

Shuswap Training & Employment Program Scholarship Program (2 awards @ \$2500)

The Shuswap Training & 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 Scholarship Program.

The Shuswap Training & Employment Program provides financial assistance to Aboriginal students enrolled in post-secondary education in a health, business administration or trades related field. Aboriginal students who are ordinarily residents of the STEP service region and are enrolled full-time in a recognized BC university or college are eligible to apply.

Who is Eligible:

- Post Secondary students of Aboriginal ancestry (status, non-status and Inuit)
- Student must be a permanent residence in the STEP service region for six months or more at the time of application (not including attendance at a post secondary school)
- Registered full time students (at least 3 courses per term) in a health, business or trades related program at any recognized BC post secondary institution.

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:

- The closing date for submissions is 4:30 pm, September 30, of the current year.
- 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.

A Complete Application Consists of the Following:

- Application form, fully completed and signed
- An essay by applicant, up to 500 words in length describing your educational and career goals.
- An official transcript of applicant's academic record (most recent)
- Proof of acceptance at a recognized accredited BC post-secondary institution

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.
- 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: 250-778-471-8200
Fax: 250-778-5804

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.