. 6.
- 1.2 The Post Secondary Student Support Program seeks to provide the most effective support possible for TCFN Citizens who have demonstrated the potential and desire and have met the eligibility requirements to pursue and complete a program of study in a recognized and authorized post secondary institution. The funding will be provided within the funding limits allocated by INAC to TCFN.
- 1.3 The PSSSP affords the opportunity for Citizens to acquire University, Technical Institute, College or professional certifications, degrees or diplomas with the objective of developing their individual potential in order that they may become economically self-sufficient and most effectively further their own aims and aspirations as well as contribute, to the best of their potential, to the progress of First Nations people and communities, the province, country, and the global community at large.
- 1.4 In such an event and notwithstanding any other provision in this Policy to the contrary, the Post Secondary Coordinator may impose criteria to either reduce or eliminate funding for a type of support or a category of program. The criteria imposed by the post Secondary Coordinator shall be implemented with the object of avoiding a budget deficit in the financing of post secondary education.

2.0 Definitions

- 2.1 “Academic year” is as defined by the Post Secondary institution, but will not be less than eight months in duration
- 2.2 “Applicant” means an individual who belongs to the 349 AANDC registry group who makes an application for funding in accordance to the Thunderchild First Nation Post Secondary Education Policy at a recognized post secondary institution granting a recognized degree, diploma or certificate.

- 2.3 “Citizen” means a person recorded as a Citizen on the Citizenship List pursuant to the Thunderchild First Nation Citizenship Act and is also described as a “member” of the Thunderchild First Nation.
- 2.4 “Continuing Student” means students whom are attending a Post Secondary Institution for consecutive terms, or has received an approved leave as per policy.
- 2.5 “Dependent” means a person to whom an applicant is a parent or stands in loco parentis and is under 18 years of age and must be verified by Revenue Canada Child Tax Benefit Assessment letter and no child of an Applicant is a dependent unless he is ordinarily living with the Applicant.
- 2.6 “Dependent Spouse” means a person who is married to the student or a person who is cohabitating with the student for a period of at least one year prior to application for educational support. This person is dependent upon the student and does not receive income in excess of the level of income allowed for a dependent spouse by the Canada Customs revenue Agency.
- 2.7 “Direct benefits” means costs including costs of registration, tuition, books, examinations, compulsory or optional tutorials and practicums.
- 2.8 “Full time Students” and “Part time Students are defined by the Post Secondary Institution which they are attending.
- 2.9 “Immediate family” includes spouse, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, mother-in-law, father-in-law, step-mother, step-father, parent surrogate, grandparent or any relative permanently residing in the students’ household or with whom the student resides.
- 2.10 “Loco parentis” means “in the place of parents or instead of a parent” whereby someone has been given all the rights to behave, act and be a parent without going through adoption formality and normally those who have been a custodian of children or who have been foster parents are given such privileges.
- 2.11 “Post Secondary Education means a program of studies, offered by a recognized post secondary institution, for which completion of secondary school studies (Grade 12) or its equivalent is a prerequisite.
- 2.12 “Post Secondary Institutions” are degree, diploma, and certificate granting institutions, which are recognized by provincial authorities and include education institutions affiliated with, or delivering accredited programs by arrangement with, a post secondary institution. The Post

Secondary Office will maintain a national list of recognized Canadian post secondary institutions.

- 2.13 “Program of Studies” includes all post secondary programs, at least one academic year in duration, leading to a certificate, diploma or degree. Programs e.g., pre-Law, pre-Dentistry, less than one academic year which are prerequisites to post secondary programs of a least one academic year in duration are included.
- 2.13 “Private Institution” is a Canadian or foreign Post Secondary institution which receives the majority of its funding from sources other than governments,
- 2.14 “Public Institution” is a Post Secondary institution which receives the majority of its funding from Federal and Provincial governments.
- 2.15 “Semester” refers to a part o the academic year, as defined by the Post Secondary institution. Semesters usually cover periods from September to December, January to April, and May to August.

