

14th Annual Nutrien Indigenous Youth Financial Management Awards and Scholarship Fund 2019 Fact Sheet

Purpose:

There is a great demand both within Indigenous communities and off-reserve for Indigenous financial management professionals. However, very few of our young people are pursuing an education in financial management after high school. There are many opportunities for those who want to pursue this career path and there are many sources of assistance.

That is why AFOA Canada and Nutrien have come together to offer Nutrien Indigenous Youth Financial Management Awards and Scholarship Program. Applicants will be subject to a two-phased program with this award.

PHASE I is to recognize and award 3 Indigenous youth with a trip to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan for four (4) days to attend the awards ceremony and the AFOA National Conference on October 8 - 10, 2019. Recipients will be introduced to career opportunities in finance and sources of support, read their winning essays at a special luncheon in their honour, participate in a special youth session designed to develop leadership skills and participate in many other social activities in Saskatoon.

Applicants are requested to submit essays (maximum 1500 words) addressing the following questions by **May 23, 2019:**

1. Tell us about you and your community.
2. Why have you chosen a career in finance and/or management?
3. What do you believe are the most important issues indigenous youth face today and why?
4. How do you think the issues you have identified should be solved?
5. What people or organizations should play a part of solving these issues? What should be their roles?
6. What final message do you want to leave the audience here today?

Eligibility Criteria:

- ✓ Indigenous Ancestry (Proof of First Nation, Inuit or Métis status)
- ✓ Pursuing post-secondary education **and** demonstrates an interest **and is** considering a career in the areas of **finance** and/or **management/commerce** (including financial management/planning, business administration, commerce, accounting and economics)
- ✓ Completed Application Form and submit an essay
- ✓ 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counsellor or educator, attesting to the student's performance and commitment
- ✓ Academically successful
- ✓ Students in Grades 11 and/or 12 may apply (maximum age 19 before October 1, 2019)

Students and Chaperones must make a commitment to:

- Arrive in Saskatoon on Monday, October 7, 2019 and depart Saskatoon on Friday, October 11, 2019 (*travel, accommodation and meal expenses will be covered by AFOA Canada in accordance with Treasury Board Rates*)
- Participate in the full Youth Program over the four days (more information on the program will be available as the Conference draws nearer)
- Abide by Student and Chaperone regulations. All recipients must be accompanied by a Chaperone (his/her parent or teacher or legal guardian or one approved by parent). *Note: AFOA Canada pays for all travel, hotel, and meal expenses for both students and Chaperones in accordance with Treasury Board Rates*
- Deliver brief remarks (3-4 minutes) to conference delegates at special Youth Awards Luncheon.
- After the Conference, write a brief description of the experience which will be included in the next edition of AFOA Canada's professional journal *JAM: The Journal of Aboriginal Management*
- Family must make a commitment to provide a suitable Chaperone to accompany the student.

Notification:

All applicants – successful or otherwise – will receive written notification of the Selection Committee's decision regarding their individual application.

How to Apply:

There are 3 easy ways to submit your application form and letters of recommendation.

- 1) **Email:** youthawards@afoa.ca
- 2) **Fax:** (613)-722-3467
- 3) **Mail:** AFOA Canada Youth Awards Program
Suite 301-1066 Somerset St. West-
Ottawa, ON K1Y 4T3

PHASE II (Scholarship Eligibility): (*This is for award recipients only*) Students become eligible for a continuous \$1,000 scholarship up to a maximum of five years providing they continue their studies in the financial management field (including financial management/planning, business administration, commerce, accounting and economics) and maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 65% or higher throughout their post-secondary studies.

AFOA Canada and Nutrien have partnered together to administer the scholarship component of the awards.

Successful students will be contact by an individual from Indspire to provide additional information each year to confirm eligibility and provide the following information.

- Personal Information and release of consent form (provided by Indspire)
- proof of acceptance and/or full-time enrollment at a post-secondary institution
- Post-secondary transcripts which shows academic standing higher than a 65%