

## Making Education Work Post-Secondary Education Bursary

The MEW PSE bursaries are being offered to Manitoba's Aboriginal students who have obtained the required credits to enroll and who are currently attending or planning to attend as a full time student in a recognized post secondary program during the 2009/10 calendar school year. The bursaries apply to those students who have been assigned to the Making Education Work Research project as either a program or a comparison student in one of the six research sites.

The bursary will not exceed \$6,000 and is available to post secondary students in their first year of full-time study. The bursaries will be paid to students in two installments over the duration of the first year; \$3,000.00 in first term and \$3,000.00 in second term providing they attend for the full year. If attendance is only for half a year, then student qualifies for only \$3,000.00. This financial support is provided to assist with post-secondary education and is **money that does not have to be paid back**.

To be eligible for the MEW PSE bursary, you must:

- have been assigned in the MEW research project as either a program student comparison student;
- have the required credits to enter a post-secondary program obtained from a Manitoba high school by February, 2010 or earlier;
- be registered and attending a recognized post-secondary program for the 2009-10 calendar session;
- be enrolled in at least 60 percent of a post-secondary full course load;
- submit a MEW bursary application form before **November 20, 2009** for the fall session along with a Confirmation of Enrolment from your post-secondary institution;
- for those just entering PSE program in the winter session, you must provide Letter of Acceptance from you post-secondary institution for the winter session by **November 20, 2009** along with the MEW bursary application.

Students who have not enrolled or could not enroll in a post-secondary program during the 2009-10 calendar year will not qualify for the MEW bursary, however...

If a student could not enroll in a fall session, then the student may qualify for the winter session and receive \$3,000.00 providing student submit the MEW bursary application form along with the Letter of Acceptance by **November 20, 2009**.

Students who have not received the required credits to enter a post-secondary program by February, 2010 or earlier will not qualify to receive the MEW bursary.

Recognized or designated post-secondary institutions can be found at both websites:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/educate/sfa/pages/institutions.html> - provincial  
[http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/learning/canada\\_student\\_loan/mldei.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/learning/canada_student_loan/mldei.shtml) - federal

Students who completed their high school requirements at an alternative high school, through home-schooling or as part of a GED (General Education Development) diploma can still access this bursary as long as they obtained the required credits to enter a post-secondary program prior to February, 2010 and have been accepted.

MEW students who have moved away or transferred to a non-participating MEW school after being recruited for the MEW pilot project and who have obtained the required credits to enter a post-secondary program prior to February, 2010 will be entitled to receive the MEW bursary.

Students who have left high school after grade 11 for a recognized post-secondary program will still be able to access the entire MEW bursary provided they fill out the application form and confirmation of post-secondary enrolment.

Following application, registration and confirmation of enrollment as a full-time PSE level student at a recognized post-secondary institution anywhere in Manitoba, within Canada, or beyond, the student qualifies for the MEW bursary which will be issued in a form of a cheque. This cheque will be sent directly to the students' current address as indicated on the application form. It is the students' responsibility to inform the MEW office if their address changes. Direct deposit is not available.

The deadlines for submitting the above information for each term, fall and winter sessions, are firm. This is to ensure that the verification process and the issuing of cheques takes place in a timely manner. For the fall session, cheques will be issued during the month of December, 2009 and for the winter session, cheques will be issued during the month of February, 2010.

All Making Education Work participants, both program and comparison students, are to contact the MEW office for the required application process. A package will be mailed directly to all students with a self-addressed envelope or available on our website.

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