



Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students (FANS)

Part-Time Study Grant Frequently Asked Questions

FANS is pleased to announce the launch of a new Part-Time Study Grant for eligible students.

Q. Who is eligible for the new Part-Time Study Grant?

- A. A person is eligible for a part-time study grant if he or she is:
- (a) a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
 - (b) accepted for registration in a program of studies at an approved institution as a part-time student;
 - (c) have been ordinarily resident in Nunavut for a continuous period of one year immediately before the date of acceptance for registration; and
 - (d) not eligible for a basic grant at that time.

For non-Nunavut beneficiaries, a person is eligible for a part time study grant for a maximum of four academic years, less the number of academic years during which they received a basic grant. In turn, the number of years of basic grant is decreased by the number of academic years in which they received a part-time study grant. These years of eligibility restrictions do not apply to Inuit Beneficiaries.

For example, if a student who is eligible for 4 years of a basic grant has used up 1 year of the basic grant so far, they are then left with either 3 years of the part-time study grant or 3 years of the basic grant. If a student has used up all their years of basic grant eligibility then the student is not eligible for the part-time study grant.

If a student is eligible for 4 years of basic grant and used up 2 years of part-time study grant then the student is left with either 2 years of basic grant or 2 years of part-time study grant.

Q. How do I access the Part-Time Study Grant?

A. To apply for the Part-Time Study Grant, you need to fill out the FANS application form and identify in Section D that you will be part-time student, attach a copy of your acceptance letter, and send it to fans@gov.nu.ca. The FANS staff will review your application and notify you of your eligibility for this benefit.

The application form is available on the FANS website:
<https://www.gov.nu.ca/education/programs-services/financial-assistance-nunavut-students-fans>



Q. When should I apply for the Part-Time Study Grant? Is there a deadline?

A. The FANS deadlines for applications (full-time and part-time) are as follows:

PROGRAMS STARTING IN:	DEADLINE:
Fall semester (program starts between August 15 – October 1)	July 15
Winter semester (program starts anytime in January)	November 15
Spring/Summer semester (program starts between April 15 – May 31)	March 1
Programs with non-standard start dates (programs that do not start during one of the above periods)	6 weeks before program start date

Q. How much is the Part-Time Study Grant?

A. Students who qualify for the part-time study grant could be eligible to receive up to a maximum of \$4,943 per academic year to cover the cost of their tuition, fees, and books. There is no additional funding for part-time students (i.e. no living expenses or travel funding). This amount is divided by the number of semesters you will be enrolling in that academic year and paid in an installment per semester.

Q. Will I get the maximum Part-Time Study Grant amount that is listed above?

A. Not necessarily. The Part-Time Study Grant amount of \$4,943 is the maximum that you can receive within an academic year. If the amount of tuition, fees and book costs you pay is lower than the maximum amount, you will only receive the actual amount of tuition, books and fees that is indicated by your school on the FANS Student Enrollment Form. If you are attending school for more than one semester, your payments will be split up and paid out at the start of each semester.

For example, if you are in a part-time program that has two semesters in an academic year, and the cost for tuition, books, and fees for your fall semester is \$1,200, you will receive a grant of \$1,200 for the fall semester. If the cost for tuition, books, and fees for your winter semester is \$1,400, you will receive a grant of \$1,400 for the winter semester. The total grants that you would receive for the academic year would be \$2,600. The total amount of part-time grants you receive within an academic year will be the lesser of the costs of your tuition, books, and fees or the maximum grant amount of \$4,943.



A student is taking 2 semesters of part-time studies in the academic year, they would be eligible for up to \$2,472 per semester ($\$4943 \div 2 = \$2,472$ per semester).

A student who is taking 3 semesters of part-time studies would be eligible for up to \$1,648 per semester ($\$4943 \div 3 = \$1,648$ per semester).

If a student's first semester tuition costs are \$2,000 and the second semester costs are \$3,000 then the \$472 in unused funds from the first semester ($\$2,472 - \$2,000 = \$472$) would still be available to cover the cost of the second semester. So a student would receive \$2,944 ($\$2,472 + \$472 = \$2,944$) for the second semester. The student would need to pay the remaining \$56 out of their own pocket.

Q. When will I get my Part-Time Study Grant payment?

A. Once you have been approved for funding and the FANS office has received the required FANS Student Enrollment Form (SEF) from you, your Part-Time Study Grant payment will be processed.

