

Justice for Day Scholars (the “Gottfriedman” Settlement)

This Claims Process opened on January 4, 2022. The Claims Form deadline is October 4, 2023

DOES THIS SETTLEMENT APPLY TO ME?

Justice for Day Scholars is a settlement for individuals and families of individuals who attended Indian Residential Schools during the day only. Survivor class compensation is \$10,000.00. The Claims Form does not require any disclosure of abuse.

FIRST DETERMINE WHETHER YOU ARE:

- A Survivor
- Someone applying on behalf of a deceased Survivor (an Estate Claim)
- If you are a Descendant

Survivors are defined as individuals who attended Indian Residential School during the day and did not sleep there at night during any part of their school year.

Residential Schools in Ontario who are confirmed to have had students attend as “Day Scholars” are:

LIST 1 SCHOOLS:

✓ Bishop Harden Hall (Moose Fort, Moose Factory)	✓ Poplar Hill (Poplar Hill)
✓ Cecilia Jeffery (Kenora, Shoal Lake)	✓ St. Anne's (Fort Albany)
✓ Fort Frances (St. Margaret's)	✓ St. Mary's (Kenora, St. Anthony's)
✓ McIntosh (Kenora)	✓ Spanish Boy's School (Charles Garnier, St. Joseph's)
✓ Pelican Lake/Pelican Falls (Sioux Lookout)	✓ Spanish Girl's School (St. Joseph's, St. Peter's, St. Anne's)

Residential Schools in Ontario that may have had Day Scholars attend are:

LIST 2 SCHOOLS:

✓ Chapleau (St. John's)	✓ St. Joseph's / Fort William (Fort William)
✓ Mohawk Institute (Brantford)	✓ Stirland Lake High School (Wahbon Bay Academy, Stirland Lake)
✓ Mount Elgin (Muncey, St. Thomas)	✓ Cristal Lake High School (Stirland Lake)
✓ Shinkwauk (Sault Ste. Marie)	

HOW DO I APPLY?

Claim Forms must be submitted. There is no disclosure or detailing of abuse. You can apply by submitting a Claim Form on the website, or by completing it as a paper copy. Once you can e-mail, fax, or mail it to the Claims Administrator. If you are making an Estate Claim, make sure you are filling out the Estate Claim Form.

WHAT WILL I NEED?

- A photo or photocopy of Government ID, with full name (Status Card, Driver's License, Passport Photo page, or Health Card)
- The name of the school attended
- Approximate start and end dates of attendance, and age. If you attended a school on List 2, you would need to sign part of the form (a Declaration) in front of witness (who holds a specific office or position: Chief, Teacher, Police/ Peace Officer, Lawyer, Notary, Registered Nurse, Registered Social Worker.)
- You can use direct deposit to receive your funds, attach a void Cheque, or a Direct Deposit form.

Note that there are dates in which Indian Residential Schools may have "transferred" and changed to operate as Indian Day Schools. This does not mean you are ineligible. You may be entitled to a claim under the "McLean Indian Day School Settlement." Please review McLean Indian Day School Settlement details as the deadline to submit the "McLean Indian Day School Settlement" claim form is earlier (July 13, 2022) than the "Justice for Day Scholars" Claim Form (October 4, 2023). If you think that you have attended both Residential School as a "Day Scholar" and "Indian Day School," contact us for assistance.

APPLYING ON BEHALF OF A DECEASED INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL DAY SCHOLAR (Estate Claim)

- Indian Residential Day Scholar had to have passed away **on or after May 30, 2005**. Only one family member can apply and may be able to receive compensation on behalf of their estate.
- **If the individual had a will**, their Executor/Estate Trustee/Administrator can make the claim on behalf of the estate.
- **If the individual did not have a will**, and no estate executor, administrator, trustee, or liquidator has been appointed, then, the "*highest priority heir*" is the individual who makes the claim.

"Highest priority heir" determines who can make the claim and receive compensation on behalf of the deceased. If the deceased had a married spouse, they would be the highest priority. If the deceased was unmarried but had a common law partner, they would be highest priority heir. If they are unmarried, and have no common law partner, then the deceased's children would be the highest priority heir. If they were unmarried, have no common law partner and have no surviving children, their grandchildren would be the highest priority heir.

For more information on filing an Estate Claim, see this Guide or contact us.

(<https://www.classaction.deloitte.ca/en-ca/Documents/Day%20Scholars/English/Day%20Scholars%20Estate%20Claim%20Form%20Guide-en.pdf>)

IF YOU ARE A DESCENDANT Descendants are not eligible for the compensation payment.

Descendants will be eligible to apply for "Descendant Class Funding" from the Day Scholar Revitalization Fund, which is being created as part of this Settlement. These funds will provide healing, wellness, education, language, culture, heritage, and commemoration activities. The Day Scholar Revitalization Fund will also be open to Survivors.

Nishnawbe Aski Legal Services Corporation Support

If you would like further assistance with your Claims Form, please contact our Staff Lawyer:

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Contact our PLECC who can assist in direction and resources

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NALSC Community Legal Workers serve as Commissioners and can also assist with you with the Claims Forms. Please see below for our complete list of CLW's serving your community:

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Serving Bearskin Lake, Cat Lake, New Slate Falls, Sachigo Lake, North Caribou Lake (Weagamow)
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Additional Helpful Resources

Talking or thinking about painful past experiences can trigger intense thoughts or feelings. It helps to talk to a trusted person, friend, family member or an Elder. See below for additional available resources:

Talk 4 Healing: Talk, Text, Chat

Services in Ojibway, Oji-Cree, Cree, English, French
24/7 culturally sensitive counselling, advice, and support to Indigenous women.
Toll Free: 1-855-554-4325
www.talk4healing.com

Hope for Wellness Help Line

24/7 Services in English, Cree, Ojibway, Inuktitut, French
Toll Free 1- 855- 242- 3310
www.hopeforwellness.ca with Chat Feature

NAN Hope

Toll Free 1-844-626-4673

Text: 1- 844- 626- 4673

www.nanhope.ca with Chat Feature

24-hour Residential School Crises Line

For immediate emotional assistance

Toll Free: 1-866-925-4419

Access Health Support Services & more information

Toll Free: 1- 888- 301- 6426

www.healthcanada.gc.ca/irs

Indian Residential Schools Survivors and Family

Toll Free: 1-800-721-0066

www.irsss.ca

Native Women's Association of Canada

In-house elders offering support, Monday to Friday 9- 11am and 1 – 3 p.m. Eastern Time

Toll Free: 1- 888- 664- 7808

www.nwac.ca

MMIW Crisis Line

24/7 support to family, friends and community members impacted by the loss of a missing or murdered Indigenous woman, girl, or Two-spirit person

Toll Free: 1- 844- 413- 6649

www.mmiwg-ffada.ca

For more information on “Justice for Day Scholars Settlement” visit our website:

<https://nanlegal.on.ca/federal-indian-day-school-class-action/>



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