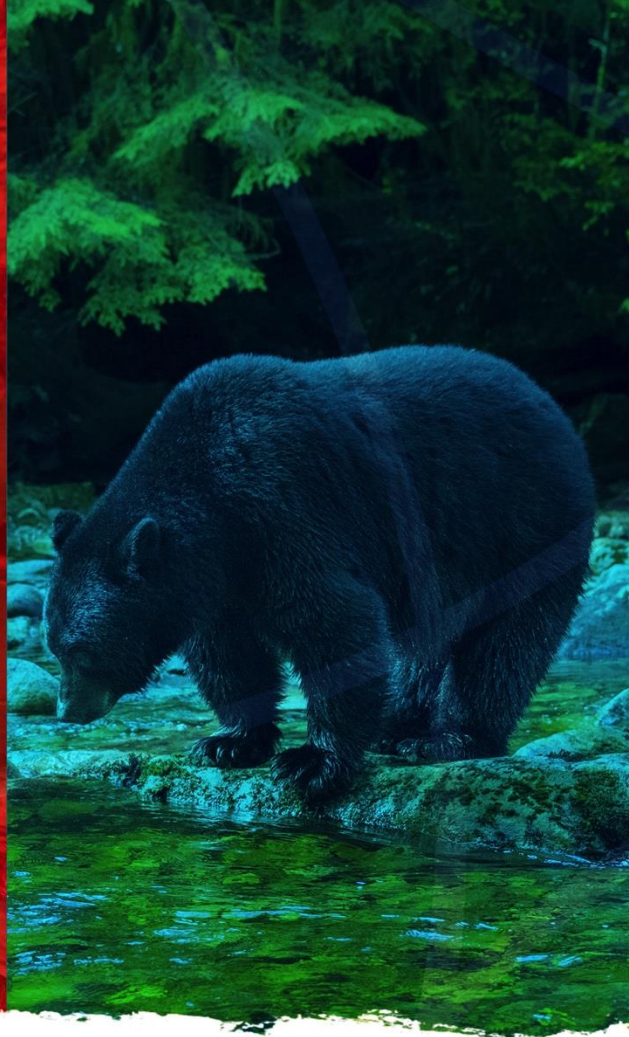


WFN Scholarships & Bursaries Info Session

June 24, 2021

Prepared for: Academic Year 2021-2022



Introductions

Name, Program and school of study, interesting fact



Bursary vs. Scholarship

Scholarship

- Based on high academic achievement
- An exceptional educational portfolio

Bursary

- Demonstrate financial need
- Community Involvement



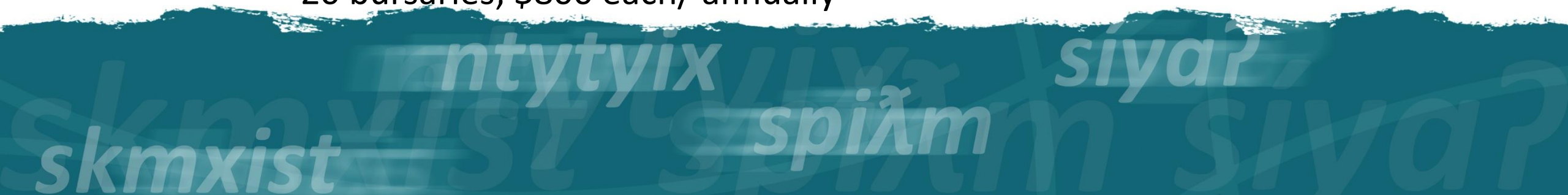


WFN Scholarship & Bursary Program

- Created in 2014 for additional financial support for WFN Post-Secondary Students
- Thanks to Chief Derickson for this initiative during his tenure on Council
- Maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle
- Inspire professional capacity

To date, awarded:

- 6 Scholarships; \$1,500 each/annually
- 20 bursaries; \$800 each/ annually





St'k'wək'wip Scholarship \$1,500 Annually

Acknowledge WFN Elder Delphine Derickson for naming scholarship

“St'k'wək'wip” is a metaphor meaning to physically fall on you as a responsibility to continue.





St'k'wək'wip Scholarship \$1,500 Annually

Requirement:

- Current Transcript- not on academic probation
- Not be in WFN Arrears
- Minimum of 3.0 Grade Point Average (73% or higher)
- Personal Letter & Academic Reference
- Education Portfolio: awards, board member, volunteer, pictures , CV, speaking engagements etc.





