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Printable Application Instructions

FULL-TIME STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



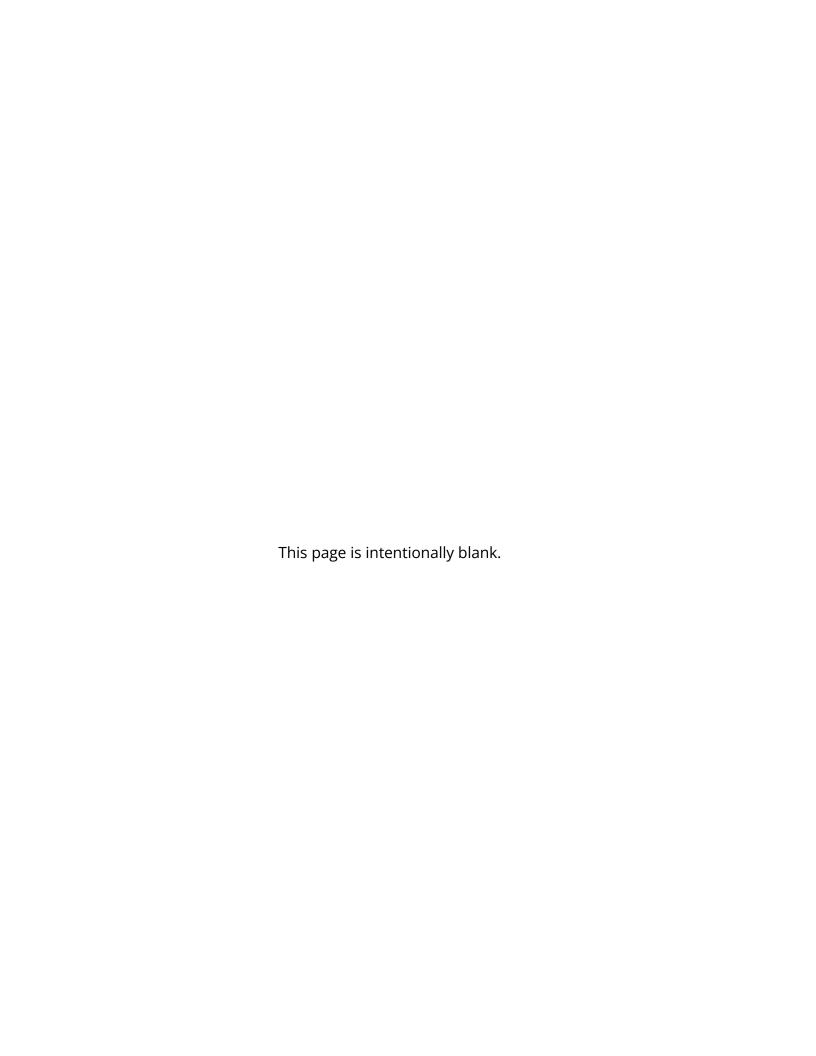
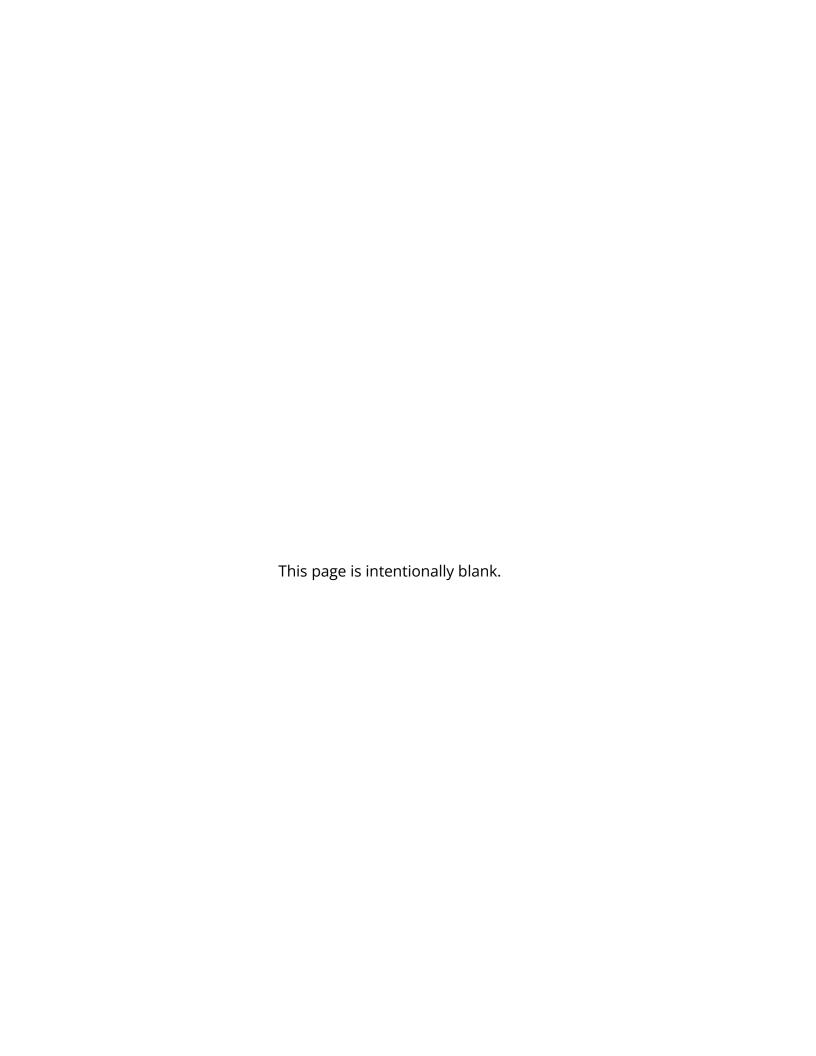


