



MNO Education & Training
**POST-SECONDARY
EDUCATION**

**IMPACT
REPORT
2025**

April 2024 - March 2025

Métis Nation
of Ontario 

WHAT WE DO

As the Post-Secondary Education (PSE) team, we are committed to supporting and empowering Métis students throughout their post-secondary journeys by promoting accessible education and related services. Our work prioritizes direct financial aid, student success and transitions, cultural well-being, relationship-building with post-secondary institutions, participation in Indigenous Education Councils (IECs), community engagement, and research and curriculum development to drive institutional change that meets the unique needs of Métis learners. Ultimately, we aim to increase the recruitment, retention, and success of Métis post-secondary students.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Since 2019, our Post-Secondary Education Support Programs have delivered meaningful financial support directly to eligible MNO citizens to help them pursue their educational goals. Three distinct programs are available. The PSE Financial Assistance program provides bi-annual funding to help cover the costs of attending college or university. The PSE Travel Support program offers a one-time subsidy for students who must travel more than 300 kilometres to their post-secondary institution. The PSE Tutoring Support program provides 24/7 virtual tutoring to eligible students. These cornerstone programs reflect our ongoing commitment to supporting the aspirations of today's students and tomorrow's leaders!

"This program is truly life changing for students. Thank you!"

"This program is such a source of comfort for me, the entire process is great."

"I am incredibly grateful for the support of this program, without it I would not have been able to attend graduate school at all."

"I appreciate the support from the MNO with returning to school, it is not easy to do when you are older and this support helped me continue on my career journey."

PSE SUPPORT PROGRAMS

BY THE NUMBERS

\$5048

average funding per student

16%

of supported students are the first in their family to attend PSE

218,174 km

of total travel distance subsidized through the PSE Travel Support Program

885

students funded (90% of total applicants)

9%

of supported students are parents

383

student inquiries were answered through the PSE Tutoring Support Program

Degree Type Funded:

48

Post-Graduate Certificates

11%

of supported students indicate they will graduate in 2024-25

9.1/10

average satisfaction rating given by students based on the quality of communications, ease of applying, and staff support

665

Bachelor Degrees

41%

of supported students are new to the program in 2024-25

172

Master's and PhD Degrees

BURSARY
BY THE NUMBERS

150

students supported with...

\$190,660.40

24/43

of PSI partners now utilizing an MNO administered application for greater Métis sovereignty over student data

MÉTIS STUDENT BURSARY PROGRAM

Since the late 1990s, our Métis Student Bursary Program has provided bursaries to Métis students, now at 43 Ontario post-secondary institutions (PSIs). In 2024-25, we continued to work with our partner institutions and MNO Regions to improve the bursaries program and outcomes for Métis students.

"This financial assistance allows me to focus more on my studies and pursue my academic goals with less financial stress. I truly appreciate the support and the opportunities this bursary provides."

INFINITE REACH STUDENT SOLIDARITY NETWORK

The Infinite Reach Student Solidarity Network is a mentorship program consisting of upper year Métis post-secondary students that share experiences and support one another in their academic pursuits and help to ease the transition into post-secondary education. The Infinite Reach Network remains consistent with traditional Métis values and customs by acknowledging that each member of a community brings with them unique experiences that, when shared, can empower others.

"I am proud that, for the first time, the Métis flag hung alongside all of the others at the front of my university."

"It was a great way to connect more with other Métis students and push me to get involved more with my school."

INFINITE REACH
BY THE NUMBERS

20

Facilitators across 15 institutions

191

registrations to attend the Powley Day screening of *Métis Hunt for Justice: The Powley Story* (a 900% increase from 2023-24 Powley Day activity)

319

people attended 29 Facilitator-hosted events

14

March Break Camp attendees

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCILS (IECs)

IECs are provincially mandated advisory committees that operate at each publicly funded District School Board (K-12) and College or University (Post-Secondary) in Ontario. IECs provide First Nations, Métis, and Inuit community members, as well as representatives from Indigenous education organizations, a way to offer their input and guidance to schools and school boards regarding the development and implementation of Indigenous initiatives. This past year, we embarked on a campaign of educating, recruiting, and providing orientation to new IEC representatives to address vacancy rates.

IECs
BY THE NUMBERS

50

people registered for monthly IEC info sessions

28

Applications of Interest provided to Community Councils

31

users completed on-line training course, with 75 more in progress

25

IEC Meeting Reports shared with the relevant Community Councils

"I will be referring to the MNO IEC website and using the information often. I appreciate its clarity and usefulness."

"I have been serving on IEC boards for 15 years. Happy to see MNO Education now has this on-line training."

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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ∞ Established the first of its kind **Doctoral Fellowship in Métis Studies** at **York University**. The search for a candidate is underway with the aim of seating the inaugural fellow in 2026.
- ∞ In collaboration with College Libraries Ontario, we are working to bring online a repository of Métis-focused academic resources for use by students and faculty across Ontario on the **Maamwi Hub**.
- ∞ In August 2025, we will be launching “**Scholar Talks**”—a new live event series featuring virtual presentations from Métis scholars and experts in Ontario, with each entry in the series featuring a different guest speaker. The series will present Métis academic research across the province in an accessible and easily digestible format.

ABOUT EDUCATION & TRAINING

The MNO began to offer training initiatives in 1996 with funding from the Métis Human Resources Development Agreement. Since then, the Education and Training Branch has grown and developed to include a comprehensive infrastructure that delivers a full range of programs. It supports the educational success of all Métis across Ontario, beginning in early learning, continuing through kindergarten to grade twelve, into adulthood through post-secondary education, and then into employment. We also work to retain and revitalize our languages, honour our culture and way of life, and provide ongoing learning outside formal education structures.

We take pride in our culture and history, recognize and honour the Métis knowledge holders and senators who contribute to our way of life, teaching and learning opportunities, and take pride in our Métis languages. We look forward to sharing our traditions with future generations as we aspire to achieve our highest potential.

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ABOUT THE

ET BRANCH SASH

One of the most prominent symbols of the Métis Nation is the brightly coloured, woven sash. Originally used for both practical purposes and cultural expression, the sash holds deep significance within Métis culture. The Education & Training Branch has introduced its own special sash, featuring colours representing the different teams and important ideologies.

- Light Green:** Early Learning & Child Care
- Purple:** Kindergarten - Grade 12
- Light Blue:** Post-Secondary Education
- Yellow:** Métis Languages Initiatives
- Red:** Employment & Training
- Dark Green:** All E&T programs coming together to support a Métis person's lifelong learning journey
- Dark Blue:** Métis inclusion in all learning environments

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