

Application Process

a. Deadlines

Sponsorship application forms must be submitted to FFWS by midnight (Mountain Standard Time) of the application deadline dates. Be aware that providing incomplete information on the application form will result in the application being sent back to the student to be completed and resubmitted by the deadline.

The deadlines for applications are as follows:

Fall/Winter Term (September - April/June): **JUNE 15th**

Winter Term (January - April/June): **OCTOBER 15th**

Spring/Summer Intersession (May - August): **MARCH 15th**

b. Priority Structure

This is the number assigned to your application based on the transcripts you provide:

Priority 1 Continuing Students: Students who are directly out of high school and are applying for a post secondary program of studies, or are continuing current post secondary studies (i.e. second year of a two-year program).

Priority 2 Deferred Students: Students who applied for sponsorship for a post secondary program of studies for the previous academic year, but were denied due to lack of funds. Only students whose applications for sponsorship were completed on time and eligible for the most recent June 15th deadline may be deferred. Students are to attach their “deferred” letter to the application. Intersession applications cannot be deferred if the student re-applies for the Fall term.

Priority 3 Returning Students: Post secondary students who have received previous sponsorship from FFWS and have interrupted their post secondary studies for more than one academic term and are returning to their studies.

Priority 4 New Students: Students applying for a post secondary program of studies whose last period of studies was high school, and more than one term has passed. These students have never received sponsorship from FFWS.

Priority 5 UCEP/Upgrading Students: Students applying for a UCEP program or upgrading at a Grade 12 level and who will be continuing on to an eligible post secondary program.

Priority 6 a) Probationary Students: Students who have withdrawn on their own from their program of studies or students who have been withdrawn from their program of studies by their faculty or institution, have sat out for one year with FFWS, and are now re-applying to go back to school.

Priority 6 b) Students with an Overpayment exceeding \$1500: A student previously funded by FFWS, who has incurred an overpayment exceeding \$1500, and does not have an active repayment plan in effect.

c. Late Applications

- FFWS may accept applications for Fall/Winter after the deadline, however these applications are considered late. Late applications are immediately waitlisted and may be reviewed only if funds become available. Students may not submit an appeal if their application is late and is not approved for funding.
- Late applications for the Fall session will not be transferred to either the Winter or Spring/Summer Intersession terms. Students must apply for each intended session they wish to attend.
- Students planning to attend the Winter term should apply for the June 15th deadline. Do not wait for the Winter deadline. Applications submitted for the Winter term will only be reviewed if funds are available.

d. Intersession (Spring/Summer) Applications

Students interested in taking courses during the Intersession 2009 term (May 2009 to August 2009) may apply to FFWS for sponsorship. Students must meet all personal eligibility requirements and programs must meet all program eligibility requirements outlined in this handbook.

Applications must be received by the March 15, 2009 deadline, as late applications may not be considered. The traditional priority structure will not apply and applications will be processed in the order they are received. However, sponsorship will still be budget dependent.

Students may apply for full time or part time sponsorship. Any sponsorship months used during the Intersession 2009 term will be counted toward a student's total utilized months.

e. Application Package

A complete application package contains the following:

- a. Post Secondary Student Support Program Application for Sponsorship
- b. 13th Edition FFWS Post Secondary Funding Program Student Handbook
- c. Authorization of Information Release Form. Complete this form only if your Indian status is considered to be a result of Bill C-31.