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Important Information

Electronic Master Student Financial Assistance Agreement (MSFAA)

Students who have been accepted for funding need to complete an electronic Master Student Financial Assistance Agreement (MSFAA) through an online process. The MSFAA is a multi-year, legally binding contract that outlines your responsibilities and the terms and conditions of accepting your student grants and/or loans and your responsibilities for repayment.

If you are eligible to receive student grants and loans and this is your first application, you will receive your Notice of Assessment with a 10-digit MSFAA number and instructions on what to do with the MSFAA number to get your assistance.

The National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) will send you a "Welcome Email" that will provide you with a secure URL through which you will use your MSFAA number to:

- 1. verify your identity by registering your online account with the NSLSC; and
- 2. complete your MSFAA where you will be asked to accept the Terms and Conditions of the agreement.

If you do not receive a "Welcome Email" within three to five business days of receiving your Notice of Assessment, please contact Student Financial Services at 1-800-667-5626.

This two-step process must be completed in order to receive your student financial assistance; therefore, you are required to provide an email address on your application.

To complete the online process you will need to have the following information:

- your bank account information (transit, institution and account number);
- your Social Insurance Number (SIN);
- your 10-digit MSFAA number; and
- your date of birth.

Your MSFAA must be completed at least 4 weeks prior to your period of study end date as funding cannot be issued after your study period has ended.

If you have questions about the MSFAA process, please visit <u>studentaid.gnb.ca</u> for more information.

If you have already signed a MSFAA, you do not need to complete the online MSFAA process unless you leave full-time study for two years or establish residency in a new

province or territory.

If you are a returning student who does not require a new MSFAA, Student Financial Services will send you a Notice of Assessment and automatically notify the NSLSC if you are entitled to funding.

If your information has changed, please make the necessary updates using your online account at nslsc.ca or by contacting the NSLSC at:

Toll Free Telephone: 1-888-815-4514 (within North America)

800-2-225-2501 (outside North America)

TTY: 1-888-815-4556

Confirmation of Enrolment

Once the NSLSC has confirmation of your MSFAA on file, your school must confirm your enrolment before your funding can be issued. For most schools, they will be asked by the NSLSC to confirm your enrolment electronically.

<u>If your school is within Canada</u> and they are not set up to confirm enrolment electronically, the NSLSC will mail a Confirmation of Enrolment form to your school and they will need to return it to the NSLSC.

<u>If your school is outside of Canada</u>, a Confirmation of Enrolment form will be sent to your mailing address and you must take it to the registrar's office at your school. The form must be returned to the NSLSC by you or your school.

Disbursement of Funds

Your school may advise the NSLSC that a portion (or all) of your funding is to be paid directly to the school to cover your academic fees. Remaining funds will be electronically deposited into the bank account that you provided on your MFSAA. You may experience delays in receiving your funding if information is missing from you or your school. If you have questions regarding your funding disbursement, please contact Student Financial Services.

Once funding has been issued, you will receive a message from the NSLSC in your secure inbox with the details on the amount of funding paid to you and your school as well as links to information on how you can track your funding and manage your student loans using your NSLSC online account.

Let's Get Started!

By completing the application, you are applying to both the Government of Canada and the Government of New Brunswick for student financial assistance.

The <u>Student Financial Assistance Handbook</u> has information about program eligibility and how your financial need will be calculated. The types and amount of assistance available to you can be found in the <u>Program Highlights and Funding Information</u> document.

These documents reflect information and policies in effect at the time of publication and changes can occur during the year.

Who Can Apply?

