



Northwestern Ontario Food Enterprise Accelerator Program

 **Apply by August 12, 2026**

FEAST helps food entrepreneurs in Northwestern Ontario move from farmers' market vendors to scalable, commercial food businesses. Over 9 to 12 months, participants get hands on business support, shared commercial kitchen access, and cost shared funding to grow a value-added food product into a viable operation.

WHO CAN APPLY

- Start ups and existing businesses located in Northwestern Ontario
- Indigenous businesses and entrepreneurs in the region
- Businesses manufacturing, or aiming to manufacture, value added food products (baked goods, preserves, prepared foods)
- Able to commit to the full 9 to 12 month program, operating a minimum of 30 hours per week
- **Not eligible:** resale operations, restaurants and fresh food sellers

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Kitchen access delivered through Seven Generations Education Institute in Kenora
- Access up to \$1,500 worth of commercial kitchen space and storage (dry and frozen) subject to availability.
- Hands on coaching and business advisory support for 9 to 12 months
- Up to \$5,000 in reimbursement funding at a 50% cost share rate

PROGRAM FEE & KEY DATES

- **Program fee:** \$225, one time, payable once accepted into the program
- **Application deadline:** August 12, 2026

CONTACT & APPLY

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