



DRIVERS' EDUCATION POLICY

1. PREAMBLE

The pursuit of education and training is important as it exposes students to new developments in their academic and future career aspirations and future careers it helps them grow and perform better. It broadens their knowledge base and helps them derive new ways of interpreting and implementing life skills. This ensures continued supply of learned human resources that will enhance and sustain future educational and future career aspirations. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that resources are allocated to support and encourage this initiative.

2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this policy are:

- ☐ To create and encourage broad based learning.
- ☐ To financially assist full time high school students with the cost of Drivers Education training. Thereby, increasing their potential for success in education and employment fields.
- ☐ To set a reward system for students attaining academic success in Secondary education.

3. BUDGET

Funding basis on availability from Casino Rama. The Education Department shall budget each year for financial assistance to be granted to qualified students during an academic year. This shall be based on projected increase in nominal rolls and estimated costs of these activities. The budgeted amount shall be allocated as follows:

- ☐ Fort William First Nation shall cover up to 100% of the total cost of the training up to a maximum of \$700.00 per full time student. The maximum a student can receive is \$700.00 for their entire secondary career.
- ☐ Funding is allocated from Casino Rama as there is no funding available from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada to cover such costs.

4. CONDITIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The conditions stipulated hereunder shall apply with regard to qualification for assistance:



- ☐ All Chief and Council approved band member **secondary students** irrespective of gender, age, creed, disability or place of residence can apply for financial assistance.
- ☐ Fort William First Nation may at any time suspend the financial assistance to the student in its sole discretion if the student is not achieving satisfactory academic progress. A student shall be deemed to be making satisfactory academic progress based on the secondary institutions standards.
- ☐ Funding to be allocated from Casino Rama at the discretion of Chief and Council as there is no funding available from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada to cover such costs.
- ☐ Financial assistance shall be awarded to a student who is enrolled in full time education at an accredited secondary institution.
- ☐ Assistance amounts are payable in Canadian dollars, financial exchange rate will not be taken into consideration.
- ☐ Permission to undertake the driver's educational program must be obtained from parent/guardian (*depending on age of student*) of the student.
- ☐ Payments of program are done directly to the relevant drivers education educational institutions.
- ☐ Assistance is provided to cover the cost of driver's education training only. No funding is available for the purchase of the actual drivers licence.
- ☐ A student shall receive this funding only once. There is no additional funding available for incomplete or failed prior attempts.
- ☐ Fort William First Nation will cover up to 100% of the cost to a maximum of \$700.00. It is the students' responsibility to cover any addition cost. No exceptions will be considered.
- ☐ Upon completion of the training program, the student must provide a copy of their drivers training certificate.
- ☐ Prior approval for funding must be given before a student undertakes a drivers' training program. Application must be made on the prescribed Application Form and completed in full. The application must have the parent/guardian and student signature and received by the Education Department at least 2 weeks before the training commences. Completed applications can be fax to (807) 623-9075, or dropped off to the receptionist at the FWFN office.

5. ADVERTISEMENT/ACCESSIBILITY

This policy shall be posted on the Fort William First Nation website (www.fwfn.com). This policy will be available for viewing at the Fort William First Nation Band Office. The purpose of this advertisement is to ensure that:

- ☐ All eligible students are afforded an equal opportunity to apply regardless of where the student resides.
- ☐ That the purpose and amount of financial assistance is clear to all applicants.

6. FUNDING CANCELLATION



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If the student is excluded or expelled from their secondary institution or discontinues his/her studies on his/her own accord, the funding shall be cancelled forthwith and the student shall have to repay the Education Department the full amount advanced to him/her. The amount owed shall be deducted from any source of income/payment from Fort William First Nation until the debt is satisfied in full. The student will authorize the deduction by signing Acknowledgement of Debt section on the application form. This shall be effective immediately following cancellation.