



## **FIRST GENERATION & INDIGENOUS STUDENT BURSARY**

The **Ontario First Generation Bursary** is an award provided to Ontario students with financial need who are the first in their family to attend postsecondary education.

The **Indigenous Student Bursary** is an award provided to Indigenous students with financial need who are attending postsecondary programs and/or training programs at either an Ontario publicly-assisted college and universities, or approved Indigenous postsecondary education and training institutions.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA for FIRST GENERATION BURSARY:**

- you must be a student whose parents did not attend any post-secondary studies
- you must meet the Canadian citizenship requirements
- you must meet the Ontario residency requirements
- you must be enrolled in the current academic year of study
- you must be enrolled in your first degree, diploma or certificate program
- you must have a financial need that exceeds the value of the bursary (amount to be determined)
- you must complete the student declaration of 'first generation' status
- you must submit a letter from your parent(s) confirming their educational background
- you must complete the First Generation Application, including the budget

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA for INDIGENOUS STUDENT BURSARY:**

- you must self-identify as having Indigenous identity and/or heritage
- you must meet the Canadian citizenship requirements
- you must meet the Ontario residency requirements
- you must be enrolled in the current academic year of study
- you must have a financial need that exceeds the value of the bursary (amount to be determined)
- you must complete the Indigenous student declaration of Indigenous student status
- you must complete the Indigenous Student Bursary Application, including the budget

*Students MAY apply to both bursaries if they meet the eligibility.*

**APPLICATION DUE DATE: March 15, 2024**

Please ensure your First Generation AND/OR Indigenous Student Bursary submission includes the following:

- the completed Application
- for First Generation Bursary: proof of citizenship & parental declaration/letter
- for Indigenous Student Bursary: proof of status
- the budget form
- signed Declaration of Status
- signed Collection of Data

Applications must be returned to the Financial Aid Offices at either St. Clair College's South Campus or Thames Campus.

Windsor  
South Campus, Financial Aid Office  
Room 166  
Tel: (519) 972-2718

Chatham  
Thames Campus, Financial Aid Office  
Room T134A  
Tel: (519) 354-9100, Ext. 3216

**IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:**

Applicants to the Ontario First Generation Bursary & the Indigenous Student Bursary must demonstrate a financial need that exceeds the value of each eligible bursary. If your financial need is of a lesser value, you will be ineligible for this bursary. Please be advised you will be required to provide proof of your resources and expenses before any payments of the bursary are released. Do not send any supporting documentation at this time but please copy the attached Budget form for your records and prepare to provide your documentation should you be selected as one of the successful applicants. The inability to provide documentation to support your assessment will result in non-payment of the bursary.



**ST. CLAIR**  
COLLEGE

**APPLICATION FOR THE ONTARIO FIRST GENERATION BURSARY AND INDIGENOUS STUDENT BURSARY**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Insurance Number (SIN): \_\_\_\_\_  
Day/Month/Year

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Year and Program Duration (e.g. 1 of 4): \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed a certificate, diploma, or degree previously either at St. Clair or another institution?

YES NO If yes, what program and institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the first in your family to participate in a postsecondary program (please circle)?

YES NO

Have you applied for OSAP (please circle)?

YES NO

In the context of this voluntary self-identification question, an Indigenous person in Canada, as recognized in the Constitution Act, 1982, is a person who identifies with First Nations (Status/Non-Status), Métis or Inuit cultural, and/or ancestry background (please circle) :

YES

NO

**FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENT BURSARY APPLICATIONS ONLY:**

Do you identify with any of the specific identities provided below? Please circle all categories that apply to you:

FIRST NATIONS (STATUS/NON-STATUS)

METIS

INUIT

ALTERNATIVE IDENTITY TERM (e.g. Kanien'kehá:ka, Anishinaabe, Treaty #3, etc.)

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**DECLARATION OF STATUS**

(Note: if you meet the eligibility criteria for both programs, please complete for both programs)

**First Generation Bursary**

"I hereby state that I am the first generation in my family to participate in postsecondary studies and declare that my parents did not attend postsecondary studies in or outside Canada, at any time or in any program. I have reviewed the Notice of Collection of Personal Data attached and agree to its terms."

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Signature

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Date

- ❖ A letter from the parent(s) explaining their educational background must be attached to application. Please ensure that this letter is signed by the parent(s).
- ❖ Proof of Canadian Citizenship is required (eg: passport, PR card, protected person documentation, citizen card)

**Indigenous Student Bursary**

"I hereby state that I am an Indigenous student and identify as such as per my institution's Indigenous self-identification policy. This assertion means that I identify as a member of the First Peoples of Canada meaning, in general terms, First Nation, Métis, Inuit, Indigenous, Indigenous or specifically by my home community or my Nation".

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Signature

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Date

- ❖ Proof of Indigenous status is required (eg: Indigenous status card/registry)

## **NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL DATA**

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (the Ministry) has provided your college or university with the funding to administer the First Generation Bursary and the Indigenous Student Bursary (Bursary programs). As a condition of this funding, your college or university is required to make reports to the Ministry of your contact information, the amount of bursary you receive and the date it was awarded, your study period and information related to your eligibility for the bursary. This personal information will be used by the Ministry to administer and finance the Bursary programs. It will also be used to establish the minimum amount of student aid your college or university is required to provide under the Student Access Guarantee (the Guarantee) and to administer and finance the Guarantee.

If you apply for OSAP, this personal information will be used to update your OSAP application or award, including your declared income.

Administration includes: public reporting on the administration and financing of the Bursary programs and the Guarantee; monitoring and auditing your college or university or its authorized agents to ensure that they are administering the Bursary programs appropriately; conducting risk management, error management, audit and quality assessment activities; and conducting policy analysis, evaluation and research related to all aspects of student assistance. Financing includes: planning, arranging or providing funding of the Bursary programs and the Guarantee.

The Ministry administers the Bursary programs and the Guarantee under the authority of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.19, as amended. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, contact the Director, Student Financial Assistance Branch, Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development, P.O. Box 4500, 189 Red River Road, 4th Floor, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6G9.

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Signature

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Date

**BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR**

Students applying for these bursaries must demonstrate financial need. If you have applied for assistance through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), your financial aid office will determine your financial need using information provided on your OSAP application.

In the Amount column, please provide the following budget for your current study period (e.g. September to April or July).

Married or common-law students should indicate their total family income (after tax and other compulsory deductions) and total family expenses.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES & INCOME		ESTIMATED EXPENSES	
INCOME SOURCE	AMOUNT	EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Net income from part-time work or work study		Tuition	
Spouse's income		Books	
OSAP or Other government student aid		Residence	/mth
Other Gov't Income		Rent	/mth
Postsecondary Student Support		Utilities	/mth
Scholarships/Bursaries		Food	/mth
Parental Support/RESP's		Transportation	/mth
Other income (specify)		Personal Care	/mth
Other income (specify)		Child Care	/mth
Other income (specify)		Telephone	/mth
		Internet	/mth
		Vehicle	/mth
		Other (specify)	/mth
		Other (specify)	/mth
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$</b>

<b>Total Income – Total Expenses =</b>	<b>\$</b>
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