3.0 Eligibility Requirements of and Applicant

- 3.1 To be eligible for post secondary funding, each Applicant must be:
- Citizens of TCFN, on or off reserve, who have been resident in Canada for 12 consecutive months prior to the date of application for funding;
 - Not be in receipt of post secondary education funding from any other First Nation or government agency except for scholarships or student loans programs;
 - Meet the entrance requirements for initial or ongoing enrolment in an eligible program of study offered by a recognized Post Secondary Institute;
 - Meet all other requirements for new or ongoing funding as set forth in this Policy.

4.0 Eligibility Requirements for a Program of Study

4.1 To be eligible for funding, a program of study must:

- a) Be offered by a recognized and accredited Post Secondary educational institute;
- b) Be for a minimum of 8 months in duration;
- c) Have a minimum Grade 12 entrance requirement;
- d) Result in a generally recognized degree, diploma or certificate.

4.2 A program of study taken online or by correspondence may be funded if the above criteria are met, however, the support will be limited to the cost of tuition and mandatory textbooks and supplies.

5.0 Application Procedures and Required Documentation

1) To be eligible for consideration and approval, applications must be received by the Post Secondary office on or before the following deadlines:

- a) May 31 for Fall term funding;
- b) March 31 for Spring and Summer term funding
- c) October 31 for Winter term funding

2) Each application properly submitted shall be reviewed by the Post Secondary Coordinator whom shall:

- a) Receive, file and date stamp the application;
- b) Correspond to the Applicant informing them that the required documentation is required within one month of the application deadlines;
- c) Personal interest statement;
- d) Transcripts;
- e) Acceptance letter;
- f) Information about the program of study, demonstrating that it has a Grade 12 entrance requirement;
- g) Class registration;
- h) National Child Tax Benefit documents;
- i) Letters of recommendation;
- j) Program monitor outline;
- k) Access to information form.

- 3) Applications may be hand delivered to the Post Secondary office, sent via registered mailed, or sent electronically via email. Faxed applications will not be accepted due to the unreliability of fax transmissions.

6.0 Priorities For Approval of Applications

Group 1 – These Categories will be considered together.

- 1.1 Continuing students with minimum grade average requirements for program completion.
- 1.2 Regular grade 12 students entering regular Post Secondary programs (not UEP or Pre-Tech).
- 1.3 Students who were accepted as partially funded students and attended during the previous year.
- 1.4 Students who take a leave of absence from Post Secondary studied for a predetermined length of time due to the fact that the required course to complete their degree was not offered in the next term.
- 1.5 Students who become eligible for support and who have previously completed a portion of Post Secondary studies without support from this program (e.g. supported self through student loan). They must retain the minimum grad average requirements for program completion.

Group 2 – These categories will be prioritized separately within the group.

- 2.1 Students in professional degrees as defined by our policy and scholarship criteria.
 - 2.1.a) Students entering higher program level.
 - 2.1.b) Combination degrees such as B.A-LLB or B.A-M.D., B.ED-M.ED.
- 2.2 Returning students, returning after a leave of absence for authorized medical or personal reasons, with grade requirements similar to the continuing students in Group 1.
 - 2.2.a) Returning to the same program.
 - 2.2.b) Returning to a different program (Note: decision may be based on individual circumstances).

2.3 Other students e.g. mature students, who can go directly into Post Secondary programs.

2.3.a) With GED 12

Group 3 – These categories will be prioritized separately;

3.1. Students attending private institutions;

3.2. “Required to discontinue” students who have been readmitted by the institution;

3.3. Students changing programs without completing any program because of poor grades and poor attendance;

3.4. Students who voluntarily withdrew from their programs in the previous semester without following proper procedures as outlined in the PSEP policy manual;

3.5. Students in programs several years with no certificate.

7.0 Limits of Support

7.1 Support for living expenses will be provided for three levels of Post Secondary education and limits are placed on the duration of support according to the level of program the student is enrolled in.

Level I Technical Institution or Community College: 1 to 2 academic years to a maximum of 16 months, unless stipulated otherwise by the institution.

Level II University Undergraduate Programs (i.e. – B.A, B.Comm, B.Ed, B.ISW, B.Sc)
Post Secondary will provide full financial assistance to students up to a maximum of 40 months for students to complete ONE degree.

