



Indigenous Language Revitalization Scholarship Program

Application Package

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The Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) is committed to developing community capacity in Indigenous language revitalization across the Northwest Territories (NWT). Language revitalization refers to any efforts that aim to slow down, stop or reverse the decline of a language, as well as educate, empower and mobilize communities.

Scholarships of **\$5,000 each** will be awarded to NWT students to help students offset the costs of completing a certificate, diploma, degree program, or other training that supports Indigenous language revitalization. Priority will be given to students enrolled in programs offered by accredited post-secondary institutions.

For examples of programs related to Indigenous language revitalization, please see **Appendix A**.

Completed applications will include the following documents:

- Application Form (A, B & C)
- Letter of Acceptance or confirmation of enrollment in the program
- Information on the program
- Proof of NWT Residency (1 piece)
- Academic Transcripts (if applicable)
- Letter of Intent

Preference will be given to the applicants who clearly indicate in their letter of intent:

- A plan to return to the NWT to pursue a career in Indigenous language revitalization
- A commitment to complete a post-secondary certificate, diploma, or degree that supports language revitalization
- A commitment to language revitalization through prior training, activities, or life experiences
- That they have not previously received this scholarship nor are receiving any other substantial source of financial support

Applicants can apply for this scholarship:

- once for a one year program; or,
- once per 12 month period for multi-year programs.

Applicants must ensure all information is complete and accurate and all requirements listed in Part I of the application are submitted to the Department of ECE by the deadline.

DEADLINE

Applications must be received by **June 1st** or **December 1st** annually. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all required documentation is submitted and received prior to the deadline.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed **APPLICATION FORM** (A, B & C)
2. Letter of acceptance, or confirmation of enrollment, from the institution detailing your studies in a program that supports Indigenous language revitalization, specifying the date your studies begin, and the length of the program you are enrolled in. A letter of conditional acceptance or a letter of intent to apply is also acceptable. ECE staff may contact you or academic program staff after your program start date to confirm your attendance.
3. Information about the program. For example, this could include a brochure, a web link, or a print-out of a description of the program from the institution's website.
4. Proof of current NWT residency (legible copy of your NWT Health Card, General Identification Card, and/or Driver's License). You must submit one proof of residency document that will not be expired before the application deadline.
5. A copy of your official or unofficial transcripts from the previous post-secondary academic year (if applicable).
6. A letter of intent, approximately 1-2 pages, which includes all of the following elements:
 - How you expect this program to benefit you and your language revitalization career goals;
 - Why you should be chosen as a recipient of an Indigenous Language Revitalization Scholarship;
 - Why Indigenous language revitalization is important to you, including how you plan to strengthen Indigenous languages in the NWT;
 - Where you aim to live and work after completion of your program; and,
 - A plan and tentative timetable for completing your training, certificate, diploma, or degree program.
7. Must not have received an ILR scholarship in the last 12 months.



PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE

Please ensure your package includes the following:

- Application Form (A, B & C)
- Letter of Acceptance or Confirmation of Enrollment by an accredited post-secondary institution
- Information on course, certificate, diploma or degree program
- Proof of NWT Residency (1 piece)
- Copy of Academic Transcripts (if applicable)
- Letter of Intent



SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE

Please choose one of the following methods of delivery:

- Mail:
ATTN: ILR Scholarships
Indigenous Language and Education Secretariat
GNWT Department of Education, Culture and Employment
P.O. Box 1320
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9
- Email:
indigenous_languages@gov.nt.ca
- Fax (please email or call 867-767-9346 x71037 upon sending to ensure delivery):
867-873-0109
ATTN: ILR Scholarships
Indigenous Languages and Education Secretariat

All documents must be received by **June 1** or **December 1**.

Once these documents are received, you will receive a confirmation of receipt by e-mail.

Please note, not all applicants will receive a scholarship. All decisions of the selection committee are final. Once the scholarship selection committee has made its decision and awarded the available scholarships, you will receive its decision concerning your application. Please be aware that it may take at least **six to eight weeks** for the GNWT to adjudicate and process the awards.



APPENDIX A - PROGRAM EXAMPLES

The following list provides examples of the types of certificate, diploma, or degree programs eligible for the ILR Scholarship. Applicants must work towards completing these programs, or another similar program:

University of Victoria:

- Certificate of Aboriginal Language Revitalization (Year 1)
- Diploma in Indigenous Language Revitalization (Year 2)
- Bachelor of Education in Indigenous Language Revitalization (Year 3 & 4)

University of Alberta (Canadian Indigenous Languages and Literacy Development Institute):

- Community Linguist Certificate

First Nations University of Canada:

- Degree programs in Indigenous Languages and Linguistics
- Degree and certificate programs in Indigenous Education

University nuhelot'ine thaiyots'ı nistameyimākanak Blue Quills:

- Bachelor of Arts in Cree

Interpreter/Translator Programs:

- There are a number of postsecondary education institutions that offer training on interpretation and translation, including specialized fields such as health and legal. Many of these programs support students to write national certification tests. A full list may be obtained from the Indigenous Languages and Education Secretariat.

Note: Programs may or may not include language learning courses, but overall, should equip people with tools for community-based Indigenous language revitalization initiatives.



APPLICATION FORM

A. Applicant/Contact Information

Your Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

NWT Home Address: _____
Address City/Town Postal Code

Address while at school: _____
(if applicable) *Address City/Town Postal Code*

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

SIN No.: _____

Have you set up vendor direct deposit with GNWT Financial Shared Services? _____

B. Academic Studies Information

Program Name: _____

College/University/Institution Name: _____

Location of College/University/Institution: _____

Program Start Date: _____ Program End Date: _____

Level of study and completion requirements (e.g., Bachelor of Arts): _____

What other sources of funding will you be receiving for this program? (e.g., Student Financial Assistance)



C. Declaration

I, _____, certify that the information I have provided is true and accurate. I understand that scholarships are awarded for use in the current academic year only. I further understand that if successful in my application, any tax implications or considerations will be my responsibility and that I must be in good financial standing with the GNWT to receive payment.

All of the responses and information provided will be kept confidential and will be protected under the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, section 40.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

If you are awarded a scholarship, your MLA may wish to obtain your contact information for the purpose of acknowledging your achievement. Do you agree to the release of your contact information for this purpose?

- Yes
- No

I acknowledge that, if I am a recipient of the Indigenous Language Revitalization Scholarship, I grant permission for my name and/or image to be used by the Indigenous Languages and Education Secretariat to promote the scholarship program. I may also be invited to participate in events, presentations, and gatherings that contribute to Indigenous language revitalization.

Do you agree to the release of name and/or image?

- Yes
- No

Signed: _____ Date: _____