You are eligible to apply for full-time assistance in New Brunswick if you:

- are a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, a protected person or an individual registered under the *Indian Act*, regardless of your citizenship;
- are a New Brunswick resident, as defined by the program;
- have financial need according to program criteria;
- are enrolled or qualified to enroll in an approved degree, diploma or certificate program that is at least 12 weeks in duration at a designated post-secondary school;
- will be taking at least 60% of a full-time course load, or 40% if you are a student with a disability;
- maintain a satisfactory scholastic standard in your studies;
- are not delinquent or in default on a previous student loan;
- pass a credit check if you are 22 years of age or older and have never received student financial assistance (provincial funding only);
- have not exceeded your program length plus one additional study period (Periods of Study + 1 maximum); and
- have not exhausted the lifetime assistance limit.

Your Responsibilities

- You are responsible to understand the application and answer every question that applies to you. If you have any questions, contact Student Financial Services.
- You are responsible for reading and understanding the Applicant Declaration and Consent before you sign your application. It sets out the conditions under which the information about your application will be collected, used and disclosed.

When applying for assistance, you must complete all the steps involved, including:

- filling out your application correctly and completely;
- providing all the required supporting documentation; and
- correcting any invalid and/or missing information promptly.

When you complete your online MSFAA, you are responsible for reading and understanding it before you sign it. It is a legal agreement that sets out the terms and conditions of your grants and loans, including the terms and conditions respecting the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information. You are responsible for following all of the terms and conditions, most importantly the terms and conditions regarding repaying your loan and any overawards.

If your personal situation changes at any time during your study period, you must contact Student Financial Services to determine what documentation, if any, must be submitted. Your original application will be reviewed, and, if necessary, a reassessment will be completed. Upon reassessment, you may receive more assistance, less assistance, or the same level of assistance. Inform Student Financial Services immediately of the following changes:

- name;
- address;
- marital status or family size;
- school, course load, program costs or program length;
- income, targeted resources, scholarships/bursaries; and
- parental, partner or dependant information.

An outdated address could delay receiving your money. It is important that your school, the NSLSC, and Student Financial Services have your current address information. When updating your address, ensure you advise all three. You may update your address with Student Financial Services by completing the *Change of Address* form at studentaid.gnb.ca or by calling 1-800-667-5626 toll-free. You may update your address with the NSLSC using your online account at nslsc.ca, or by calling 1-888-815-4514.

Deadlines

- Apply as soon as the 2023-2024 application is available (May/June). You may apply
 for assistance before you are officially accepted into your program as long as you
 know the school and dates of study.
- Your application, with all required information, must be received at least six
 weeks before the start date of your program in order to receive funding by the
 time your classes begin.
- Any additional information requested by Student Financial Services is to be provided at least **six weeks** before the end date of your period of study session (four weeks if you are attending intersession or summer session) as funding cannot be issued past your period of study end date.
- Any documents, including application forms, received later than six weeks before
 the end date of your period of study cannot be processed.

Completing Your Application

Basic points to remember:

- Use blue or black ink when filling out and signing the application form or any other forms. Do not use pencil. Print clearly.
- Refer to the 'Helpful Tips' in the right margin of the application for help to complete your application.
- If you are not sure how to answer a question on the form, contact Student Financial Services for help.
- The information you provide must be current as of the date of your application.
 Any changes to the information that you submit on your application must be submitted in writing. Your information will be updated and your application reassessed accordingly.
- Be sure your application is complete, accurate and legible to avoid delays in processing.
- Your application will not be processed if all necessary supporting documentation is not received. A letter will be sent requesting the missing information which may delay your funding.
- Do <u>not</u> send in original supporting documentation. Due to the volume of documentation received, Student Financial Services is unable to return original documentation.

- Be sure to include your legal name on all documents submitted to Student Financial Services.
- Ensure that you (and your parents or partner if applicable) read and **sign** the Declaration and Consent.
- Make sure you keep a copy of your completed application form and all related documents. You may be asked to confirm the information you declare on the application.

Submitting Your Application

Your completed application and all required documentation can be submitted by any of the following methods:

By Mail

Student Financial Services
Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour
Beaverbrook Building, PO Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

By Fax

(506) 444-4333

Online

Visit <u>studentaid.gnb.ca</u> and select *Upload a Document*.

Please note that documents must have a name, be in PDF format and must be less than 4MB in size. Information on how to upload a document and frequently asked questions on uploading a document can be found at studentaid.gnb.ca.

Applicant Instructions

These instructions are designed to help you correctly complete questions on your application, including appendices (as applicable).

Personal Information

Your application cannot be processed without a valid **Social Insurance Number (SIN)** or **email address**.

Citizenship

In order to apply for student financial assistance, you must be a Canadian Citizen, have permanent resident status, be considered a protected person as defined in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, or be registered with the federal government under the *Indian Act*.

Individual registered under the Indian Act

Individuals who are registered with the federal government according to the terms of the *Indian Act*, do not require Canadian citizenship in order to apply for student financial assistance.

