



## Policy Principle

This policy principle was updated and approved by the Board of Directors at their November 25, 2018 meeting.

### Policy F04: Removal of Credit Checks from Grant Applications

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**WHEREAS** the primary purpose of the Free Tuition Program (FTP) and Tuition Relief for the Middle Class (TMRC) is to increase access for low and middle income students to a publicly-funded postsecondary institution;

**WHEREAS** accessibility of postsecondary education is a fundamental organizational value of the Alliance;

**WHEREAS** credit scores reflect a person's ability to use credit responsibility which is directly influenced by their access to education, economic opportunity, and financial support, among others;

**WHEREAS** individuals from low income families, young people, and minorities statistically have lower credit scores;

**WHEREAS** the Government of New Brunswick has provided no reasoning for requiring credit checks on students applying for up-front, needs-based grants; and

**WHEREAS** requiring credit checks on students applying for grants further marginalizes students that require these programs the most.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the New Brunswick Student Alliance advocate that the Government of New Brunswick remove credit checks from grant applications.