Level III a) University Professional Programs (i.e. – M.D., LL.B): Duration of support will be in accordance with the university’s normal program duration.
b) Graduate Programs (i.e. – M.Ed., M.A., and Ph.D.): Maximum of two academic years to a maximum of 16 months.

- 7.2 Funding will be considered when a student drops out of a Level II program and goes to a Level I program. If a student resumes Level II studies, the previous time spent at Level II will be counted for support purposes.
- 7.3 Duration of assistance will be in accordance with the minimum full-time requirements of the program as defined by the Post Secondary institutions.
- 7.4 Students may be assisted for up to one additional academic year of 8 months per level for authorized and documented medical, academic or personal reasons. In cases where the need for an additional year is academically based, a letter from the dean or the department head will be required in support of the application for funding. Those applicants who request more than one additional academic year will be referred to the Funding Appeal Process prior to approval of additional funding.
- 7.5 Level III funding arrangements will be dealt with on an individual basis and arrangements will depend upon the program and institution; however maximum cumulative total years of support as outlined in 7.1 will be adhered to.
- 7.6 Students who transfer programs more than once require approval from the TCFN Post Secondary office.
- 7.7 Students who have completed a Level II program, with or without support from this program, are ineligible for Level I program support.
- 7.8 Students who have completed a Level III program, with or without support from this program, are ineligible for Level I or Level II program support.
- 7.9 Where students change programs within one of the levels, the academic time used for each program within this level will be counted for support purposes.
- 7.10 Support will be approved for a university academic year, which is normally eight months. On-campus students may be supported in intersession / summer school if funding permits. Students for whom intersession or summer school attendance is a compulsory aspect of their program will receive normal levels of support for these sessions. Support for student attending other Post Secondary institutions, e.g. SIAST, will be for the normal academic year as set by the institution.
- 7.11 Tuition and book support will be provided to eligible students enrolled in all three levels.
- 7.12 Any student who quits or withdraws from classes or from their program must inform the Post Secondary Office prior to formal cancellation of classes/program.

Failure to notify the PSSSP Office will result in a one-year waiting period prior to funding being approved. Depending on the type of leave/absence, this will be dealt with on an individual basis.

- 7.13 Any student that is required to discontinue (RTD) or is expelled from their program of studies by their University of Institution may be eligible for funding when re-instated by the institution or when RTD has expired.
- 7.14 Students must reside in the community where the institution is located. Fiscal resources will not provide for students who commute.

8.0 Types of Support and Limits of Support

- 8.1 The types of support which may be applied for are as follows:
 - (a) Student fees for registration and tuition;
 - (b) Book and course material costs;
 - (c) Examination fees;
 - (d) Student fees for compulsory or optional tutorials;
 - (e) Cost of initial professional certification;
 - (f) Living allowances;
 - (g) Scholarships;
 - (h) Graduation allowances;
 - (i) Practicums;
 - (j) Contingency (i.e. bereavement expenses, eyewear and mobility) Clients can request damage deposit and health related cost for short repayable advance.
- 8.2 In addition to the foregoing, loans may be advanced to pay invoiced costs to cover the replacement of eye glasses or contact lenses of a student incurred during a semester or academic year. All such loans are repayable by the conclusion of the semester or academic year as the case may be in which they are so advanced or by March 31st the following year following the advance, whichever first occurs.
- 8.3 Support is available for contingency costs that are unforeseen or exceptional but will be recovered as outlined in Section 8.2.

- 8.4 Notwithstanding the contention that education is a Treaty Right all financial support available is limited generally by the funding available to the Thunderchild First Nation for post secondary education provided by INAC as well as periodic internal budget allotments by the Thunderchild First Nation Council to the different categories of expenses applicable to post secondary education.
- 8.5 Subject to the post secondary budget limitations eligible students enrolled in accepted institutions shall receive the full cost of registration, tuition, examination fees and initial professional certification.
- 8.6 In addition to the post secondary budget limitations, funding for:
- (a) An allowance of \$300 will be added to the FIRST allowance of the semester to cover the costs of textbooks. Required books and course materials of a student shall not exceed \$500.00 per semester or \$1000.00 for the academic year unless the required book or course material expenditures exceed these limits and are supported by appropriate documentation;
 - (b) Tutorial assistance shall be supported up to \$250.00 per term with proper supported documentation from the instructor or professor.
- 8.7 Scholarships are awarded annually by the Committee for academic excellence in the regular term for all students funded by this Policy (September to April) as follows:
- (a) One Award for \$500.00 for the first year student with the highest academic standing;
 - (b) One Award for \$500.00 for the second year student with the highest academic standing;
 - (c) One Award for \$500.00 for the third year student with the highest academic standing;
 - (d) One Award for \$500.00 for the fourth year student with the highest academic grade standing;
 - (e) One Award for \$500.00 for the overall highest academic grade standing.
- 8.8 Applicants eligible to receive financial support for living allowances shall receive payment based upon the rate structure provided for in *Appendix A*.
- 8.9 Graduation allowances are available and shall be disbursed as a one time payment to those students who are funded by the Post Secondary Office in accordance with the following:

