

## 5. Application Review

The application review begins one week after the deadline. Applications are reviewed in order of priority number and their order of completeness.

It takes 4 to 6 weeks to complete the application process. Students will be notified of their application status by mail only. Information will NOT be provided over the phone or by email.

Sponsorship is never guaranteed. Students are encouraged to seek alternative funding in addition to applying to FFWS for sponsorship. Students should not wait until receiving a decision from FFWS to seek alternative funding. FFWS will make every effort to notify students if their application is ineligible as soon as possible. If alternative funding is applied for after the student has applied with FFWS, the student must notify FFWS.

### **Here are some suggestions for alternative funding:**

- *Your First Nation*
- *Alberta Supports (formerly Alberta Works)*
- *Oteenow*
- *Scholarships, Bursaries and Grants*
- *Human Resources and Social Development Canada (ISET)*
- *Student Finance (Student Loan)*

For more resources and suggestions, students should inquire at the student financial services or with a student advisor at the institution they plan to attend.