



Aboriginal Achievement Scholarship

NORTHERN LIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The **Aboriginal Achievement Scholarship** is designed to encourage and assist Aboriginal youth to pursue post-secondary studies with the ultimate objective of obtaining a university degree, a college diploma, or a certificate from a technical institute.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS:	1 (or more)
VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP:	\$1,500 (may vary)

The successful student will receive a cash award and a certificate. The student's name will be engraved on a school-based plaque.

Eligibility:

Aboriginal youth that meet the following qualifications are eligible to apply:

1. Must be a graduate of Bonnyville Centralized High School, Bonnyville Outreach School, Cold Lake High School, Cold Lake Outreach School, Crossroads Outreach School, Ecole Plamondon School, Fishing Lake Outreach School, Glendon School, J.A. Williams High School, Journeys Learning Academy or Lac La Biche Outreach School. Priority will be given to students who graduated in June of the current school year. Students who have graduated and been out of school for a period of one year are also eligible to apply.
2. Must provide a letter of acceptance from a post-secondary institution.
3. Must plan to be a full-time student.
4. Must be self-identified as an Aboriginal Learner, as indicated on page 2 of Northern Lights Public Schools Student Registration Form.
5. Must agree to have his/her name published as the recipient and as an Aboriginal role model.

Application Process

Applications should be completed by June 10th and sent to the Northern Lights Public Schools office. The following information should be attached to the application:

1. Transcript of marks signed by a school administrator.
2. Letter of acceptance from an accredited post-secondary institution.
3. Resume of activities from Grades 10 to 12 including:
 - (a) involvement in student government
 - (b) involvement in sports
 - (c) involvement in Aboriginal cultural or Aboriginal recreational activities (e.g., Metis dancing, Pow-Wow dancing, drumming, fiddling, Native art)
 - (d) involvement in Aboriginal community activities (e.g., Aboriginal youth councils, volunteer at the Native Friendship Centre, commitments with Aboriginal community organizations)
4. A one-page statement describing planned career goals.
5. One or more letter(s) of recommendation written by a teacher, principal, school counselor, or a leader in your community.

Scholarship Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee will consist of:

1. Member at Large of Aboriginal Achievement Advisory Committee.
2. Board Representative to the Aboriginal Achievement Committee.
3. Associate Superintendent – Teaching and Learning or designate.
4. High School Representative – Principal or Designate.

Procedures:

1. A letter confirming the receipt of the application will be sent out to the student.
2. The Selection Committee will meet prior to June 30th to review the applications. Applicants will be notified of the status of their applications by July 15th.
3. 50% of the Scholarship funds will be issued by November 1st and only after the applicant's registration and attendance at an accredited post-secondary educational institution is confirmed by the office of the Associate Superintendent - Teaching and Learning.
The remaining 50% of the funds will be issued by February 1st.

4. In the event the successful applicant fails to meet or live up to the eligibility criteria, the next standing applicant will become eligible.
5. Applicants are asked to advise the Associate Superintendent - Teaching and Learning, at the Northern Lights Public Schools, of any changes to their application which could affect impact receipt of the scholarship (e.g., change of address, change of choice of post-secondary institution, etc.).
6. The application should be forwarded no later than **June 10th** to the following address:

Associate Superintendent - Teaching and Learning
Northern Lights Public Schools
Aboriginal Achievement Scholarship Selection Committee
6005-50th Avenue
Bonnyville, Alberta
T9N 2L4

Email: learning.services@nlsd.ab.ca



NORTHERN LIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

I am: Métis Treaty/Status Indian Non-Treaty/Status Indian

1. Name of Post-Secondary Institution to which you have been accepted:

2. Starting date of your program: _____

3. Name of program or degree or diploma: _____

4. Attach the following to your application:

1. Transcript of your marks from your high school (to end of semester 1), and school report for semester 2.
2. Letter of acceptance from post-secondary institution.
3. Resume of activities from grades 10 to 12.
4. A one-page statement describing your career goals.
5. A letter of recommendation written by a teacher, principal, school counselor or a leader in your community.
6. Questions? You can contact:
 1. Your school counselor or principal.
 2. Aboriginal Achievement Consultant, Northern Lights Public Schools
 3. Any member of the Aboriginal Achievement Advisory Committee.

**We look forward to receiving your completed application for the
Aboriginal Achievement Scholarship.**

ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

Student Name: _____

1. **Academic Achievement** – to a maximum of 24 points.

Applicants will be awarded points based on their overall average in:

- one of English 30-1 or English 30-2
- three (3) other thirty (30) level 5 credit (or equivalent courses)
- two (2) three (3) credit courses will be judged as equivalent to one five (5) credit course
- Work Experience 35 and Special Projects 30 are eligible courses

OVERALL AVERAGE	POINTS
80-100	24
60-79	20

2. **Extra-Curricular Activities** – to a maximum of 36 points

Applicants will be awarded points based on the number of years of direct and meaningful involvement in the following extra-curricular cultural activities:

ACTIVITY	POINTS
a) Student Government Involvement 1 Year 2 Years 3 Years	 4 8 12
b) School Sports Involvement 1 Year 2 Years 3 Years	 4 8 12
c) Cultural/Recreational (other than sport involvement) 1 Year 2 Years 3 Years	 4 8 12