

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

**IMPACT
REPORT
2026**

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Métis Nation
of Ontario 

WHAT WE DO

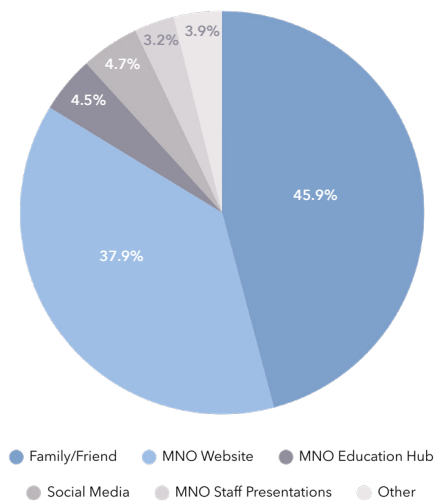
As the Post-Secondary Education (PSE) team, we are committed to supporting and empowering Métis students throughout their post-secondary journeys by promoting accessible education and related services. Our work prioritizes direct financial aid, student success and transitions, cultural well-being, relationship-building 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, PSE support programs have delivered meaningful financial support directly to eligible MNO citizens to help them pursue their educational goals. Two core programs are available. The PSE Financial Assistance program provides bi-annual funding to help offset the costs of attending college or university. The PSE Travel Support program offers a one-time subsidy to students who must travel more than 300 km to their post-secondary institution. Together, these programs reflect the MNO's continued commitment to supporting student access, mobility, and success in post-secondary education.

"I would like to thank the MNO and PSE leadership team for securing the funding necessary to support my academic hopes and dreams. Without this funding support, my family would have had to incur significant debt, which likely would have made this endeavour unaffordable."

Where clients learned about the PSE Financial Assistance Program:



PSE SUPPORT PROGRAMS

BY THE NUMBERS

900

clients funded (94% of applicants)

30%

of clients are employed

33%

of clients are new to the program

9%

of clients have dependents

Degree Types Funded:

653

Bachelor Degrees

69%

of clients are the first in their family to attend PSE

183

Master's and PhD Degrees

281,920 km

total travel distance subsidized through the PSE Travel Support Program

61

Post-Graduate Certificates

9.4/10

average satisfaction rating given by clients based on ease of applying and staff support

"Just wanted to say thank you so much for all of your help throughout the application process. We definitely couldn't have done it without you."

"Completing my Master's degree marks a significant milestone in my academic and personal journey, and it would not have been possible without your support. Your investment in my education has empowered me to contribute meaningfully to Indigenous communities through my work."

BURSARY
BY THE NUMBERS

154
students supported with...
\$184,862.00

24/43
of PSI partners used 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 2025-26, we continued to work with our partner institutions and MNO Regions to improve the program and outcomes for students.

"I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the MNO for awarding me this bursary. Your generosity will be a tremendous help in supporting my education and daily living expenses."

INFINITE REACH STUDENT SOLIDARITY NETWORK

The Infinite Reach Student Solidarity Network is a mentorship program consisting of upper-year Métis post-secondary students that support one another in their academic pursuits and help to ease the transition into post-secondary education. Infinite Reach 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.

INFINITE REACH
BY THE NUMBERS

19
Infinite Reach Facilitators across 15 PSIs

608
people attended 38 Facilitator-hosted events

"I enjoyed the sense of community that this role created alongside our Indigenous student council. It was also really nice to meet with other Métis students and hear their stories."

"Being an Infinite Reach Facilitator made me feel closer to the Métis community!"

"I think the biggest benefit of Infinite Reach for post-secondary Métis students is that it really creates intentional space for Métis students to come together and feel seen."

"Infinite Reach has given me the space and support to create programming that reflects who I am and what I care about."

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, in collaboration with the Kindergarten - Grade 12 team, we embarked on a campaign of educating, recruiting, and providing orientation to new IEC representatives to address vacancy rates.

IECs
BY THE NUMBERS

35
people registered for monthly IEC info sessions

12
users completed training, with 23 more in progress

13
applications of interest provided to Community Councils

46
IEC Meeting Reports shared with Community Councils

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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ∞ To help guide students through our various support program offerings and their application processes, we hosted several virtual info sessions, totalling **508 attendee registrations**.
- ∞ In collaboration with College Libraries Ontario, we are working to establish the **Maamwi Hub**, an online repository of Métis-focused academic resources for use by students and faculty across Ontario.
- ∞ In August 2025, we launched "**Scholar Talks**," a virtual event series featuring insightful presentations from Métis scholars in Ontario, showcasing Métis academic research across the province in an accessible and easily digestible format. In 2025-26, we hosted three presentations, totalling **474 attendee registrations**.

ABOUT EDUCATION & TRAINING

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Statement of Prime Purpose has a key objective: to encourage academic and skills development and help citizens achieve their educational aspirations. Thirty years ago, the MNO established the Education & Training Branch to accomplish this, offering training initiatives funded by the Métis Human Resources Development Agreement. Since its inception in 1996, our branch has grown to include a comprehensive range of programs that support citizens throughout their educational journeys: from early learning through kindergarten to grade twelve, into adulthood through post-secondary education, and into employment and the job market. We also work to retain and revitalize our languages, honour our culture and way of life, and provide ongoing learning outside formal education structures.

While our mission remains the same, our distribution and implementation of education & training initiatives have changed dramatically since 1996: programs have become more accessible to citizens with the implementation of new technologies like the MNO Education Hub and Learn Michif-Français mobile apps, social media, online learning and training modules, and streamlined online program applications. While we continue to seek ways to modernize for our citizens by implementing new platforms and tools, we take great pride in being Métis and staying true to our cultural values and history.

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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 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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