

# NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION TO INDIGENOUS TRANSITION PROGRAMS

September 2026



### Indigenous Foundation Program

#### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

The Admissions Committee considers more than just your grades when assessing your application to the Indigenous Foundation program (IFP). If you have any questions, please contact the Indigenous Student Success and Development Coordinator, Student Transitions at (705) 474-3450 Ext. 4088.

#### APPLICATION FORM:

Attached to this document, you will find the Application form. Please type or print clearly in pen. Complete ALL sections of the application form. Illegible or incomplete forms may not be processed. Please contact us if you need assistance or have questions completing this application.

#### APPLICATION FEE:

There is a \$80.00 non-refundable application processing fee due at time of application. The application fee can be paid in the following ways:

- Cheque or Money Order made payable to Nipissing University (please attach to your application)
- Pay at the Finance Office at Nipissing University\*
- Online Banking \*(instructions will be emailed to you)

\*A student number is required for these payment methods. Please submit your application and supplemental documents to [admissions@nipissingu.ca](mailto:admissions@nipissingu.ca), indicating how you wish to pay so a student account can be created, and a student number can be provided to you.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept credit card payment.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be of Indigenous ancestry;
- Are a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident;
- Applicants may also be required to participate in an interview.

## SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS:

**Applicants are required to submit the following supplemental documents:**

- a) Reference forms from two different referees:
  - i. One personal reference
  - ii. One professional reference completed by a teacher, guidance counselor, employer or community member is required.

Referees must fill out the Reference Form located at the end of this application package.

**Referees may not be a family member/partner.**

- b) A two-page statement (typed and double spaced)
  - Describe your academic history, strengths, and challenges (academic or personal), reasons why your academic history may not reflect your full potential, and how you plan to be successful at university.
  - Describe your academic goals and why you wish to attend the Indigenous Foundations Program.
  - Describe how the program will help you achieve your goals and what your level of interest is in various aspects of Indigenous culture as part of the program.
- c) An updated resume outlining educational, work and volunteer experience.
- d) All official transcripts; secondary and post-secondary. Please follow the instructions below on how to submit your official transcripts.

## OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

- i. We require official transcripts from EVERY institution attended to make admission decisions, whether they are considered relevant, you graduated from the program, your courses are still in progress, or you were successful or not. This includes Official transcripts from your last High School attended and non-Canadian institutions. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the institutions directly. The transcripts can be mailed, faxed, or emailed directly from the institution to Nipissing University and will only be accepted when we can verify that they come directly to us from the issuing institutions. The transcripts may not come directly from the applicant. A report card does not constitute a transcript. Photocopies of transcripts are not considered official. All official transcripts must be received before admission decisions will be made.

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- ii. International college and university transcripts must be assessed first (course-by-course analysis) by the World Education Service — [www.wes.org/ca](http://www.wes.org/ca).
- iii. A proof of name change is required if academic documents show a name other than the name listed on the application (ie: Marriage certificate or license, legal Name Change certificate, divorce decree, etc.). A copy or picture of the document can be emailed, faxed, or mailed by the applicant with the application.
- iv. If the documents you are submitting are not in English, you will be required to provide notarized English translations together with copies of the original transcripts.
- v. Nipissing University transcripts do need to be submitted, however, if you attended Nipissing University prior to 1992 you are considered a Laurentian University student, and you must submit that transcript

### DEADLINES

To allow sufficient time to process the application, we recommend you submit your application, payment and required documents no later than July 1st, 2026. Applications may take 3-4 weeks to process before receiving a decision. Please leave enough processing time for your funding deadline (if applicable). Final decisions will be sent by email.

### DIRECT ALL DOCUMENTS TO:

Nipissing University  
The Office of the Registrar, Admissions  
100 College Drive, Box 5002  
North Bay ON P1B 8L7  
E-mail: [admissions@nipissingu.ca](mailto:admissions@nipissingu.ca)  
Fax: 705-495-1772  
Website: [www.nipissingu.ca/indigenous](http://www.nipissingu.ca/indigenous)

**Note:** Neither this application nor supplementary acknowledgement material constitutes an offer of admission. Successful candidates will receive admission letters clearly outlining the program of admission and other pertinent details. Applicants are also advised that supporting material cannot be returned.

#### **Protection of Privacy**

Information requested from students and applicants is collected under the authority of the Nipissing University Act, 1992. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act you are hereby notified that: "By applying for admission to Nipissing University and by registering in programs or courses at the University, you are accepting the University's right to collect pertinent personal information. The information is needed to assess qualifications for entry, establish a record of performance in programs and courses, provide the basis for awards and government funding, and to assist the University in the academic and financial administration of its affairs". Additionally, personal information may be used by university staff in many offices on a "need to know" basis to identify and contact students who require their services. Personal information is also provided to the Nipissing University Student Union to enroll students in their Health Care Plan.