Permanent Resident of Canada

A Permanent Resident is someone who has been given permanent resident status by immigrating to Canada, but is not a Canadian citizen.



If you are a Permanent Resident, you must provide a **clear copy** of both sides of your Permanent Resident (PR) card **or** a copy of your landing document. The document you provide must be valid (i.e. not expired) at the time of application.

Permanent Resident students who have been sponsored into Canada are required to provide a letter from their sponsor with the details of the sponsorship.

Students who are in Canada on a **Student Visa** are not eligible to receive federal or provincial assistance.

Protected Person of Canada

A Protected Person is an individual who holds a valid Verification of Status document issued by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, or a valid Protected Persons Status Document issued prior to January 1, 2013. A decision letter ("Notice of Decision") from the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) is also a valid form of identification. Protected Persons can include convention refugees, humanitarian-protected persons abroad, and persons in need of protection. A person in need of protection is a person in Canada whose removal to their country of nationality or former habitual residence will make them subject to the possibility of torture, risk of life, or risk of cruel and unusual treatment or punishment. A Protected Person is defined in subsection 95(2) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (Canada).



If you are a Protected Person of Canada (including Convention Refugees) you must provide:

- A **clear copy** of both sides of your Protected Person Status Document (PPSD), which must be valid for the entire study period for which you are applying for financial assistance; **or** a copy of the Notice of Decision issued by the Immigration and Refugee Board; **or** a copy of the Verification of Status document from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada; **and**
- A **clear copy** of your SIN document that begins with a "9". If you do not have a SIN document, you must get one before you can apply for student financial assistance. Your SIN document must be valid for the entire study period for which you are applying for financial assistance.

If you are a **Permanent Resident** or **Protected Person**, enter the date you landed in Canada.

Ancestry

Indigenous people are those who identify themselves to be First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Inuit, or Métis.

Students who self-identify as Indigenous learners are exempt from making a fixed student contribution. For more information see "How Your Assistance is Calculated" in the <u>Student Financial Assistance Handbook</u> at <u>studentaid.gnb.ca</u>. The Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) funding provided by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada is exempt from consideration in the need assessment process.

Information on visible minority status is for statistical purposes.

Students with Disabilities

Disability supports and benefits are available for students whose disability meets the Canada Student Financial Assistance (CSFA) Program's definition of a permanent disability or a persistent or prolonged disability.

A **permanent disability** is any impairment, including a physical, mental, intellectual, cognitive, learning, communication or sensory impairment – or a functional limitation – that

- restricts the ability of a person to perform the daily activities necessary to pursue studies at a postsecondary school level or participate in the labour force, and
- is expected to remain with the person for the person's expected life.

A **persistent or prolonged disability** is any impairment, including a physical, mental, intellectual, cognitive, learning, communication or sensory impairment – or a functional limitation – that

- restricts the ability of a person to perform the daily activities necessary to pursue studies at a postsecondary school level or participate in the labour force;
- has lasted, or is expected to last, for a period of at least 12 months, and
- is not expected to remain with the person for the person's expected life.

If you are a student with a disability that restricts your ability to perform the daily activities necessary to participate fully in post-secondary studies or the labour force, you may be eligible for the Canada Student Grant for Students with Disabilities (CSG-D).



A separate application is not necessary, however, to be considered for this grant, you must provide proof of your disability in the form of a *Disability Verification Form* completed by a qualified medical assessor. This form can be found on the Student Financial Services website at studentaid.gnb.ca.

If you are applying for the CSG-D on the basis of a learning disability diagnosis, you are required to complete only Section A of the *Disability Verification Form* and submit a psychoeducational assessment, completed by a registered psychologist, that is no more than five years old (or completed when the student was 18 years of age or older).

If you are experiencing difficulties in obtaining the required documentation, please contact Student Financial Services at 1-800-667-5626.

If you have previously been approved for funding as a student with a disability by Student Financial Services, you may not be required to submit the *Disability Verification Form* with subsequent applications.

Students with an approved disability can be considered full-time students when studying in at least 40% of a full course load. A *Request for Program Information* form is required to be completed by your post-secondary school to verify the amount of tuition and student fees for the course load which you plan to complete. This form is available at <u>studentaid.gnb.ca</u>. You can ask your school to forward the completed form directly to Student Financial Services.

If you require exceptional education-related services and equipment such as tutors, note-takers, or technical aids, you may be eligible to apply for the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment - Students with Disabilities (CSG-DSE). A separate application is required for this benefit. Applicants for this grant must also apply and qualify for student financial assistance.

Marital Status

All references to "partner" refer to spouse or common-law partner.

