

APPEALS & GRADUATION

APPEAL PROCESS

In the initial result of a decision made by the Education Committee towards the conditions set on your sponsorship or any other issue regarding your sponsorship you will write an appeal, please be sure to attach any documents or supporting letters to your appeal. Address your appeal to: Berens River Education Committee.

Be advised that any appeal will take 3-4 weeks to process under any circumstance.

Berens River Education Committee:

- Nancy Whiteway, *Chairperson*
- Karen Batenchuk
- Lena Whiteway
- Beverly Thomas
- Elder Committee Member (Vacant)

GRADUATION BENEFITS

Graduating/Final Year Students are advised that they are eligible for the following:

\$150.00 Grad Expenses (Photos, Gown rentals, etc.)

Please make arrangements 3 weeks in advance

\$250.00 Grad Bonus (Issued at the date of your convocation, please provide photo certificate or diploma)

Family Travel (Please make arrangements for family travel to attend your grad ceremony 4 weeks in advance with your Education Counsellor.) Berens River Student Services will support (2) Two Family Members for Travel to Student Graduation Ceremonies.

IMPORTANT!

Deadlines to Remember!

Post Secondary Programs:

New & Sponsorship Renewals

Application Deadline is **April 30**

-Late Applications will be low priority

There is no Winter Term Deadline,
we only intake applications once per year

First Term Transcripts Deadline is **January 30**

Final Transcript Submission Deadline is **May 30**

"A" Bonuses will be issued in July

Monthly Allowances

Allowances will be paid only till the end of your terms outlined in your sponsorship acceptance letter.

Allowances are issued at the end of each month.
Direct Deposit only available to Out of Province students



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POST SECONDARY SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION



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STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

TOLL-FREE: 1-888.982.0690

Our Vision - Our Future

OUR MISSION & VISION

MISSION

"...Student Services of Berens River Education Authority is to provide financial and academic support to the membership of Berens River First Nation interested in pursuing secondary, post secondary, and technical studies in recognized and authorized institutions."

1. To encourage and support eligible members in their respective fields of education as it relates to their career.
2. To develop the capacity of Berens River and its membership with the intent of supporting the self-sufficiency of Berens River First Nation.
3. To ensure that the members understand their obligations and responsibilities as a Student by abiding with our policy.

VISION

"...be responsible for the adoption of policies and procedures which will facilitate a more efficient operation to serve the members of the Berens River First Nation. This will be achieved by upholding the belief that "together" everyone will help each other "Ma-Mow-Wi-Chi-I-Ti-Tah"; and further, that we as a First Nation will "look to the future" "I-Nah-Pi-Tah-Ne-Kan".

OPEN TO ALL SPONSORED STUDENTS

Direct deposit is now available. Please provide your banking information to your Counsellor, before first month's allowances are issued. Please be aware you are still required to submit your monthly progress updates. Thank you,

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YOU'VE BEEN APPROVED!

CONGRATULATIONS! Berens River Student Services will provide you financial assistance towards Tuition, Books & Supplies, and Living Allowance. As a sponsoring agency, we require our students to follow and abide by the conditions set by our policy to ensure a successful education and sponsorship relationship.

POST SECONDARY

Sponsored Students must be aware of the following:

- Credit accounts are setup for Textbooks at your University/College Bookstore. Just provide your student number and you can proceed in collecting your required textbooks. **Abuse of the account will not be tolerated.**
- We provide \$50.00 for school supplies (ie. Pens, pencils, paper, binders, highlighters, erasers, etc.) in September and January for each term. **Non-Essential supplies (ie, Backpacks, school memorabilia, memory sticks/flash cards) are not considered essential school supplies and will be at your own expense.**
- Transcripts are required to be submitted at the end of each Academic Term, or continued sponsorship or future sponsorship applications will not be accepted.
- **Course Withdrawals must be reported immediately.**
- Full Time Students must be registered for full time programs and courses in order to qualify for Living Allowance, at a minimum of **18 credit hours.**
- **Summer Sponsorships will not be approved**
- Students are required to meet with Education Counsellor monthly when they pick up their allowance to report their progress on a regular basis.
- **Out of Town** Students can give their monthly progress reports via email: studentservices@berensriver.ca
- Regular attendance is mandatory; **missing 50% of your classes will result in termination of your sponsorship.**
- **Extra allowance cheques after your term of sponsorship is complete will not be granted.**

UNIVERSITY

Attending University requires a strong desire and commitment to your education. Universities do not track attendance therefore we respectfully assume that all University students are dedicated and mature in aspiring to fulfill their future goals.

To be a successful University Student, emphasize studying your textbooks and highlight key points that will give you the advantage in the exams. Every student and Professors you meet at University are personable and mature adults, so don't be afraid to discuss topics regarding your text, course assignment and class lectures. Attendance is strongly advised, as each class covers a lot of material in the text and Professors also use that time to build their own personality profile on the students they teach. Stay in good standing with your professors and you will make positive gains towards achieving your goals.

COLLEGE/TECHNICAL/TRADE

Attending a College or Technical Trade Institution needs you to attend daily. They do track attendance and this does affect your overall grade.

To be a successful college student, emphasize participating as much as possible, attend classes daily and build a working relationship with your peers and your instructors.

GENERAL REMINDER

Please OPT Out of your Health & Dental plans with your University/College. We do not pay the extra fees because you are already covered for your Health, Dental & Vision care under your Treaty Status. ***Failing to complete these forms, you may be responsible for paying for those fees and any late fees that may occur.***

If you have any questions or advice to make your school year a successful one, please feel free to contact your Post Secondary Counsellor.

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