



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).

Scholarships of \$5,000 each will be awarded to NWT students to help students offset the costs of attending programs offered by post-secondary accredited institutions targeted towards Indigenous languages revitalization. Programs with a direct focus in Indigenous Language Revitalization studies are eligible for this scholarship.

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

Applications will be judged according to criteria outlined below:

- Applicants that have indicated they plan to return to the NWT to pursue a career in Indigenous language revitalization; and
- Applicants that can already demonstrate a commitment to language revitalization.

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

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)
 - Letter of Intent
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DEADLINE

Applications must be received by December 1, 2018.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all required documentation is submitted and received prior to the deadline.



PART I - ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To complete your application, you must provide the following:

1. Completed Part II – APPLICATION FORM (A, B & C)
2. Letter of acceptance, or confirmation of enrollment, from the post-secondary accredited institution detailing your studies in an Indigenous language revitalization focused program, 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 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 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 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 impact or change Indigenous languages in the NWT; and
 - Where you aim to live and work after completion of your program.



PART II – 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: _____

B. Academic Studies Information

Program Name: _____

College/University/Institution Name: _____

Location of College/University/Institution: _____

Program Start Date: _____ Program End Date: _____

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 Program, my name and image may be used to raise awareness of the program and its objectives, and that I will be expected, if able, to participate in events to achieve these objectives. I agree to these terms.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



PART III - 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
- Letter of Intent

PART IV - SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE

All documents must be received by the deadline of December 1, 2018.

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

- In person: Indigenous Language and Education Secretariat
GNWT Department of Education, Culture and Employment
2nd Floor Lahm Ridge Tower, 4501 50th Avenue, Yellowknife

- Email: indigenous_languages@gov.nt.ca

- Fax: (867)-873-0109
ATTN: ILR Scholarships
Indigenous Languages and Education Secretariat



It is your responsibility to ensure your documentation is received by the deadline. Once these documents are received you will receive by e-mail, at the e-mail address you provided in your application, a confirmation of receipt.

Your application will be assessed based upon meeting all of the requirements as outlined in Part I and Part II of the application. Applications will be judged according to criteria outlined in the application package.

Please note, not all applicants will receive a scholarship.

Priority will be given to students who can already demonstrate a commitment to Indigenous language revitalization, as well as students that have not previously received a scholarship. Preference will be given to those applicants that have indicated they plan to return to the Northwest Territories to pursue a career in Indigenous language revitalization. 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 by email its decision concerning your application.

Questions can be directed to 1-867-767-9346.



Appendix A - Program Examples

The following list of trainings and programs provides examples of the types of programming eligible for the ILR Scholarship:

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

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.

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