Check the **Common-law** box if you and your partner are:

- in a common-law relationship and claimed (or will claim) your marital status as common-law on your 2022 Income Tax Return;
- currently living common-law and receiving social assistance as a family unit from the Department of Social Development;
- the parents of one or more children, and have physical custody and responsibility for the dependent children who live with you.



If you divorce or separate during your study period, you must notify Student Financial Services in writing. This notification must include the date of separation and supporting third-party documentation (i.e. letter from lawyer or other professional) or a copy of a legal separation agreement.

Married or Common-Law

Your partner may be expected to contribute towards the cost of your post-secondary education. This amount will vary depending on family income and the size of your family.

Partners are exempt from making a partner contribution if they are full-time students, or if they are receiving Employment Insurance (EI) benefits, social assistance or federal or provincial/territorial disability benefits.

If you are a married/common-law student, you can choose whether or not to include your partner's income in your application for financial assistance. If you **do provide** your partner's income, you will be assessed for all federally and provincially-funded programs (as applicable). A partner contribution, if any, will be removed in the calculation of your New Brunswick Student Loan amount.

If you choose **not to include** your partner's income, you will be assessed for **New Brunswick Student Loan only**.

Applicant Dependants

List all dependants who will be living with you at least 50 % of the time, as of the first day of your study period for which you are applying for assistance. If you have more than three dependants to list, attach an extra sheet of paper to the application with their information.

Dependants are any children who are 18 years or younger and are wholly dependent on the parent(s) for support and for whom the parent or the parent's partner, in law or in fact, have the custody and control.

You may include children over the age of 18 if they are full-time students at a secondary or post-secondary school, and they:

- have never been married or claimed marital status as common-law on an Income Tax Return; and
- do not have any dependant children; and
- have not been out of secondary school for four years (48 months) or more; or
- have not been in the workforce for two periods of 12 consecutive months.

Anyone, other than your partner, claimed on your 2022 Income Tax Return as wholly dependent may also be listed as a dependant.



You must provide a copy of the most recent tax form substantiating Canada Revenue Agency approval of the wholly dependent person.

Children with Permanent Disabilities

If you are a **single parent student** or a **married/common-law student** with a dependant 12 years of age or older with a permanent disability, proof of the disability must be sent with your application in order for this dependant to be considered in your eligibility for the Canada Student Grant for Students with Dependants. If you have submitted this documentation with a previous financial assistance application, you are not required to submit it again.



A medical certificate or documentation proving receipt of federal or provincial disability assistance must be provided as proof of a permanent disability for each child over 12 years of age.

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Single Students Without Dependants

Dependent Student

A student who is single without children and has been out of high school for less than four years or has been in the labour force less than two years (two periods of 12 consecutive months, the two periods need not be consecutive) is considered a dependent student.

If you are a dependent student, your parents are expected to make a contribution toward the cost of your post-secondary education. The amount they are expected to contribute depends on their income, the size of your family, and how many children are pursuing post-secondary studies.

If your parents have 2 or more dependant children enrolled in post-secondary studies, the calculated contribution will be divided by the number of children. This will determine their contribution for each child.

If there are two or more dependent students in the family applying for student financial assistance, the applications should be submitted at the same time.



If your sibling is not applying for student financial assistance, you must submit proof of your sibling's enrolment at a designated post-secondary school in order for them to be considered when determining the expected parental contribution. Provide a letter from their school stating they are in enrolled in full-time studies with the study period start and end dates.

If you are a dependent student, you can choose whether or not to include your parent's income in your application for financial assistance. If you **do provide** your parent's income, you will be assessed for all federally and provincially-funded programs (as applicable). A parental contribution, if any, will be removed in the calculation of your New Brunswick student loan amount. If you choose **not to include** your parent's income, you will be assessed for **New Brunswick Student Loan only**.

Independent Student

A student who is single without children and has been out of high school for four years or more, or has been in the labour force for two periods of 12 consecutive months (the two periods need not be consecutive), is considered an independent student. Students are considered to be in the labour force if they are working, actively seeking employment, or receiving Employment Insurance benefits.

You are also considered an Independent Student if you are receiving, or have received, financial assistance under Youth Engagement Services (YES) or support from the Department of Social Development under one of the following permanent care support programs:

- Child in Permanent Care: refers to a child under the permanent legal care, control
 and supervision of the Department of Social Development either by Court order
 or voluntary agreement between the Department and a child's parents or
 guardians.
- Post Guardianship agreement: refers to any child who has been under a guardianship order or agreement, after they reach the age of 19 and up until the age of 24, provided that the young person is enrolled in an educational program.
- Voluntary Care Support agreement: the Department of Social Development may enter into a Voluntary Care Support agreement with a former youth in care. This agreement may be entered with a youth who upon reaching their 19th birthday had a guardianship status left in the care of the Minister and prior to their 21st birthday is accepted by a post-secondary school into a program of full-time studies.

