



GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE
of Native Studies and Applied Research



GDI – Health & Wellness Scholarship & Bursary Program

Background:

In December 2006 the Gabriel Dumont Institute along with the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MNS) and the Métis National Council (MNC) signed an agreement for the provision of scholarship and bursary funds for Saskatchewan Métis in pursuit of health-related careers. The funding is being provided under a multi-year (2007-2010) contribution agreement from Health Canada to the MNC.

The GDI – Health and Wellness Program offers both scholarship and bursary support to encourage Saskatchewan Métis to enter into health-related careers associated with the advancement of Métis people.

The GDI – Health and Wellness Program will support the recruitment, retention, and training initiatives for all regional health stakeholders in Saskatchewan through the development of a Métis Nation Health Human Resource Strategy (MHHR). The strategy has the following key objectives:

- 1) Increase the number of Métis entering into, and succeeding in health careers.
- 2) Engage Metis regions in the ongoing MHHR planning and development
- 3) Advocate the importance of math and sciences within K-12 and Adult 12 education systems.
- 4) Increase the number of Metis youth who are aware of health careers as viable career options.
- 5) Provide a cultural context for non-Métis health personnel working in Métis communities.

Categories:

Scholarships

Definition: The intent of scholarships is to provide awards to applicants who demonstrate Academic merit with marks of 70% or higher. Applicants must also provide evidence of involvement and contribution to the Metis community and commitment to health careers.

Target Métis people entering or enrolled in qualifying health related programs

Entrance Scholarship	up to \$3,000.00 per award
Continuation Scholarship	up to \$5,000.00 per award
Graduate-level Scholarship	up to \$5,000.00 per award
Completion Scholarship	up to \$5,000.00 per award

Bursaries

Definition: The intent of bursary awards is to support applicants who clearly demonstrate the need for financial assistance. All applicants are assessed in accordance with established criteria.

Target Métis people entering or enrolled in qualifying health related programs

All scholarship categories are available as a bursary and will require detailed financial information to establish the level of need of the applicant.

Submitting an application does not guarantee that an applicant will receive funding. Every applicant is assessed individually. The level of financial assistance varies with the number of applicants and the available funds for allocation. Therefore, it is necessary to explore all other possible sources of revenue to complement any award received from GDI.

Loan Remission

Target Métis people who have a registered loan debt with a bank, financial institution, or government student loan within Canada who are enrolled or have completed a qualified health related program.

Loan remission applications will require detailed financial information from the identified agency and the applicant. Loan remission awards will be based on financial need and available program funding.

Health and Wellness Priority Areas (* denotes priority health training for the MHWSB)

Dentistry*	Pharmacy*	General Radiography	Environmental Health Officer Training*
Medicine*	Nursing*	Health Information Management	Health Administration*
Optometry*	Social Work	Cytotechnology	Addictions Counselling
Pre-Medicine Studies (Year 1 or 2)*	Physical Therapy*	Diagnostic Medical	Home Health Aid
Chiropractic	Respiratory Therapy*	Medical Technologist	Continuing Care Aid
Audiology	Occupational Therapy*	Sonographers	Medical Record Transcription
Speech-Language Pathology	Radiation Therapy	Medical Laboratory Technology	Mental Health Worker
Nurse Midwifery*	Dental Assisting*	Medical Radiologic Technology	Youth Care Worker
Psychiatric Nursing*	Dental Hygiene*	X-Ray Technician	Medical Office Assistant
Psychologist*	Practical Nursing*	Primary Care Paramedic	Radiation and Environmental Monitoring Technician
Dietetics*	Pharmacy Technician	Advanced Care Paramedic	Rehabilitation Worker
Nutrition*	Dental Laboratory Technician	Optician	Therapeutic Recreation

Criteria for Awards:

- Métis (mandatory)
- Provincial residency of 1 year or more (mandatory)
- Métis volunteerism (reference letter recommended)
- Commitment to work with Métis people (application essay and/or cover letter – 250 words)
- Program of study (priority area for Sask)
- Minimum academic standing of 70% (mandatory for scholarship awards)
- Submission of personal financial information for all Bursary applications
- Submission of financial information from funding agency, as well as, personal financial information for all Loan Re-mission applications
- Financial information will be assessed back one year from scholarship deadline
- Applications will be assessed with graded criteria based on overall quality, financial need, and academic achievement
- An Application does not guarantee funding for the applicant
- One-year awards are deemed non-renewable or one-time awards
- Part-time studies are eligible for tuition & applicable books for reimbursement only. Submission of receipts is required
- Maximum levels of awards have been established for each category
- The applicant is responsible for the completion and clarity of all required information or the application will be declined.

Deadline:

The deadline for submission of applicants is June 28 and Jan 28 each year. Applications that are post-marked after the deadline will not be reviewed.

Full details can be found on the GDI website. www.gdins.org

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