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**
**A non-refundable application fee of \$80.00 must accompany this application form in order for your application to be processed.**

SURNAME		GIVEN NAME(S)		FORMER SURNAME	
MAILING ADDRESS				OEN NUMBER (if known)	
CITY		PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE	E-MAIL	
TELEPHONE - Home		TELEPHONE - Cell		DO YOU IDENTIFY AS AN INDIGENOUS PERSON? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST NATION <input type="checkbox"/> METIS <input type="checkbox"/> INUIT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	
SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER (Optional) - -		BIRTH DATE MONTH DAY YEAR		MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE, DIVORCED, WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED, SEPARATED	
STATUS IN CANADA <input type="checkbox"/> CANADIAN CITIZEN <input type="checkbox"/> PERMANENT RESIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUDENT VISA <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER VISA (SPECIFY)		COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP		IF NOT BORN IN CANADA, ARRIVAL MONTH YEAR FIRST LANGUAGE <input type="checkbox"/> ENGLISH <input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	

**AREA OF INTEREST**
**PROGRAM OF ENROLMENT:**
☐ Indigenous Foundation Program

**WILL YOU BE RECEIVING FUNDING?**
☐ Yes ☐ No

 If yes: ☐ OSAP or ☐ Band funding

**BAND FUNDING DEADLINE DATE (if applicable):**
**LAST SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTENDED**

FROM	TO	NAME OF SCHOOL	GRADE COMPLETED	DIPLOMA ACHIEVED? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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**ALL POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION(S) ATTENDED (Include all colleges and universities attended, even if not considered relevant)**

FROM	TO	INSTITUTION	PROGRAM	DIPLOMA/DEGREE AWARDED? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
FROM	TO			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
FROM	TO			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED AT NIPISSING UNIVERSITY, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

NIPISSING STUDENT NUMBER:	LAST PROGRAM ENROLLED IN:	LAST DATE ATTENDED: (mm/yyyy)
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It is your responsibility to ensure that your application and all supporting documentation is truthful, complete, and correct. Nipissing University reserves the right to verify any information provided as part of this application. If any information in your application is determined to be false or misleading, concealed or withheld, your application may be invalidated, and this could result in its immediate rejection or in the revocation of an offer of admission or registration at the university. Information about a rejection or revocation of your application may be shared with universities and colleges across Canada. The determination of whether an application contains false or misleading information or that you have concealed or withheld information, and with which universities and colleges this information may be shared, is solely at the discretion of the university.

I hereby certify that all personal information and documents submitted are true, correct, and complete including my declaration of citizenship and status in Canada.

**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application Form                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Resume                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Page Statement                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> All Official Transcripts           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Reference forms (1 Personal and 1 Professional) | <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Name Change (if required) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Proof of Indigenous Ancestry                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00 Application Processing Fee                  |   |

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Finance: Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE FORM**

**One personal reference and one professional reference completed by a teacher, guidance counselor, employer or community member is required. Please note that referees may not be a family member/partner.**

APPLICANT'S NAME			REFEREE NAME		
PROFESSIONAL REFEREE * <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT			HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN APPLICANT	
PERSONAL REFEREE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes					
REFEREE'S MAILING ADDRESS				PHONE NUMBER	
CITY	PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE	E-MAIL		
REFEREE SIGNATURE			DATE		

**PLEASE RATE THE APPLICANT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: 5 =VERY STRONG, 3=AVERAGE, 1= NEEDS DEVELOPMENT**

1. Communication skills, written	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
2. Communication skills, oral	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
3. Ability to support others	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
4. Ability to manage time effectively	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
5. Ability to deal with conflict/problem solve	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
6. Initiative to complete tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
7. Ability to be resourceful/self-directed	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
8. Willingness to receive feedback	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
9. Interpersonal skills	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
10. Overall assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1

**PLEASE PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICANT'S PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND SUITABILITY FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY. If extra space is required, please mark "See attached" and provide responses on a separate document.**

**a) Please describe the applicant's communication skills (written and/or oral).**

**b) Please discuss the applicant's willingness to take initiative.**

c) Please provide examples of the applicant's interpersonal skills, ability to work in a team environment and support others.

d) Please outline the applicant's planning and organizational skills and any other strengths or challenges.

e) Please provide any additional information. *(Optional)*

Reference form may be returned to the applicant to include with their application package, or you may submit the form directly to the following:

Nipissing University  
The Office of the Registrar, Admissions  
Box 5002, 100 College Drive,  
North Bay ON P1B 8L7  
E-mail: [admissions@nipissingu.ca](mailto:admissions@nipissingu.ca)  
Fax: 705-495-1772

\*If document is emailed, please note that for the Professional Referee, the email must come from a professional email address.

\*\*Inquiries regarding the reference form can be forwarded to the Office of Indigenous Initiatives by email to [indigenousprograms@nipissingu.ca](mailto:indigenousprograms@nipissingu.ca) or by phone at 705-474-3450 ext.4088.

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