It can take up to 15 business days from the day you submit your SEF to the FANS office to when you see the funds in your bank account. This timeline includes the service standard of 3-5 business days to receive and process the email with the SEF, 3-5 business days to process the SEF and issue the payment, and 2-5 business days for your bank to deposit the funds in your bank account.

Payments are issued at the start of each new semester after the SEF has been received for processing. This means you must submit an SEF for each new semester in order to receive your funding for that semester. Submit your SEF 1 month prior to the start of a new semester in order to avoid a delay in your next semester's payment.

Q. My part-time study grant benefit does not cover my full cost of tuition, books and fees. Am I able to get more?

A. The Part-Time Study Grant is calculated based on the maximum amounts set in the Student Financial Assistance regulations. If more money is required you may apply for a Needs Assessed Loan; however, this loan must be paid back in full once your schooling has been completed.

The Needs Assessed Loan application form is available on the FANS website:
<https://www.gov.nu.ca/education/programs-services/financial-assistance-nunavut-students-fans>

Q. I need to travel to another community to attend my courses. Am I eligible for travel?



A. No. The part-time study grant only covers tuition, books and fees. It does not provide funding to assist with the costs of travel or living expenses.

Q. Can I get more benefits if I am married and or have children?

A. No. The part-time study grant only covers the cost of tuition, books and fees up to a maximum of \$4,943 per academic year. As a part-time student you are only eligible for the part-time study grant.

Q. There was a change in my tuition, books or fees cost. Do I need to notify FANS?

A. Yes, you need to notify FANS immediately of any change to the amount of tuition, books or fees you pay.

An increase in cost:

If your tuition amount has changed, you will need to provide a new or amended Student Enrollment Form (SEF) showing the new cost for tuition.

If the amount of books and/or fees is different from the actual cost you paid, you can provide FANS with receipts to show the cost difference and we will issue you additional funds, as long as you have not reached the maximum amount for the academic year.

For example: The SEF you submitted to FANS indicated a cost of \$300 for books, but you actually paid \$600 for books. You can send FANS your receipts for the actual cost of \$600 for the books and we will reimburse you, as long as you have not reached the maximum part-time study grant for the academic year.

A decrease in cost:

If you withdrew from a course and the school will be issuing you a reimbursement for tuition, books or fees, you will need to notify FANS. If you receive a reimbursement for tuition from your school, you may have to repay a portion of the tuition back to FANS.

For example, you withdrawal from a course and the school issues you a reimbursement for tuition in the amount of \$400. You would have to pay this amount back to FANS if you did not pay for tuition cost out of your own pocket. So, if FANS covered the full amount of your tuition, books and fees then the reimbursed amount of \$400 would need to be paid back to the FANS office. If your tuition, books and fees cost was more than what FANS could provide, you would only owe back a portion of the \$400 if it was greater than the amount paid out of your own pocket.



Example: Total cost of tuition \$5000, FANS paid \$4,943, and you paid \$57 out of your own pocket. The school reimbursed you \$400. You would owe FANS \$343 ($\$400 - \$57 = \343).

Q. I will become a full-time student in the next semester. Can I switch to full-time funding?

A. Yes, you will need to provide FANS with a new acceptance letter from your school indicating your full-time status. Once this has been received, you will be assessed for full-time benefits. If you meet all the eligibility requirements for full-time funding, a new approval letter would be sent to you showing what funding you have been approved for. If you have not met the eligibility requirements, then you would be sent a denial letter. If your status is changing, notify the FANS office as soon as possible so that your funding eligibility can be reassessed in time for the next semester.

When switching between part-time and full-time studies within an academic year, the maximum amount of grants for tuition, books, and fees cannot exceed \$9,885 for that academic year.

Example 1 - A student who took their first semester as a part-time student and becomes a full-time student:

Fall semester part-time tuition maximum: up to a max of \$2,472 (tuition, book and fees only)

Winter semester full-time tuition maximum: up to a max of \$4,943 + living expenses* + travel* (*if eligible)

Example 2 - A student who took their first semester as a full-time student and became part-time the next semester:

Fall semester full-time tuition maximum: \$4,943 + living expenses* + travel* (*if eligible)

Winter semester part-time tuition maximum: \$2,472 (tuition, book and fees only)

Spring/summer semester part-time maximum: \$2,472 (tuition, book and fees only)