

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 Canada 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, ride-hailing service)	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 by submitting an [OITG application form](#).

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.

Other financial support for travel and commuting costs

There is additional financial support available to help students with travel and commuting costs through OSAP:

- **Return Travel Allowance:** adds up to \$1,200 in travel costs to the OSAP financial need assessment for single dependent students who are living more than 30 kilometres away from their parent's home during their study period.
 - Students are automatically considered for the return travel allowance when they apply for OSAP.
- **Ontario Student Grant - Distance Component:** provides grant assistance to students who incur high transportation costs because their permanent residence is 80 kilometres or more from the closest postsecondary institution of the type they are attending. The Distance Component has two parts:
 - "Commuting" for students who commute on a regular basis (\$500 per term to a maximum of \$1,500 for a three-term study period).
 - "Travel" for single dependent students who live away from their parent's home during the study period (\$300 per academic year).
 - Students are automatically considered for the Ontario Student Grant - Distance Component when they apply for OSAP.
- **Review to Adjust Local Travel Costs:** adds travel costs to the financial need assessment for students who have a significant commute between their home and institution and incur additional local travel costs, whether using a personal vehicle or public transit.
 - Students must submit a ["Request for Review: Adjust Local Travel in Study Period" form](#) to their financial aid office to be considered.