This includes those who were adopted or returned to their birth families after the expiration of a guardianship order/agreement.



You must provide a letter from the Department of Social Development stating that you are receiving, or have received, support under any of the above programs.

A student that is no longer married or in a common-law relationship, or has no parent, guardian, sponsor or other supporting relative due to death or disappearance is also considered an independent student.

New Brunswick Residency

If none of the statements in the New Brunswick residency section apply to your situation, you may need to apply to another province or territory for student financial assistance. For other provincial and territorial student assistance offices, visit studentaid.gnb.ca.

Dependent Student

You are considered a New Brunswick resident if:

- your parents/guardians/sponsors most recently resided in New Brunswick for a
 period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately before the first day of your
 study period for which you are applying for assistance, even if one of them worked
 in another province. If your parents are divorced or separated, consider the
 parent with whom you normally live or the parent who provides you with your
 principal financial support.
- your parents reside outside of Canada, and they lived or maintained the family home in the province for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately before leaving Canada.
- your parent(s) resided in New Brunswick for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately before leaving New Brunswick, but you stayed to begin or continue your program of studies at a New Brunswick post-secondary school within a year of your parent's move.

Independent or Single Parent Student

You are considered a New Brunswick resident if:

 you lived in New Brunswick for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately before the first day of your study period for which you are applying for assistance, excluding time spent as a full-time student in a post-secondary program.

Married or Common-Law Student

You are considered a New Brunswick resident if:

- you and your partner have lived in New Brunswick for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately before the first day of your study period for which you are applying for assistance, while not studying full time at a postsecondary school.
- your partner is living in New Brunswick and is and has been employed/seeking employment in New Brunswick for at least 12 consecutive months before the first day of your study period for which you are applying for assistance.

You are **not** considered a New Brunswick resident and must apply to the province/territory where your partner is considered to be a resident if:

 your partner is also studying full time at a post-secondary school and is considered a resident of another province/territory and you are attending a postsecondary school in the province/territory in which your partner is considered a resident.

Individuals registered under the Indian Act

You are able to apply if you are an individual who is registered with the federal government according to the terms of the *Indian Act*, regardless of citizenship. However, in order to be considered for the provincial portion of assistance, you must be considered a resident of New Brunswick. If you are not considered a resident of New Brunswick or any other province or territory in Canada, you can complete the application and you will be considered for the federal portion of assistance.

Permanent Residents

You are able to apply for assistance immediately upon receiving your permanent resident status. However, in order to be considered for the provincial portion of assistance, you must be considered a resident of New Brunswick. If you are not considered a resident of New Brunswick or any other province or territory in Canada, you can complete the application and you will be considered for the federal portion of assistance.

Protected Persons

You are able to apply for assistance immediately upon receiving your Protected Person Status Document (PPSD) and your Social Insurance Number (SIN) that begins with a "9". However, in order to be considered for the provincial portion of assistance, you must be considered a resident of New Brunswick. If you are not considered a resident of New Brunswick or any other province or territory in Canada, you can complete the application and you will be considered for the federal portion of assistance.

Program Information

To apply for assistance, you must apply for admission as a full-time student to an approved post-secondary program at a designated post-secondary school. You do not have to be officially accepted into a program of study when you apply for funding; however, you need to know the name of the school, the name of the program and the start and end dates of your study period.

All applicants must complete the Program Information section of the application, even if a <u>Request for Program Information</u> form is required.

A *Request for Program Information* form is required to be completed by your post-secondary school if you are:

- applying as a student with a disability.
- completing a co-op work term as part of your study period.
- studying at the Master or Ph.D. level.
- attending Intersession and/or Summer Session at a university.
- attending any school located outside the Maritime Provinces.
- attending any private school located outside New Brunswick.



The *Request for Program Information* form is available at studentaid.gnb.ca and it can be submitted with your application or you can have your school submit it directly. If you are required to submit a *Request for Program Information* form, failure to do so in a timely manner will result in delays with the assessment of your application.

If we are unable to determine your program of study based on the information you provide, we may request a *Request for Program Information* form.

If you have questions regarding your program information, please contact Student Financial Services.

Program Name and Specialization

Enter the actual name of the program you will be enrolled in and the specialization/major that corresponds to your program as printed in your institution program calendar.

Length of Study Period

You are not eligible for assistance if your study period is less than 6 weeks. Your study term start date to end date cannot be more than 52 weeks.

Accommodation

Indicate if you will be living with your parent or partner (as applicable) while you are in classes. Your living situation enables us to determine the living allowance used to calculate your financial need.

Kilometre Distance

Kilometre distance enables us to determine if you are eligible for a commuting allowance or a return transportation allowance to your family home.

Information about the expenses and resources used in your student financial assistance assessment can be found in the *How Assistance is Calculated* section of the <u>Student Financial Assistance Handbook</u>.

