



**330 Main Drive
Box 178, Savona,
B.C. V0K 2J0
Phone (250) 373 2493
Fax (250) 373 2494**

Skeetchestn Indian Band- Graduation Costs Subsidy

Background

Each year students graduate from a high school, college/university, trades program or certificate program and participate in a graduation ceremony of one kind or another. This is a significant event in a person's life that may occur only once for that person. To be able to participate fully in the event may prove to be a financial hardship for some students. In addition, the Band could see assisting a student financially as a means of honoring that student and recognizing that student's accomplishments. This may, in turn, provide motivation and encouragement to other student Band members to persist with their studies and graduate as well.

Graduation Subsidy

Skeetchestn Indian Band adopted a policy that the Band will pay a graduation costs subsidy of up to \$300 to financially support a student that is graduating from a high school, trades program, college/ university or certificate program that Chief and Council recognizes as appropriate to have a graduation costs subsidy paid as long as the student can provide evidence from the institution attended, or the sponsoring agency of that program, that graduation requirements have been met. A graduation costs subsidy may be used for paying the cost for any of the following: the graduation ceremony and dinner, cap & gown, graduation gift from family, travel to the graduation ceremony by family or any other directly related expense. A request in writing to Chief and Council for a graduation costs subsidy must include a list of items for which the subsidy is being requested. If approved by Chief and Council, the student will be expected to pay the expenses and submit receipts for payment of the subsidy. However, Chief and Council, at its discretion, may agree to pay the graduation costs subsidy directly to the student if they feel it appropriate because of a financial hardship for the student who would not be able to otherwise pay these costs in advance.

It is also recommended that Chief and Council review the maximum amount payable annually (\$2,500.00 in 2015) to ensure that the maximum amount payable to a student for a graduation costs subsidy is reasonable and appropriate.



330 Main Drive
Box 178, Savona,
B.C. V0K 2J0
Phone (250) 373 2493
Fax (250) 373 2494

Skeetchestn Indian Band

Graduation Costs Subsidy Application Form

Applicants Name: _____

School, University, College, Program Attended: _____

Date of Application: _____

Proof of Graduation Attached: ____ YES ____ NO

I wish to apply for the Graduation Costs Subsidy. The subsidy will be used for the following:

Graduation Ceremony Costs (including Dinner and Dance): \$ _____

Graduation Cap and Gown: \$ _____

Travel Expenses (For Family to Attend) \$ _____

Other Expenses (Please Specify):

Total Other Expenses: \$ _____

Total Requested (Not to Exceed \$300): \$ _____

RECEIPTS MUST BE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE OF PAYMENT

Request: ____ Approved ____ Not Approved

Chief and Council: _____



**330 Main Drive
Box 178, Savona,
B.C. V0K 2J0
Phone (250) 373 2493
Fax (250) 373 2494**