



Christmas Distribution Policy

This policy sets out guidelines for the distribution of Christmas shares to registered Nipissing First Nation members from the Band Revenue Account.

Definition:

“Member” means a debendaagziwaad whose name appears on the membership list.

Eligibility:

- i. Must be a registered Nipissing First Nation member.
- ii. Parent(s) or minor children 16 years of age and under must complete the initial paperwork to apply for the membership of their child with the Membership Clerk. Christmas Distribution share(s) will be released to the parent providing that they have completed the initial paperwork and confirmation received from the Membership Clerk that the child is eligible to gain status

Distribution:

- i. Christmas shares will be distributed on or about the 3rd week in November. Funds can be picked up at the Finance Department up to March 31st of each year for that fiscal year.
- ii. Funds can also be received by completing the Christmas Distribution Form in which funds will be given by cheque or direct deposit.
- iii. Third party pickups are permitted when a First Nation member is collecting for a spouse or children under the age of 16 who are still living at home.
- iv. Children’s Christmas Distribution shares are meant for the child(ren), therefore shares for children under the age of 16 years will be distributed to the parent or guardian that the child(ren) is residing with.
- v. Members can donate their share to a community cause will be provided a Charitable Tax Receipt upon request.

Deductions:

Christmas Distribution will be applied to any outstanding debts owed to Nipissing First Nation at the time of distribution.

Children's shares will not be deducted.

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Other:

- i. These funds will not accumulate and must be picked up or requested each year with the exception of funds for children in care with non Nipissing First Nation families
- ii. These funds are distributed in Canadian Funds and receiver will be responsible for costs of conversion to other currency.

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