

SCHEDULE "A"

ABORIGINAL MEDICAL STUDENT/ FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



September 1, 2011 -
August 30, 2012

NOTE:
Deadline for application is
September 15, 2011.

Applications are available at
the Undergraduate Office at
the University of Manitoba,
Faculty of Medicine, Student Aid or
www.manitoba.ca/health/amsfap



Manitoba's medical graduates are the foundation of the future of healthcare in this province. The Province of Manitoba has established the *Aboriginal Medical Student Financial Assistance Program* to augment the number of Aboriginal students in the undergraduate medical education program at the University of Manitoba and to increase the number of Aboriginal physicians practicing in the province.

The AMSFAP provides financial assistance in the form of an interest-free conditional grant to Aboriginal students studying medicine in the province of Manitoba. Note that if Return of Service is not fulfilled, interest will be charged only from the training end date until the conditional grant is repaid in one lump sum.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Upon completion of their training, Aboriginal physicians will work full-time in the province of Manitoba for a period of six (6) months for each grant they receive. Physicians who do not fulfill their Return of Service commitment, are required to repay the full amount of the financial assistance received.

A. Program Overview

Aboriginal medical undergraduates may apply for financial assistance in one or more of the following categories:

(a) 1st Year Undergraduates

Up to seven (7) Aboriginal medical students entering their first year (at the University of Manitoba) who are committed to practising medicine in Manitoba may be eligible for \$7,000 in financial assistance.

(b) 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Year Undergraduates

Aboriginal medical students whose applications have been approved in their first year and have successfully completed the previous year of the undergraduate program are eligible to apply in subsequent years.

B. Eligibility Criteria

Undergraduate applicants must:

- have self-declared their Aboriginal heritage with the Faculty of Medicine at the time of application for admission;
- apply for AMSFAP in their first year of study, and may apply annually thereafter;
- sign a service agreement indicating their binding commitment to practicing medicine in Manitoba upon completion of a residency program; and
- obtain a passing grade in the previous year.

Should the number of applicants exceed seven, priority will be given on the basis of admissions ranking.

C. Return of Service

Recipients of financial assistance under the AMSFAP will return six (6) months of service in the province of Manitoba for each year in which financial assistance was received. Service must be returned without interruption.

APPLICATION PROCESS

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Additional information and applications are available from Manitoba Advanced Education and Literacy, Manitoba Student Aid Branch at (204) 945-8509.