St'k'wək'wip Scholarship \$1,500 Annually

Tips:

- Proof read your personal letter
- Ensure that you include an **Education Portfolio**
 - Can include your coursework such as video, portfolio, and sited work, student council work, speaking engagements etc.





St'k'wək'wip Scholarship \$1,500 Annually

Tips:

- **Academic Reference** Letter can be from Program Advisor, Professor, Indigenous Advisor , Dean, etc.
- **Speak to your academic success**





WFN Bursary Program

- Based on the legend “How Food was Given”
- Incorporated in Community Plan
- Each food chief represents a specific sector in society
- Each food chief is a WFN Bursary
- \$800 each Food Chief per year





Chief Black Bear, skəmxist

Chief Black Bear, skəm̃xist

- Represents: Governance, leadership and the selflessness that accompanies these positions within a community.

Programs may include:

- Leadership, Political Science, History, Law, Title and Rights, Information Technology, Communications, Journalism, and English, Public Administration



Chief Black Bear, skəm̃xist

Past Recipients include:

- BA- Political Science, General Studies, Sociology, Indigenous Studies, Legal Assistant, Graduate in Indigenous Public Health





Chief Saskatoon Berry, siya?



Chief Saskatoon Berry, siya?, Community:

Represents the community. All the different individual families of the community are represented in the individual shoots, leaves and berries of a Saskatoon bush

Programs may include:

Education, Nursing, Language, Culture, Social Work, Health, Early Childhood Education, Indigenous Studies, Psychology, Social Sciences, Addictions



Chief Saskatoon Berry, siya?, Community:

Past Recipients:

Bachelor of Education, Human Kinetics,
Anthropology, Radiology, Psychology, Early
Childhood Education



Ntityix, Chief Spring Salmon



Chief Spring Salmon, ntityix, Economy:

Represents: the economic issues in the life of a community. The modern economy mimics the cyclical nature of the salmon's life.

Programs may include:

Economic Development, Management, Business & Office Administration, Economics, Entrepreneur Studies, Hospitality and Tourism, Taxation, Finance, Employment



Chief Spring Salmon, ntityix, Economy:

Past Recipients:

Bachelor of Business Admin (BBA), Philosophy, Politics,
and Economics (PPE), Fashion Design &
Merchandising, Bachelor of Management



Chief Bitterroot, sp'iłəm





Chief Bitterroot, sp'iłəm

Represents: land, as that is where it grows, and it is from the land that it gathers its nutrients, and it is into the land that the bitterroot retreats to wait until the proper time to reappear.

Programs may include:

Civil Engineering, Geographical Information Systems, Environmental and Urban Planning, Forestry, Horticulture, Land Management, Sustainability, Parks & Recreation



Chief Bitterroot, sp'iłəm

Past Recipients:

Horticulture, Environmental Engineering, Bachelor of Political Science, General Studies (Access)



WFN Bursaries Program

Requirement:

- **Current Transcript-** not on academic probation
- Not be in WFN Arrears
- Minimum of **2.5 Grade Point Average** (65% or higher)
- Budget important piece for Bursary application
- **Personal Letter and rationale for food chief**





PERSONAL Letter

1. Paragraph: introduction, program of study, start and completion
2. Paragraph: discuss how the bursary or scholarship **relates to your program of study**
3. Paragraph: summarize your achievements (general achievement level, awards, etc.) Discuss barriers you encountered and how you overcame
4. Paragraph: school involvement: student councils, clubs, sports, academics, etc.
5. Paragraph: Community involvement, speaking engagements, projects etc. volunteering.
6. Closing: last chance to persuade the committee to select you

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WFN Scholarship & Bursaries

- The application opens June 1 of each year and closes August 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Selection Committee:

- One WFN Elder
- One former post-secondary graduate student
- The Sr. Manager of Education & SD or designate

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Tips

1. Carefully proof read your personal letter
2. Ask your academic reference well in advance
3. Work on application and presentation of education portfolio (Scholarship)
4. Submit on time!

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Tips

- Sell yourself! It is okay to share about the barriers you have overcome to get where you are
- Highlight events/experiences that have changed you
- Don't be afraid to sound confident
- Again, explain how the scholarship & Bursary ties to your education goal

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Additional Resources

- Indigenous Bursaries Tool
- Indspire Awards
- Building a Better Future Bursary (ONA & Fortis)
- RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program
- First Citizens Fund
- BC Association of Friendship Centres
- AboriginalLearning.ca
- The Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society, Indigenous Awards

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Visit wfn.ca/siya/education for more information.

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