

## Eligibility

Three eligibility criteria must be met by ALL applicants:

- a. Personal      b. Educational Institution      c. Program

### a. Personal Eligibility

**\*To be eligible for funding, applicants must have been a resident of Canada for the last twelve consecutive months\***

- Students eligible to apply for funding are those who answer YES to ONE of the following questions:
  - i. Do you have registration with a **NWT-based First Nation** but have lived in Alberta for the last twelve consecutive months (prior to the date of application) and are not eligible for funding from the Government of the Northwest Territories and/or Nunavut student financial assistance programs due to residency?
  - ii. Are you registered on the **Alberta General List (Michel Band)** or with **Heart Lake First Nation**?
  - iii. Are you registered in affiliation with one of the following Alberta-based First Nations AND not eligible for funding with that First Nation:

*Bears paw	*Frog Lake	Saddle Lake
Beaver	Goodfish Lake	*Sawridge
Beaver Lake	*Goodstoney (Wesley)	*Sucker Creek
*Blood Tribe	Kapawe'no	*Swan River
*Chiniki	Kehewin	*Tall Cree
Cold Lake	Long Lake	*Tsuu T'ina
*Driftpile	*Peigan (Piikani)	

<p><b>*Band Membership:</b> These First Nations have their own membership list in place. FFWS does <b>not</b> sponsor individuals who are on their band membership list, regardless of eligibility.</p>
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### b. Educational Institution Eligibility

- Eligible institutions must be on the Master List of Designated Educational Institutions on the Government of Canada's website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/designated-schools.html>

### c. Post-Secondary Program Eligibility

- FFWS only sponsors students who are enrolled in programs eligible for sponsorship under the PSSSP and UCEP (below) policies.
- Students applying for sponsorship under the PSSSP (for post-secondary programs, not UCEP) may only be eligible for sponsorship if the program meets ALL THREE of the following criteria:

- i. You will be attending a degree, diploma, or certificate granting institution recognized/accredited by a province, territory or state as a post-secondary institution.
- ii. Your program of studies requires completion of Grade 12 as a mandatory entrance/admission requirement for all students, including mature students.
- iii. Your program of studies is at least one academic year (eight months) in length and leads to a certificate, diploma, or degree.

**d. UCEP Eligibility**

- UCEP stands for University and College Entrance Preparation. These upgrading programs are offered by post-secondary institutions to enable students to gain the academic level required for entrance to degree and diploma programs. FFWS recognizes that some programs are not specifically referred to as UCEP when they provide the same results. Academic upgrading-type programs may also fall under the UCEP category.
- To be eligible to receive support for a UCEP program:
  - i. Students must be able to achieve, through the UCEP/upgrading program, the academic level required for entrance to a post-secondary program (Grade 12 equivalency) within one academic year. Courses below a Grade 11 level will not be eligible for tuition support and will not count toward full time status; and
  - ii. Students may not receive funding for an UCEP/upgrading program if they have previously or are currently enrolled in a post-secondary program of studies.