- (a) Certificate - \$150
- (b) Diploma - \$250
- (b) Degree - \$500.00
- (c) Masters or Doctorate - \$500.00

- 8.10 A one-time grant of \$500.00 to defray the cost of a practicum is available per approved program. To be eligible for this grant, the practicum must be at least four (4) weeks long and must be a required part of the student's program. If a student is required to take more than one practicum, then the student must use the grant for the practicum of the longest duration.
- 8.11 Travel assistance for bereavement will be available but will be limited to the cost of bus fare or an authorized mileage expense, whichever is less.
- 8.12 Part time students or students enrolled in correspondence or other distance education courses of a similar nature qualify for support pertaining to the cost of registration, tuition, and books only.
- 8.13 Applicants with physical or mental handicaps that give rise to special needs and who otherwise qualify for assistance, may apply to the Committee for additional assistance needed as a consequence of the handicap from which they suffer, and such requests will be considered on an individual basis by the Committee.
- 8.14 Applicants who seek assistance for a program of study offered by an institution outside of Canada must first obtain the approval of the Post Secondary office before filing such an application. In the event approval to file such an application is granted, then the Applicant may file the application with the Post Secondary Coordinator who shall be review subject to all other requirements set out in this Policy. Where such a program of study is also available in Canada, funding approval if any shall not exceed the rates and amounts that would have applied had the program of study been approved and taken at an institution within Canada.
- 8.15 No student loans shall be paid for in whole or in part by the Thunderchild First Nation.

9.0 Disqualification for Further Funding

- 9.1 A student applicant who withdraws from a program of study for which funding has been approved, unless such withdrawal is for compassionate and/or medical reasons, is disqualified from receiving any further support or assistance for a

period of one year after the expiration of the approved period in which the withdrawal occurred;

- 9.2 A student applicant who fails to receive a passing grade in more than 75% of the classes taken in a given period of approved funding (i.e. an academic semester or year) shall be disqualified from receiving any further funding under this Policy.

10 Accountability by students and administering organization

- 10.1 Students will be closely monitored for attendance by the PSSSP office. All students are required to submit a DECLARATION OF FULL TIME STUDENT STATUS form to the PSSSP office by the 15th of every month for the academic period for which their funding was approved. Failure to do so will result in an automatic hold being placed on the following month's living allowance. The Post Secondary Office will distribute this form to all new and continuing students.
- 10.2 Every effort will be made by the Post Secondary Office to recover overpayment to students who misuse funding by not fulfilling the terms of the TCFN PSSSP policy manual, or who misrepresent their dependent or program status on application.
- 10.3 When misuse of Post Secondary funds is discovered, the Post Secondary Office will adopt the following procedures:
- Write a letter to the individual stating the findings;
 - If the student is, in fact, found to be misusing funding, the Post Secondary Office will suspend that student from further funding or take other corrective action;
 - Arrangements, satisfactory to the Post Secondary Office, for the 100% repayment by the student of overpayments received will be a condition of any future funding.
- 10.4 Any student who quits or withdraw from classes or from their program must inform the Post Secondary Office prior to formal cancellation of classes/program. Failure to notify the PSSSP Office will result in a one-year waiting period prior to funding being approved. Depending on the type of leave/absence, this will be dealt with on an individual basis.
- 10.5 Any student that is required to discontinue (RTD) or is expelled from their program of students by their University of Institution may be eligible for funding when re-instated by the institution or when RTD has expired.
- 10.6 Students are responsible for library fines, and dropped classes and withdrawal fees. Students must make sure that all payments are made before registration.

