



Williams Lake
FIRST NATION

U75 Memorial Bursary Awards Policy

Recognitions

Kara Michel - Bachelor of Science

Joan Sellars - Bachelor of Arts Degree

Chief George Abbey

Johnny Alphonse - War Veteran

Josephine Bob - Shuswap Traditional

William Moore - War Veteran

Pierro Sandy - High School Trades

Isabelle Stobie - Business Administration

Cecilia Michel – Elder

Clotilde Thomas – Elder

Tommy Wycotte Sr. – Elder

Agnes Anderson – Elder

Ron Martell - Bachelor of Science

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PREAMBLE

Williams Lake First Nation Memorial Bursary Awards were established in 2003 and adopted by Williams Lake First Nation Leadership in 2012. It was the vision then and continues today, that Williams Lake First Nation registered membership confidently pursues post-secondary education and graduate from a secondary institute.

The Williams Lake First Nation's goal is for the registered membership to take advantage of and achieve equitable representation in post-secondary institutions.

These Memorial Bursary Awards provide support for advancement of registered membership of the Williams Lake First Nation. The goals are for self-reliance, self-determination, and well-being. The goals are achieved by supporting education of our Williams Lake First Nation post-secondary and secondary students.

It is the hope the individuals will come home to the community to assist in capacity building and lead the people toward a healthy and prosperous community.

The Williams Lake First Nation Leadership believes education will enable registered membership to confidently live and work in both the Northern Secwepemc Territory and Western Worlds, blending the traditional values of the people with the modern realities of the present.

Thus, the Memorial Bursary Awards are established to honour and remember respected community members, elders and outside organizations that have worked with the Band to secure funding for membership advancement.

Their legacy will live on through these annual Memorial Bursary Awards to remind us of their hard work, commitment, vision, and teachings for the advancement of Williams Lake First Nation, culture, and way of life.

INTRODUCTION

Williams Lake First Nation embodies our culture and identity forming a central foundation that can be enhanced and strengthened through life-long learning. The Williams Lake First Nation Leadership believes that the community will maintain the world view within a western society in order to be successful in both worlds.

To this end, the Williams Lake First Nation requires the support and encouragement that will be provided by the Williams Lake First Nation Education Memorial Awards.

The Williams Lake First Nation strongly supports quality education and a healthy future for all registered members.

DEFINITIONS

“Williams Lake First Nation registered member” is a person who is a registered member and whose name is on the Membership List.

“Bursary” is a non-repayable grant that is made to students who need financial assistance and who have maintained a satisfactory academic record.

“Notification” of awards will be made prior to effective deadline date.

“Selection Committee” will comprise of no less than three participants.

PROCEDURES

Priority will be given to the Williams Lake First Nation registered members attending a Post-Secondary and Secondary Institute.

The maximum number of Memorial Bursary Awards is dependent on the availability of funds.

All students are required to complete the WLFN Memorial Award Bursary Application Form F025.

The Selection Committee will review all applications that are received by the deadline. Late applications will not be considered.

Students must provide transcripts each term/semester.

To qualify for the Bursaries, post secondary students require passing grades only and there cannot be withdrawn courses or incomplete grades on transcript for that term.

Students who completely withdraw from their program will be required to pay back the award received that year and/or not qualify for a two-year period for Williams Lake First Nation Memorial Bursary Awards.

Students must carry a full course load of a minimum of 3 courses per semester to qualify as a full-time student.

Only applicants submitting a complete application package by the advertised deadline as per the Memorial Bursary Award guidelines will be considered. No exceptions.

The Memorial Bursary Award Committee will set submission dates annually.

A Public Announcement/media release will announce the Memorial Bursary Award recipients.

To qualify for the Grade 12 graduate bursary WLFN students are required to have a minimum of 80 credits and submit transcript to the WLFN education department.

Applications will be accepted by facsimile, email, and regular mail. Attention to Senior Education Manager.

Applicants cannot have outstanding arrears with the Williams Lake First Nation.

WILLIAMS LAKE FIRST NATION MEMORIAL BURSARY AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Cover letter indicating:

- Type of Memorial Bursary Award related to your field of study
- Field of study
- Level of academic achievement
- Student number
- Confirm full-time student

Completed Memorial Bursary Award Application Form

- Copy of most recent transcripts (all applications)
- Acceptance letter from a college, university, trade, technical, business school
- Graduating Letter from a secondary school
- Copy of your WLFN status card – registered member

500 Word Essay (1.5 spacing, 12 font) outlining:

- Why you should receive a Memorial Bursary Award
- Academic goals and career plans
- Academic accomplishments
- Interests

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DEADLINE FOR BURSARY SUBMISSIONS WILL BE SENT TO WLFN PSE AND GRADE 12 GRADUATES PRIOR TO DEADLINE NOTIFICATION

POST-SECONDARY GENERAL

- Actively attending a full-time Post-Secondary Institution
- No withdrawn courses or incomplete grades

KARA MICHEL, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

- Actively attending a full-time Post-Secondary Institution.
- Registered in a Bachelor of Science Degree program.
- No withdrawn courses or incomplete grades

JOAN SELLARS, BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

- Actively attending a full-time Post-Secondary Institution.
- Registered in a Bachelor of Arts Degree program.
- No withdrawn courses or incomplete grades

GRADE 12 GRADUATE

- Actively attending a recognized Secondary institute.
- Graduating in year of bursary application
- Minimum of 80 credits

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION PACKAGE

Submit application package to:

Senior Education Manager
Williams Lake First Nation
2672 Indian Drive
Williams Lake, B.C.
V2G 5K9
Fax: 250-296-4750
Email: norma.sure@wlfm.ca

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND

Senior Education Manager will:

- Be accountable for appointing a Bursary selection committee one month prior to bursary deadlines;
- Confirm funding availability for each deadline 15 days prior to bursary deadlines;
- Confirm applicants do not have an outstanding arrears with the WLFN;
- Receive all application forms;
- Prepare bursary applications for selection committee;
- Arrange payment fees.

The Bursary Selection Committee will:

- Review successful and unsuccessful applicants with the selection criteria as presented by the Senior Education Manager;
- Provide guidelines for the selection of applicants;
- Determine the amount of the bursaries;
- Make recommendations;
- Review selection criteria for each applicant;
- Confirm bursary appointments.