

Grade 10-12 Student Learning Resource Fund (SLRF) 2024-25

Overview:

The BC Ministry of Education and Child Care acknowledges that there are some aspects of a general education program that are difficult to provide in an online environment. As such, financial support to a maximum of \$600 per eligible NIDES student can be provided to enhance student learning through third party educational services, activities, or resources. Student learning using SLRF (Student Learning Resource Funds) must be tied directly to competencies or content from the BC Curriculum and must be linked to the student's education program. Teachers may assess student performance related to the service, activity, or resource supported by SLRF funds. Families may also choose to use SLRF to offset Internet access costs.

Student Eligibility:

Students in grades 10-12 must be full-time NIDES students and meet the following criteria to access funding:

- Active in four or more 4-credit courses after May 15, 2024 (each 4-credit course above this eligible for another \$75 to a maximum of \$600 per student per year)
- Engagement Activities submitted and assessed by your teacher
- Use of SLRF request in course work has been discussed with and approved by the teacher
- Regular engagement with your learning program

Examples of acceptable uses of SLRF funding:

- Sports activities with a formal instructional component (no equipment purchases)
- Music instruction, either in person or online (no equipment purchases)
- Dance classes, either in person or online (no equipment purchases)
- Horseback riding (no equipment purchases)
- Membership in an astronomy or photography club (no equipment purchases)
- Fine art instruction, either in person or online, including painting, pottery, knitting, drawing.
- Consumable educational products, such as math workbooks (school supplies and computer supplies are NOT eligible)
- Monthly Internet access costs (up to \$600 per family)

SLRF is NOT intended for:

- School supplies (including but not limited to paper, writing tools, binders, USB flash drives)
- Art supplies (including but not limited to markers, crayons, arts-and-crafts items)
- Hardware, or other non-consumable items (including but not limited to computers, laptops, printers, sports equipment, etc.)
- Tutors

Criteria for SLRF approval:

Funds for activities or resources must be paid directly to third-party providers. Direct payment or reimbursement to students or families is not possible, except for Internet costs.

Additional criteria for activities, services, or resources (to be included on the completed SLRF application form):

- Students should be no more than 50% through the course at the time the request is made.
- All requests must be tied to the curricular competencies for the course it is attached to. Please work with your course teacher to identify these.
- Approval of the activity, service, or resource by the student's NIDES teacher. Learning must be displayed to the teacher as part of the course the funding is attached to
- Activity must take place during school terms and must be completed by June 30, 2025
- Activity, service, or resource must be based in Canada where possible

Internet access reimbursement:

Families can choose to be reimbursed for Internet costs up to a **maximum of \$600 per family**. To be reimbursed, families must submit **proof of payment** of Internet bills with parent/guardian listed as the payer. Please note that bills alone are not sufficient.

Student safety and third-party providers:

Parents and guardians are solely responsible for ensuring all safety related to third-party providers of services and locations of third-party instruction, as well as the use of any equipment therein.