Educational History

If you are applying for New Brunswick student financial assistance for the first time, provide detailed information for each year you have attended a post-secondary school as a full-time student.

If you have completed the post-secondary education information section on a previous New Brunswick application, you only need to provide details of any full-time postsecondary education since your last application.

Complete this section starting with the latest year attended.

Applicant Study Period Resources

Income Tax Information

You must include the amount showing on lines 15000 and 21000 of your 2022 Income Tax Return. If you have not yet filed your 2022 Income Tax Return, provide the information that you will be reporting on these line numbers when you do file. This must be the exact amount from your line numbers, **not an estimate or rounded amount**. If it appears that the information provided is not an accurate exact amount, you will be asked to provide tax records for verification which may result in a delay in the assessment your application.

If current year income amount is expected to be significantly lower than the previous year, a review may be requested. Information can be found at studentaid.gnb.ca.

Scholarships/Bursaries

List all scholarships and bursaries you will receive from your school or community organizations including, but not limited, to entrance scholarships, merit-based scholarships, doctoral fellowships, need based scholarships or bursaries, etc. Enter the name, source and dollar value of each scholarship that you will receive for the 2023-2024 academic year.

If you receive additional scholarships or bursaries after you submit your application, **you must provide this information** in writing to Student Financial Services and your application may be reassessed.

Tuition Reduction/Family Discount

Enter the total amount of tuition reduction or discount, if applicable.

Other Targeted Resources

Indicate the total amount and source of any other targeted resource you will have during the study period. Include only funding you will receive that is provided to help with specific educational costs. The funds could be paid directly to the school (for instance, to cover tuition), or they could be paid directly to you. A training allowance from an employer is an example of a targeted resource.

Do not include the following as a targeted resource:

- Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP), Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)
- savings, investments, tax free savings accounts, any other assets;
- employment or self employment income including tips or gratuities;
- social assistance benefits;
- · Employment Insurance benefits;
- CPP/QPP benefits;
- Canada Child Benefit;
- Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) funding provided by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

Training and Skills Development

If you are a WorkingNB client receiving Training and Skills Development (TSD), your TSD funding must be included as a resource in order to be considered for all federal and provincial Student Financial Assistance (SFA). If your TSD funding information is not provided or not yet finalized, your application will be assessed for New Brunswick Loan only.

The SFA and TSD programs are connected and will identify clients receiving funding from both programs. If you become eligible for TSD after submitting your application for SFA, you must notify Student Financial Services immediately.

If it is determined you are a TSD client after initially being assessed for all student financial assistance programs, your file will be reassessed for New Brunswick Loan only until your TSD funding details are provided. This will result in funding you are not entitled to being issued (overawards) and will impact the funding available to you in the future.

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Employment History

If you have completed this information on a previous New Brunswick application, you only need to provide details of any employment history since your last application.

If you require additional space for your employment history, attach an extra sheet of paper to the application with this information.

Applicant Declaration and Consent

Read all parts of this section and make sure you understand your obligations and consents. Your application will not be processed unless you sign both parts in ink and indicate date signed.

Be aware that it is a legal document that is being signed. It is an offence under *The Canada Student Financial Assistance Act*, the *Canada Student Loans Act* and *The Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act* to knowingly give false or misleading information on this application.

The *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* regulates all personal information compiled by the Government of New Brunswick. This Act protects the privacy of individuals by regulating the collection, use and disclosure of personal information held by the provincial government.

Appendix A – Authorization to Disclose Information – Optional

This section of the application is optional. Complete this section if you want Student Financial Services to be able to share information about your student financial assistance file (this application, related appendices, or assessment details) with another person.

The *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* regulates all personal information compiled by the Government of New Brunswick. This Act protects the privacy of individuals by regulating the collection, use and disclosure of personal information held by the provincial government. To protect your privacy, we will not release information to a third party such as your parents or partner unless we receive your written consent through an *Authorization to Disclose Information*.

Appendix B - Parents, Guardians, or Sponsors of Dependent Applicants

All references to "parents" apply either to parents, step-parents, legal guardians, or official sponsors.

If you are a **dependent** student, this section of the application must be completed by you and your parents in order to be considered for all federal and provincial funding programs available. If you are applying for New Brunswick Student Loan **only**, the information in this section is **not** required.

Completion of this Appendix does not mean the parent(s) are co-signing for your student loans. You as the applicant are solely responsible for repaying the student loans issued.

If you would like your parents to be able to contact Student Financial Services about your application, you must complete Appendix A - Authorization to Disclose Information.

Parental Information

In a two-parent family, Parent 1 and Parent 2 information is to be answered separately by each parent. It does not matter which parent completes the Parent #1 and Parent #2 sections. In a one-parent family, respond to the questions in the Parent #1 section.

