

There are **4** basic sources of money for school:

- 1) Student Loans
- 2) Funding
- 3) Internal Awards
- 4) External Awards

Student Loans

Student loans can come from the government or the banks and it has to be paid back.

- **Government loans (Manitoba and Canada Student Loans)**
 - paid back **after** you graduate with a much lower interest rate
 - three step process, *APPLY* for loan - receive *ASSESSMENT* letter - *ACCEPT* (or deny the loan)
 - automatically considered for various grants (money you don't have to pay back) at the same time
 - for more information contact: msa_aboriginal_liaison@gov.mb.ca or 1-800-204-1685
- **Bank Loans**
 - payments begin **immediately** and have high interest rates
 - available all the time (As long as you have money left!)
 - bank loans do not have any grants

Funding

Funding is applying for and potentially receiving tuition and books from an organization. In the case of First Nations students it may come from their bands; Métis students may get it from the MMF. Other students may get it from EI. Funding does not have to be paid back. It varies according to student need and financial ability of the funding organization and other criteria.

MMF Funding

The MMF delivers a training program. As part of this program, the MMF can offer funding to *Aboriginal* students. This includes *Métis* students, *Inuit* students and *First Nations students who are not Indians under the Indian Act (i.e. not status)*. There are a variety of eligibility requirements, please contact the MMF for more information. To apply for funding, call the Education / Employment Counsellor in the region where you live. See list for contacts.

Internal Awards

These are the scholarships and bursaries that a particular school makes available to their students. Go to your school's **website** and search *financial aid and awards*. Read it; find everything you are eligible for. Find your school's **Awards Office**, browse the brochures, and take everything you are eligible for. Ask if there is a **Booklet of Awards**. Take all the materials and circle **EVERYTHING** you are eligible for. And then apply! For all of it!

One special award available to students at BU, RRC, UM, UW, UCN, and USB is the **Louis Riel Bursary**. This award is available every fall for students who can prove their Métis heritage by MMF citizenship or genealogy. Once you prove your heritage, each institution chooses their recipients. Each post secondary institution has a different due date but they are all generally in the fall.