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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

*Effective July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

The Shuswap Indian Band is committed to providing support in the creation of a healthy and vibrant community by providing financial assistance to qualified Shuswap Band members and community groups. Each financial year, the availability of cash resources will determine the number and scope of the applications for financial assistance approved.

The Shuswap Indian Band receives requests for financial assistance throughout the year for donations and sponsorships. This policy provides a framework for the assessment of applications to ensure: (1) transparency and accountability to the community; (2) a fair and equitable assessment of each request received; and, (3) a standard process for applicants to follow when requesting assistance during personal or family crises.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

1. The measurable benefit of the event or activity to the health and wellness of the recipient and community will be evaluated, so applicants are encouraged to be thorough in the application.
2. Matching funds and recipient contributions will enhance the strength of the application. Sources of other funds (through fund raising or personal finances) will need to be confirmed at the time of application.
3. Individuals and groups will only be considered for one financial assistance award per calendar year (January 1 - December 31).
4. The application must be received in sufficient time to assess the request.

#### Financial Assistance Will Only Be Considered For The Following Categories:

- Culture
- Elder's Assistance
- Funeral Expenses
- Hardship/Donation
- Graduation Bonus

**For Maximums per calendar year, please see the attached definitions.**

#### How to Apply for Financial Assistance:

1. Fill out the application and attach all related materials to your application.
2. Submit in person, by email, or by mail to the Shuswap Band.
3. Applications will be reviewed by department managers.
4. Payments to minors will be paid to the guardian or service provider (preferable).



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## SHUSWAP BAND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

NAME OF RECEIPT:		BAND NO:
NAME OF INDIVIDUAL APPLYING ON BEHALF OF MINOR OR GROUP/TEAM (IF APPLICABLE):		
ADDRESS:		
TELEPHONE #:	EMAIL:	

### REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(Select the correct box and include details of fund raising, personal contributions, scholarships from yourself or others and attach to this application.)

CULTURE	
GRADUATION	
ELDERS ASSISTANCE	
FUNERAL EXPENSES	
HARDSHIP/DONATION	

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR HARDSHIP FUNDS IN THE PAST YEAR?	YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/>	AMOUNT OF FUNDING ASSISTANCE REQUESTED:
SIGNATURE:	DATE:	

### CHIEF AND COUNCIL DECISION: (Approval by email)

DATE SIGNED:	APPLICATION AMOUNT APPROVED:
MANAGER SIGNATURE:	CHIEF/COUNCIL SIGNATURE:
DECISION RATIONALE:	

## **FNGST Financial Assistance's Definitions**

**Once a future band member has submitted their membership application to the IRA Administrator and it has been submitted to ISC, they will be considered a temporary SIB band member and the list of financial assistance funds will be available to the member for a limited time, until confirmation from ISC is received.**

Culture - (\$250.00 or \$500.00) An individual member can apply to receive up to \$250.00 to assist with Cultural activities annually. A group can apply to receive \$500.00 to assist with Cultural activities annually.

Funeral Expense- (\$500.00) These funds will assist immediate family members to attend funeral when travel is needed. If there are extenuating circumstances Chief and Council will review and approve case by case.

Elders Assistance- (\$500.00) For members who are 65+. Can cover costs for activities or personal expenses annually. If the elder does not apply for it, the funds will be released at the end of the year along with Christmas Funds.

Hardship/Donations- (\$250.00) For band members (ages 1- 64) who are in need. Can apply and receive once a year. If the member does not apply for it, the funds will be released at the end of the year along with Christmas Funds.

Christmas Donation- (\$200.00 or \$500.00) Will only be distributed at the end of the calendar year, prior to Christmas office closure. A member (age 1-64) will receive \$200.00 and an Elder (65+) will receive \$500.00.

Baby Bonus- (\$1,000.00) Once a child is born to a member, they will receive a \$1,000.00 with their Christmas Donation.

Chimney Maintenance- (\$125.00) For off reserve households, equivalent to annual Chimney cleaning offered to On-reserve households. Will be included with the Annual Christmas Distribution, to one family member per household.

Graduation Bonus- These funds will be released to the member once graduation of a course is complete. Please see Graduation Bonus graph. Levels are referencing the SIB Post Secondary Policy.

**Annual Distribution Amount Chart**

	<b>Member (1-64)</b>	<b>Elder (65+)</b>	<b>Year baby is born to member</b>
<b>Hardship</b>	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$0
<b>Christmas</b>	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$0
<b>Total Annual Amount</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

**Graduation Bonus Chart**

	<b>High School Diploma, Adult Basic Education Certificate</b>	<b>License, Certificate, Diploma (Level 1)</b>	<b>Undergraduate Program (Level 2)</b>	<b>Post-Graduate program, Masters, Professional Degree (Level 3)</b>	<b>Post-Graduate program, Professional Degree (Level 4)</b>
Bonus	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00