If your parents are separated or divorced, the parent with whom you normally reside or who provides for the majority of your living costs must complete this section. If your custodial parent remarried or was in a common-law relationship before you turned 18 years of age, or if your step-parent has legally adopted you, your step-parent must complete this section as the second parent.

Parental Income

Your parent's income for the 2022 tax year is used to calculate the required parental contribution and evaluate your eligibility for assistance.

2022 Income

Enter the exact amounts showing on the indicated line numbers of your parent's 2022 Income Tax Return(s). **These cannot be estimates or rounded amounts.** If it appears that the amounts provided are not accurate and exact, you will be asked to provide tax records for verification which may result in a delay in processing your application.

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If your parent(s) did not file an income tax return for 2022, indicate the information that they will be reporting on these line numbers.

Enter "0" if there is no amount reported/to be reported for a particular line number.

Reduced Income

If current year income amount is expected to be significantly lower than the previous year, a review may be requested. Information is detailed at studentaid.gnb.ca.

Parental Dependants

Do not include the applicant in the number of dependent children.

For the purposes of determining family size in assessing the parental contribution, a dependent child is:

- a child, including an adopted child, a step-child or a wholly dependent person;
- 18 years or younger;
- wholly dependent on their parents for support; and
- in the custody and control of their parent and parent's partner, in law or in fact.

A child over the age of 18 is also considered a dependant if they are a full-time student at a secondary or post-secondary school; and:

- has never been married or claimed marital status as common-law on an Income Tax Return; and
- · does not have any dependent children; and
- has not been out of secondary school for four years (48 months) or more; or
- has not been in the workforce for two periods of 12 consecutive months.

Anyone, other than a partner, claimed on your parent's 2022 Income Tax Return as wholly dependent may also be listed as a dependent.



A copy of the most recent tax form substantiating Canada Revenue Agency approval of the wholly dependent person must be provided.

Declaration by Parent(s), Guardian(s), or Step-Parent(s)

Parents must read the declaration and consent and make sure that what is being signed is understood. A signature is required from each parent for which information was provided. A parent with no income must also sign the declaration. Be aware that it is a legal document that is being signed. It is an offence under *The Canada Student Financial Assistance Act*, the *Canada Student Loans Act* and *The Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act* to knowingly give false or misleading information on this application.

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Appendix C – Partner of Married/Common-Law Applicant

To be classified as married/common-law, you may be legally married or have claimed your marital status as common-law on an Income Tax Return. All references to "partner" refer to your spouse or common-law partner.

Completion of this appendix does not mean your partner is co-signing for your student loans. You the applicant are solely responsible for repaying the student loans issued.

Make sure your partner reviews the information you have entered. Your partner is responsible for reading and signing the declaration. If you would like your partner to be able to contact the Student Financial Services about your application, you must complete Appendix A - Authorization to Disclose Information.

Partner Study Period Information

If your partner is attending full-time studies and also applying for New Brunswick Student Financial Assistance, submit both applications together.

If any of the answers to the questions change during your study period, contact Student Financial Services immediately to update the information.

Partner Income

This section of Appendix C must be completed in order to be considered for all federal and provincial funding programs available. If you are applying for New Brunswick Student Loan **only**, the information in this section is **not** required.

2022 Income

Your partner's income for the 2022 tax year is used to calculate the required partner contribution and evaluate your eligibility for assistance.

Enter the exact amounts showing on the indicated line numbers of your partner's 2022 Income Tax Return. **These cannot be estimates or rounded amounts.** If it appears that the amounts provided are not accurate and exact, you will be asked to provide tax records for verification which may result in a delay in processing your application.

If your partner did not file an income tax return for 2022, indicate the information that they will be reporting on these line numbers.

Enter **"0"** if there is no amount reported/to be reported for either line number.

Reduced Income

If current year income amount is expected to be significantly lower than the previous year, a review may be requested. Information is detailed at studentaid.gnb.ca.

Declaration by Partner

Your partner must read the declaration and consent and make sure that what is being signed is understood. Be aware that it is a legal document that is being signed. It is an offence under *The Canada Student Financial Assistance Act*, the *Canada Student Loans Act* and *The Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act* to knowingly give false or misleading information on this application.

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Contact Information

For information regarding your application, contact:

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506-453-2577

Fax: 506-444-4333

Telephone Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday to Friday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday

Mailing Address: Student Financial Services

Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour

Beaverbrook Building, P.O. Box 6000 Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 5H1

Website: <u>studentaid.gnb.ca</u>

For information about disbursements and repayment of your Canada-New Brunswick Integrated Student Loan, contact:

National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC)

Telephone: 1-888-815-4514 or

800-2-225-2501 outside North America plus country code

TTY: 1-888-815-4556

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4030

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