



# **NUXALK ACWSALCMALSLAYC ACADEMY OF LEARNING SOCIETY**

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## **POLICY GUIDELINES FOR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION**



## **INTRODUCTION**

The Nuxalk Acwsalcmalslayc Academy of Learning Society (NAALS) is committed to supporting students in their pursuit of higher education and training towards their career goal.

NAALS strives towards sufficient resources and support to promote the success of Nuxalk students. Unfortunately, there is limited funding to the Nuxalk Nation for Post Secondary education. NAALS policy guidelines are in conjunction with the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Affairs guidelines to ensure fairness in funding support for Nuxalk students.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

1. To be eligible for assistance from the Nuxalk Acwsalcmalslayc Academy of Learning Society the applicant must:

- Be of Nuxalk ancestry
- Have a Nuxalk Nation Indian Registry Number
- Be enrolled or accepted into an accredited university or college program of studies
- Take courses that require grade 12 graduation or equivalent

## PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING SPONSORSHIP FOR POST SECONDARY

1. Potential students fill out the Nuxalk Acwsalcmalslayc Academy of Learning Society Post Secondary Application for Educational Assistant and submit to NAALS by third week in May.
2. Send your application, letter of acceptance from the College/University, and transcripts to:
  - Post Secondary Coordinator  
  
Nuxalk Acwsalcmalslayc Academy of Learning Society  
  
PO Box 778  
  
Bella Coola, BC  
  
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  - Or email to: [naalsreception@acwsalcta.ca](mailto:naalsreception@acwsalcta.ca) or [theresabrook@acwsalcta.ca](mailto:theresabrook@acwsalcta.ca)
3. The Post Secondary Committee will review your application for sponsorship decision.
4. Students will be notified of the sponsorship decision. If a potential student is refused, the reasons will be given. And If eligible, placed on the waitlist for funding to college/university.
5. Students must provide marks obtained from the Institution from the last term before further funding is provided.
6. Any changes in courses or institutions require NAALS approval before funding will be provided.
7. Students may use the Appeal Process if he/she feels they were not fairly treated.

**Guidelines for Monthly Maintenance Allowances**

1. For Full Time Post Secondary Students

Maintenance funding is intended to include the following: Food, shelter, daily transportation, childcare and emergency expenses. PART TIME STUDENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ALLOWANCES; FULL TIME IS DEFINED BY THE INSTITUTION.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Monthly Allowances</b>	<b>X 8 months</b>	<b>High Rent</b>	<b>On Reserve monthly funding</b>
S2	Single Student	\$1,400.00	\$11,200		\$950.00
M1	Married student with employed spouse	\$1,400.00	\$11,200		\$950.00
	With 1 Dependent	\$1,600.00	\$12,800.00		\$1,150.00
	With 2 Dependents	\$1,780.00	\$14,240.00		\$1330.00
	With 3 Dependents	\$1,980.00	\$15,840.00		\$1503.00
	\$50 per month for each Additional dependent.				
M2	Married Student with dependant spouse	\$1,650.00	\$13,200.00		\$1,200.00
	With 1 Dependent	\$1,795.00	\$14,360.00		\$1,345.00
	With 2 Dependents	\$1,955.00	\$15,240.00	\$100.00	\$1,505.00
	With 3 Dependents	\$2,055.00	\$16,440.00	\$150.00	\$1,605.00
	\$50 per month for each Additional dependent.				
M3	Married or common law both attending	\$1,695.00	\$13,560.00		
	With 1 Dependent	\$1,955.00	\$15,640.00		
	With 2 Dependents	\$2,055.00	\$16,440.00	\$100.00	
	With 3 Dependents	\$2,155.00	\$17,240.00	\$100.00	
	\$50 per month for each Additional dependent.				
S3	Single Parent				
	With 1 Dependent	\$1,795.00	\$14,360.00		\$13,960.00
	With 2 Dependents	\$1,955.00	\$15,640.00	\$100.00	\$1,505.00
	With 3 Dependents	\$2,105.00	\$16,840.00	\$150.00	\$1,605.00
	\$50 per month for each Additional dependent.				

