



## **NADF "MIKINAAK" BURSARY FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS**

"**Mikinaak**" means "turtle" in Ojibwe. The turtle represents resilience, wisdom, and the journey toward achieving one's goals at a steady pace, embodying success and longevity.

The **NADF "Mikinaak" Bursary** symbolizes support for Indigenous students as they progress toward their own versions of success, grounded in tradition and steady growth.

Applicants are invited to submit their application online or **download** a printable version and submit their completed application by mail or email:

### **Submission Criteria**

**Submit completed applications by email to:** [bursary@nadf.org](mailto:bursary@nadf.org)

**Mail completed applications by mail to:** NADF "Mikinaak" Bursary 100 Little Lake Road, Suite 101 Fort William First Nation, ON, P7J 0L2

**Purpose:** To make a meaningful difference in the lives of Indigenous students pursuing post-secondary education.

**Bursary Value:** \$500 (up to \$3,000 annually)

- **Eligibility Criteria**

- Applicants must be a member of a First Nation in the Treaty 9, Treaty 5 (Ontario Portion), Treaty 3, or Robinson-Superior 1850 Treaty territories.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a recognized post-secondary program, either in person or virtually.
- Preference is given to students in Business, Finance, and Administration programs.

- **Application Timeline**

- **Application Period:** March 1 – May 31, 2025
- **Selection Period:** June – July 2025

- **Notification of Recipients:** August 2025
- **Bursary Disbursement:** September 1, 2025

**Questions?** Email: [bursary@nadf.org](mailto:bursary@nadf.org).

**Applicant Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Province/Territory:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Nation Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Information**

**Post-Secondary Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enrollment Status:**     Full-time

Part-time

**Format of Enrollment:**

In-person

Online

Hybrid (both in-person and online)

**Program Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
                                  (dd-mm-yyyy)

**Expected Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
                                  (dd-mm-yyyy)

**Personal Statement Guidelines:**

As part of your application, please submit a written personal statement that provides insight into who you are and your aspirations. Your statement should include:

- A brief (250-500 words) introduction about yourself.
- How this bursary will assist you in achieving your educational and career goals.
- Any additional information that you would like to share about your involvement in your community or how you hope to contribute to Indigenous communities in the future.

This statement helps us understand your journey, goals, and the impact this bursary will have on your education and future contributions.

**Application Checklist**

To ensure your application is complete, please confirm that you have attached all the required documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Required Documents (check all that apply):

- Photocopy of Status Card (both front and back).
- Post-Secondary Acceptance Letter (or proof of enrollment).
- Personal Statement (outlining your goals, aspirations, and how this bursary will support your education).

**Applicant Declaration**

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and accurate. I understand that providing false information may result in the withdrawal of this bursary.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(dd-mm-yyyy)