

The Ontario Indigenous Travel Grant (OITG) helps full-time postsecondary students with the costs of travelling between their remote First Nations community to the postsecondary school they are attending.

If a student’s spouse and/or dependent children will be living with them during their studies, their travel costs can also be considered through the OITG.

Eligibility requirements

- The student has self-identified as being an Indigenous person on their OSAP profile;
- The student lives in a remote First Nations community in Ontario when they are not in full-time postsecondary studies¹;
- The student is enrolled in a postsecondary school located in Ontario, or a publicly-assisted postsecondary school located outside Ontario but within Canada, that is approved for OSAP purposes; and
- The student has applied for OSAP for Full-Time Students, has met all of the eligibility requirements and has a calculated provincial financial need of at least \$1.

How much funding can a student get?

The amount of aid provided depends on the method of travel:

Eligible cost	Maximum for student travelling alone	Maximum for student travelling with spouse and/or dependent child(ren)
Air travel	up to \$5,200 per academic year (\$1,300 per trip for a maximum of four one-way trips)	up to \$2,600 per person per academic year (\$1,300 per trip for a maximum of two one-way trips per person)
Other travel methods (for example, train, bus, taxi)	up to \$300 per academic year (\$75 per trip for a maximum of four trips)	up to \$150 per person per academic year (\$75 per trip for a maximum of two trips per person)
Travel by private vehicle	\$0.41 per kilometer travelled	\$0.41 per kilometer travelled

How to apply

After a student submits their OSAP Application for Full-Time Students, the student can apply for the OITG. The OITG application is available at www.ontario.ca/osap (select “Forms” and search for “Ontario Indigenous Travel Grant”).

The OITG application outlines what supporting documents are required based on the method of travel. It also has information on who the student should contact if they have any questions.

The deadline to apply for the OITG is 60 days before the end of the student’s study period.

¹Eligible remote First Nations communities are those listed by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada and include Zone 4 communities (no year-round road access to a service centre and, as a result, there is a higher cost of transportation) and Zone 3 communities (located over 350km from the nearest service centre before reaching year-round road access). See <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100013785/1529102490303> for more information.