

**Shuswap Training & Employment Program**  
**Education Incentive Award (\$500)**

The Shuswap Training & Employment Program is offering an Education Incentive Award in recognition of individuals who have resumed studies after a minimum of 12 months absence from school and have completed one year or more, in an educational program such as:

- General Equivalency Diploma (GED)
- Adult Basic Education Program
- College Preparation Program
- Distance Education Courses
- Vocational skills/Trades/Career Development
- Life Skills/Social Development Studies

**Who is Eligible:**

- Applicants must be of Aboriginal ancestry (Status, non-status, Inuit).
- Applicants must be a permanent resident for six months or more in the STEP service region at the time of application (not including attendance at a educational institute)
- Applicant must have returned to school after being absent/having interrupted their studies for a least one year and who will be continuing their post- secondary studies.
- The Applicant must have completed one full year of educational/vocational or trades skills training.
- Recipients of this award cannot apply again in the following years.

**How to Apply for an Award:**

- Submission of an essay outlining your success story: it should include information about the challenges you faced in school and your reason for leaving. Explain how quitting school has affected your life and why you decided to return to school. How has your life changed as a result of your decision to return to school. What your future goals are and how you plan to accomplish those goals.

- Provide a letter of reference from an academic supporter, such as a principal, teacher or academic counselor (excluding family members), that confirms the applicant has completed one year of studies.
- Submit a completed Application Form
- Deadline for applications will be 4:30 pm, May 11 of the current year.

### **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.
- T4Es will be sent in February of the next year for tax purposes.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.
- Faxed applications will not be accepted
- By signing the application form, the applicant agrees to these rules.

### **Where To Send Applications and Make Inquiries:**

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

Shuswap Training & Employment Program  
Incentive Award 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.

