

Shuswap Training & Employment Program **Graduating, Grade 12 Student Bursary (\$500)**

The Shuswap Training and Employment Program and the First Nations communities it represents, realize the importance of education. Accordingly, the STEP Board of Directors has identified education as a strategic priority and has approved the Aboriginal Graduating, Grade 12 student Bursary Program.

The Shuswap Training & Employment Program provides a bursary to Graduating, Grade 12 students of Aboriginal ancestry who are enrolled in 1st year post-secondary education in a recognized BC university, college or technical school.

Who is Eligible:

- Students of Aboriginal ancestry (status, non-status and Inuit) who are graduating from Secondary School.
- Student must be a permanent residence in the STEP service region for six months or more at the time of application.
- Students who have been accepted into and are registered full time students (at least 3 courses per term) at any recognized BC post secondary institution.

Application Deadline:

Deadline for Graduating, Grade 12 students is 4:30 pm, May 11 of the current year.

A Complete Application Consists of the Following:

- Application form, fully completed and signed
- 1-2 page essay by applicant describing your education and career goals.
- An official transcript of applicant's academic record (most recent)
- Proof of acceptance at a recognized accredited BC post-secondary institution
- 2 letters of reference from a teacher, principal, community member, education or employment counselor. (excluding family members)

What are the Selection Criteria:

- The applicant is of Aboriginal ancestry (status, non-status, Inuit)
- Applicant submits complete application and all required supporting documentation
- Applicant demonstrates a GPA of 3.00 (B average)

What Else Does an Applicant Need to Know:

- Faxed applications are not accepted.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.
- T4Es will be sent in February of the next year for tax purposes.

- If you are moving or have a change of circumstance, it is your responsibility to notify the STEP office.

Award Rules:

- The selection committee will evaluate all submissions that meet the requirements.
- The decisions of the selection committee are final.
- STEP reserves the right to use photographs or other such material in the award presentation for communication purposes.
- Winners agree to accept the award as presented and must sign an award acknowledgement and release form.
- The bursary is awarded after STEP receives enrollment and attendance confirmation from the student. Students are responsible for obtaining and submitting the confirmation from the training institute .
- By signing the application form, the applicant agrees to these rules.

Where To Send Applications and Make Inquiries:

All applications, official transcripts, correspondence and telephone inquiries should be sent to:

Shuswap Training & Employment Program
Scholarship Review Committee
680 Athabasca Street West
Kamloops, BC V2H 1C4
Phone: 250-778-471-8203

PLEASE complete the application form fully. If a question does not apply to you, mark it N/A (not applicable). Incomplete forms will NOT be considered.