



NWT Student Financial Assistance

NORTHERN BONUS FOR NON-NWT STUDENT LOANS INFORMATION SHEET

The Student Financial Assistance (SFA) Program offers the Northern Bonus Incentive to encourage Canadian students to reside in the Northwest Territories (NWT). Residents of the NWT that have a student loan from the Government of Canada or provincial/territorial equivalent within Canada may apply.

Eligibility:

- Have a Government of Canada or any Provincial/Territorial Government within Canada student loan;
- Student loan account is up to date and in good standing;
- Ceased full-time studies for a period of 12 consecutive months prior to applying;
- Actually resided in the NWT for 12 consecutive months prior to applying;
- Submit all required documents; and
- Apply once a year by **October 15th**.

Additional Information:

- There is a limit of 100 approved applications per fiscal year;
- Completed applications are assessed in order of date received;
- Applications are accepted as of September 1st;
- The Northern Bonus is up to \$2,000 per year up to a lifetime of \$10,000; and
- Payments are issued directly to your lending agency.

Required Documents:

- Application for Northern Bonus
- Letter or statement from lending agency which includes:
 - o Your full name and mailing address;
 - o Your student loan account number (if applicable);
 - o Confirmation that your loan account is up to date and in good standing as of September 1st of the year that you apply;
 - o The outstanding balance; and
 - o Payee information (make cheque payable to and where to mail payment).

For More Information:

NWT Student Financial Assistance

Income Security Programs Division
Department of Education, Culture and Employment
Government of Northwest Territories
Box 1320
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

Email: nwtsfa@gov.nt.ca

Phone: 1-800-661-0793 or 1-867-767-9355

Fax: 1-800-661-0893 or 1-867-873-0336

Website: www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca or www.bringitnorth.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/nwt.sfa/

Twitter: twitter.com/sfanwt



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APPLICATION FOR NORTHERN BONUS

(Non-NWT Student Loans Only)

Mail: Student Financial Assistance | Box 1320 | Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9
Drop off: 4501 – 50th Avenue in Yellowknife or your local ECE Service Centre
Fax: 1-800-661-0893 or 1-867-873-0336
Email: nwtfsa@gov.nt.ca

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name		First Name	
Previous Last Name		Middle Name(s)	
Permanent Address in the NWT			
Mailing Address			
City/Community		Territory/Province	Postal Code
Telephone Number		Email Address	
Social Insurance Number	Date of Birth (YY/MM/DD)		Student Loan ID#

2. RESIDENCY INFORMATION

Have you lived in the Northwest Territories (NWT) for more than 12 consecutive months?				Yes	No
In the past year, were you:					
Attending an educational institution					
Employed					
Other, explain:					
Provide your residency information for the previous 12 months:					
From (YY/MM/DD)	To (YY/MM/DD)	Community and Territory/Province		Employer/School/Other	
Where did you reside before moving to the NWT?					
From (YY/MM/DD)	To (YY/MM/DD)	Community and Territory/Province		Employer/School/Other	

3. INSTITUTION INFORMATION

When were you last enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies? (YYYY)

Institution Name

Program

City/Community

Territory/Province

Certificate

Diploma

Degree

Masters

Doctorate

4. APPLICANT DECLARATION and CONSENT (must be signed)

This information is being collected under the authority of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIPP)*, Section 40.(a) and (c)(i) and the *Student Financial Assistance Act* and Regulations. The information will be used to determine my eligibility for the Northern Bonus and for the general administration and enforcement of this program. The privacy provisions of *ATIPP* protect my information.

Personal information is defined under *ATIPP*, Section 2. All applicants have the right to examine and request correction of his or her records and to request a review by the Information and Privacy Commissioner. If you have any questions about the collection of information, contact the Manager, Divisional Financial Services, Income Security Programs Division, Department of Education, Culture and Employment, Box 1320, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2L9, or call 1-800-661-0793 or 1-867-767-9355.

Applicant

1. I declare that:

- a. The information given on this application is true and is subject to audit.
- b. I will immediately notify the SFA program in writing if my personal information changes.

2. I agree to:

- a. Follow the terms and conditions of any documents that I have signed.
- b. Provide information or documents to verify my initial and continued eligibility for the Northern Bonus within 20 days of request.

3. I understand that:

- a. If I make a false or misleading statement, I may be required to repay all Northern Bonus received and/or be denied future Northern Bonus and or may be subject to criminal prosecution.
- b. I may have to immediately return any SFA received in prior years, current or futures years if there were/are changes to my personal information that would result in my being ineligible for the Northern Bonus.
- c. SFA will contact other agencies to verify the information I have provided as part of determining my initial and continued eligibility for the Northern Bonus and to detect fraud. These agencies may include, but are not limited to the following: other GNWT departments, federal, territorial, municipal or Aboriginal governments including driver and vehicle licensing programs, Employment and Social Development Canada including Record of Employment and Employment Insurance, Parental and Maternity Benefits, Canada Revenue Agency and Canada Citizenship and Immigration, housing management bodies, financial institutions, airline and travel agencies, landlords, educational institutions and employers.

4. I consent to the release of:

- a. Personal information to the SFA program by those agencies listed in 3.c. above to verify any personal information provided to determine my initial and continued eligibility for the Northern Bonus. I understand that if I consent to the release of my personal information to third parties, that this consent is valid until I advise the Manager, Divisional Financial Service in writing that I withdraw my consent.

5. I consent to the release, by the Canada Revenue Agency, to an official of the SFA program, of information from my income tax returns, and, if applicable, other required taxpayer information about me whether supplied by me or by a third party. The information will be relevant to, and used solely for the purpose of determining and verifying my eligibility, entitlement for and general administration and enforcement of the Northern Bonus under the *Student Financial Assistance Act*, Regulations and *ATIPP* and will not be disclosed to any other person or organization without my approval.

This authorization is valid for the SFA program for the three taxation years prior to the year of signature, and the most recent available tax information, the current taxation year and each subsequent consecutive taxation year, for which any of the Northern Bonus is requested by me or on my behalf.

Applicant Name - Print Name

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Applicant's Signature

Date - YY/MM/DD