1. For full time post secondary student

- **High Rent**

Married students with a dependent spouse with two or more dependents, and single parents with two or more dependents, qualify if their place of study is located in a high area for high rent attending in Yellowknife, Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Thunder Bay, Toronto, Ottawa, Barrie, Windsor, Oshawa, Peterborough, and Halifax.

2. Part time post secondary students do not receive maintenance. Tuition and book costs are covered.

## **AVAILABLE FUNDING**

### **For Part Time and Full Time Students**

1. Tuition, course costs, and books can be covered by the Society by NAALS through sponsorship to the college/ university, or paid directly to students who submit receipts.
  - a. Transportation expenses to the institution from Bella Coola are available for the student when the semester begins. (For permanent residents of Bella Coola)
  - b. One return trip home a year is also available (usually taken at Christmas or Spring Break for permanent residents of Bella Coola).
  - c. When the school year is over, the return trip is paid. (Travel is only available from student's permanent place of residence to the college/university).
2. You must be a resident of Bella Coola to be entitled to travel expenses.

Transportation expenses to (and from) the university to Bella Coola is paid at the rate of .40 cents per kilometer.

If the trip is a day or more travelling hours, the following is allowed:

Meals - \$35 per day

Hotel – \$100.00-\$150.00 reimbursed with a receipt

3. In addition, the following may also be funded:
  - One-time damage deposit
  - Practicum travel and special equipment of books required for the practicum
  - Uniforms
  - Emergency travel is for funeral within immediate family: wife, husband, son (in-law), daughter(in-law), mother (in-law), father (in-laws) or a person residing within the household
  - Application, registration and transcript fees.

## **ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS OF STUDY IN POST SECONDARY EDUCATION**

1. A Level 1 Student (P1) attends a community college, leading to a Certificate/Diploma
2. A Level 2 Student (P2) is enrolled in an undergraduate university degree program.
3. A Level 3 student (P3) is enrolled in a professional degree program (e.g. M.D.) or post-graduate work (e.g. M.Ed.).

For further information and verification please refer to the ISC's National Guidelines.

## **APPEAL PROCEDURE**

If a student, or potential student, is not satisfied by the decisions made by the Education Administration, he/she resolve the problem in the following manner.

1. The students may, within 2 weeks request a meeting or contact the Education Administrator where every attempt shall be made possible to resolve the problem.
2. If the matter is not satisfactory by the above, the matter may be submitted in writing within 1 week to the Post Secondary Committee outlining the nature of the problem, the circumstances from which it arose, and the steps taken thus far to resolve it.
3. The Post Secondary Committee will review the matter and attempt to resolve it within 1 week. The decision reached shall be in writing and is final.

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### Selection Priority for Funding

1. Applicants must be registered members of the Nuxalk Nation.
2. Continuing Students who are enrolled in post secondary studies from the previous year and are continuing their studies in the same program or laddering into another level with a minimum GPA of 2.0 (C standing) per semester.
3. Students who graduated from secondary school or college entrance preparation program in the preceding year and who are continuing in a post secondary program of studies (Students must have minimum GPA of 2.0 to be considered).
4. Students who have graduated from grade 12 and who have not previously received post secondary funding.
5. Students whose applications for financial assistance were deferred the previous year for lack of funds and who are reapplying for post secondary funding.
6. Students who are pursuing a level 3 program (masters or doctorate), the selection may be contingent on the length of time and the dollars the student has utilized previously to obtain their degree.
7. Band members who are applying for part time post secondary studies.
8. Students who are applying for part time post secondary studies.
9. Students who have previously received post secondary funding and or did not complete their post secondary programs. The circumstances under which the student decided not to continue post secondary studies will factor in the education committee's consideration for assistance.