- 10.7 Any class in a program approved for benefits in which an Applicant received a withdraw failure, required to discontinue or absent failure, incomplete failure other than those which are covered by 10.1, shall be the responsibility of the Applicant. All direct benefits paid in relation to such a class shall be refunded by the student applicant.
- 10.8 Funding under this Policy shall not be granted to a student until previous completed term marks are received by the post secondary Coordinator.
- 10.9 Any approval for funding which is granted prior to the availability of a transcript of the Applicant's marks is a conditional approval. Upon receipt of the student applicant's official transcript of marks as required under Section 7.7, if the Post Secondary Coordinator determines that the conditional approval should not have been granted in whole or in part, then any excess amount paid shall be refundable.
- 10.10 All refundable amounts under Section 10 are to be refunded to the Thunderchild First Nation; the Post Secondary Coordinator can recommend enforcement of non-payment through proceedings by way of civil legal action for recovery of the debt owed.
- 10.11 No further funding shall be available to an Applicant for Post Secondary support unless and until all refundable amounts under Section 10 have been repaid to the Thunderchild First Nation.

11.0 Appeals

- 11.1 Any decision made by the Post Secondary Coordinator affecting the entitlement of benefits payable herein, including any refunds of benefits may be appealed by an affected Applicant within thirty days of receipt of notice of that decision from the Post Secondary Coordinator to the Director of Education. Unless and until such decision is overturned on Appeal, it shall be deemed valid, effective and binding on the Applicant. However, no proceedings for recovery of any refundable amount shall be taken pending a decision of the Appeal Panel.
- 11.2 Upon receipt of an Appeal from an Applicant under Section 11.1 above, the Director of Education shall refer the Appeal to the Committee, the Committee shall designate three of its members to sit as an Appeal Panel and hear the Appeal. A date for such hearing shall be set as soon as practical, but in any event within thirty days of the appointment of the Appeal Panel.
- 11.3 To ensure fairness and equitable treatment under this Policy, the appeal process must incorporate the following basic elements:

- (a) Distribute this policy to all applicants;
 - (b) Ensure that the applicant has a right to an appeal process to an impartial appeal panel;
 - (c) Ensure that the student has a right to have support in the form of an advisor or advocate;
 - (d) The Director of Education will provide costs for the appeal panel and the applicant appellant to attend the appeal hearing;
 - (e) The Appeal Panel shall confirm that the Director of Education, the Post Secondary Committee and the Post Secondary Coordinator will abide by the Appeal Panel's decision.
- 11.4 The hearing and each may provide such relevant oral representations as they deem necessary for the Appeal Panel to render a decision. Either side may in lieu of or in addition to oral representations, file before the hearing written materials in support of their respective positions. Copies of all such written materials shall be provided to the other party to the Appeal as well as the Appeal Panel itself at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

12 Arbitration

- 12.1 Neither party to the Appeal shall be represented by legal counsel at the Appeal hearing unless leave to be so represented is granted by the Appeal Panel, all appellate processes are to be handled in an arbitration format between the Post Secondary Coordinator, Appeal Panel, and the individual Applicant.
- 12.2 The Appeal Panel shall render its decision based upon the written and oral representations provided to it by the parties to the Appeal aforesaid, and its interpretation of the Policy and guidelines provided for in this Policy.
- 12.3 The information provided to the Appeal Panel for its use in the Appeal shall be confidential and shall not be released to the public without the consent of the Applicant appellant unless it necessary to prosecute or enforce a civil or criminal cause of action against the Applicant appellant regarding any violation under this Policy or to commence proceedings for repayment of monies owed to the Thunderchild First Nation under this Policy.
- 12.4 The Appeal Panel has exclusive jurisdiction to exercise the powers conferred upon it by the Committee and to determine all questions on interpretation of this Policy and the Appeal process under this Policy.

