



Post Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP)

Do you know the facts?

Facts

- PSSSP program authorities are in place until 2013 but funding authorities are not confirmed beyond 2010.
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) is currently reviewing the PSSSP and intends to reconfigure the program and possibly replace First Nations as administrators.



Fact or Fiction?

The federal government provides free post secondary education for First Nations students.

- True**
- False**



✓ **False**

First Nations communities are allocated funding via an antiquated funding formula that leaves thousands of First Nations students without funding every year.



Fact or Fiction?

First Nation administration of the PSSSP does not meet INAC guidelines.

- **True**
- **False**



✓ **False**

Many First Nations have more stringent and comprehensive guidelines for PSSSP funding than those of INAC.



Fact or Fiction?

INAC is consulting with First Nations to ensure the overall management of the PSSSP is modernized.

- True**
- False**



✓ **False**

INAC has failed to engage in meaningful consultation with First Nations that would foster strong partnerships.



Fact or Fiction?

Investing in post secondary education for First Nations will benefit Canada's economy.

- True**
- False**



✓ True

Funding arrangements based on real costs will close the education gap between First Nations and the rest of Canada and increase economic output and tax revenue, and decrease spending on social assistance.



View the various links to success stories to see how First Nations are effectively administering the PSSSP.

