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Application Cover Page Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students

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What is FANS?

FANS is Nunavut's student financial assistance program: **Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students**. It is delivered by the Adult Learning & Post Secondary Services Division of the Nunavut Department of Education. FANS was established by the Government of Nunavut to ensure that financial need is not a barrier to post-secondary education. The objective of the FANS is to stimulate the pursuit of excellence by recognizing achievement and by encouraging and assisting Nunavumiut to achieve their fullest potential.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for student financial assistance from FANS you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or have permanent resident status (Landed Immigrant);
- Be a resident of Nunavut for at least one year;
- Be enrolling in a program that is at least 12 weeks in length at a designated post secondary institution;
- Enroll as a full time student and be working toward a degree, diploma, or certificate.

How do I apply?

To apply, fill out the attached application. Make sure that you fill it in completely. Any missing information will slow down the processing of your application. **Your form must be dated and signed.** Fax the application form to FANS using our toll free fax line: 1 877 860 0167.

Is there a deadline?

To ensure you receive your benefits on time for the start of school, please make sure you meet the NEW deadlines:

FALL Semester - July 15
WINTER Semester – November 15
SPRING/SUMMER Semesters – March 1

Remember, you don't need to be accepted to a post-secondary institution to begin the application process. **Applications received AFTER THE DEADLINES WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

What benefits does FANS provide?

If you don't already have the **FANS Guide** and **FANS Benefit Sheet**, please contact FANS or the Dept. of Education Regional Office listed on this page to get copies of these important documents.

Where can I get help?

You can get help from:

- ✓ Your high school counselor
- ✓ Your Nunavut Arctic College Adult Educator
- ✓ Your Department of Education Regional Office:
Baffin: 1 800 567 1514 or 867 473-2600
Kivalliq: 1 800 953 8516 or 867 645 5040
Kitikmeot: 1 800 661 0845 or 867 983-4031
- ✓ The FANS Office:
phone toll free 1 877 860 0680
fax toll free 1 877 860 0167
E-mail FANS@gov.nu.ca
Mail FANS
Box 390
Arviat, Nu X0C 0E0

Anything Else?

You **must have an active bank account** to receive money from FANS. If you don't have a bank account, get one right away. Contact the FANS office if you need help.

Here are some important definitions that will help you with your application form:

Dependant: Children 18 years of age or younger who are in your care and are financially dependent upon you. Students 19 years of age or older may also be considered dependants if they are financially dependent on you.

Spouse: a person to whom you are married to or with whom you have continuously lived with as a family unit for a period of at least one year before the date of acceptance for registration.

Resident: You must be a resident of Nunavut for 12 months before the date of acceptance for registration. See the *FANS Guide* for more information.

Full Time Student: Your school will determine the percentage of course load you are taking. **To qualify for FANS you must maintain at least 60% of a full course load.**

Don't forget!

- ✓ Apply as soon as you decide you will be going to school
- ✓ Fill in your application completely – missing information will cause delays.
- ✓ Sign and date the last page
- ✓ Keep a copy of your application if you mail it
- ✓ All applications are subject to audit and verification
- ✓ To notify FANS if there are any changes in your family, financial or school situation
- ✓ That any false statements made on your application may result in termination of benefits, repayment of benefits paid and possible legal action

Note: If you are receiving Income Support, you must notify your worker once you are approved for FANS