13.0 Confidentiality

- 13.1 The Post Secondary Coordinator shall open and maintain a file on each Applicant.
- 13.2 An Applicant's file material and content is confidential. Access to such material and content shall be restricted to individuals required to have access in the delivery of services related to the Post Secondary Education Program.
- 13.3 An Applicant has access to all file information that pertains to them. Notwithstanding Section 13.2 above, an Applicant may have access to and may receive copies of those portions of the Applicant's file which were supplied to the Post Secondary Coordinator either by the Applicant, or by an Institute or Government Agency.

Section 14.0 Transitional Implementation

- 14.1 The *Thunderchild First Nation Post Secondary Education Policy*, upon acceptance and approval of the Government as evidenced by a Band Council Resolution to that effect, shall come into full force and effect relative to all funding applications on July 30, 2012.
- 14.2 The *Post Secondary Student Support Program Policy Manual* in effect immediately prior to the date of acceptance and approval of this Policy is repealed.
- 14.3 This Policy can be amended or repealed by way of a Band Council Resolution by the Government.

APPENDIX A

LIVING ALLOWANCE RATES

Monthly Allowance \$ High Rent Supplement \$

Single Student	1000	n/a
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Student with dependent children	1000	n/a
With 1 dependent	1300	n/a
With 2 dependents	1500	100
With 3 dependents	1600	100
Each additional dependent	50	100 (limit is \$100, not for each additional child)



Application Form
Post Secondary Student Support Program

Date _____

Thunderchild First Nation
Box 600, Turtleford, SK, S0M2Y0
Phone (306) 845-4300 Fax (306) 845-4448

Privacy Act Statement

The information you provide on this document is for the purpose of resourcing and administering post-secondary student financial assistance. Personal information that you provide is protected under the provisions of the Privacy Act.

Part A: STUDENT INFORMATION (please print)

Have you ever discontinued? Yes No

Ever Required to Discontinue (RTD)? Yes No

New Student (Never been funded) Re-Enrollment (Previously Funded) Continuing (Funded in the past year)

Name _____
Last Name First Name Middle

Permanent Address _____ City _____ Prov. _____
Postal Code _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Prov. _____
Postal Code _____

Telephone #'s _____ Date of Birth _____

Treaty # 349 _____ SIN # _____

Marital Status: Single Single Parent Married Common Law

PART B: DEPENDENT'S INFORMATION

Children's Names	Age / Date of Birth	Does he/she live with you?	Comments
1.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
3.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
4.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
5.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

6.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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PART C: EDUCATION & TRAINING

School / Training	Name	Location	# Months	Specify Certificate/ Diploma or Degree Received
High School				
Community College				
Technical Institute				
University				
Other (specify:)				

PART D: ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

Full Time Part Time (Tuition & Books Only)

Institution _____ Location _____

Program _____ Dates From _____ to _____
Mo/Yr Mo/Yr

Student Number _____

Program Length in Years _____ Term(s) Completed Years _____

Fall Winter Inter Session Summer Session
 Sept-Dec Jan-Apr May-June July-Aug

PART E: DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Please attach the documents listed; applications will not be considered without the following:

- Transcripts / Marks Registration Treaty/Status Card Banking Info
- Hospitalization Card (Self/Dependent) Letter of Acceptance
- Child Tax Benefit Notice

PART F: DECLARATION

I hereby undertake the following as conditions for sponsorship by the Post Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) of the Thunderchild First Nation for the duration of my program of studies:

1. To attend classes on a regular basis;
2. To consult with my counselor if any problems arise academically, emotionally, physically, or financially;
3. To adhere to school regulations and meet the academic requirements for continuation for my program of studies;
4. To provide my transcript of marks and report to PSSSP upon completion of each academic year;
5. To adhere to sponsorship rules and regulations stated in the Post-Secondary Student Handbook;
6. To consult with my counselor of any changed of residence, dependents, etc.;
7. I declare that the information provided by me on the application form is complete and correct and is given in order to substantiate my entitlement for sponsorship;
8. I, _____, authorize the PSSSP to obtain any information required to determine my and/or dependent(s) eligibility for sponsorship;
9. I hereby give permission to the Thunderchild First Nation Post Secondary Student Support Program to verify or confirm with any source the correctness and accuracy of the information obtained in this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PART G: Please include here your statement of intent and any other information that might assist Post Secondary Selection Committee in making the application decision. (Attach letter)