



# Yellowknives Dene First Nation

## Education Bursary Program

### 2016/2017 Criteria Guidelines

Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) Education Bursary Program is now accepting applications for the 2016/17 school year. Open to YKDFN Beneficiaries who are enrolled as full-time students in a recognized accredited post-secondary institution.

The program was established by YKDFN Chiefs and Council with financial contribution from Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. (DDMI) to support and encourage beneficiaries to continue their education and pursue academic excellence. The assistances amounts are disbursed depending on students chosen institutions and must physically live where institution is located and attending. We recommend applying early as possible before starting year of study. Incomplete applications and missing documentation will delay your request for assistance.

**Application deadlines:**                      **Fall Term-September 30, 2016**                      **Winter Term-January 31, 2017**

#### **Criteria Guidelines:**

- Open to Yellowknives Dene First Nation Members with permanent residency of the Northwest Territories; must provide proof by:
  - a) Photocopy of Treaty Status Card is required,
  - b) Photocopy of NWT Health Care Card;
  - c) Photocopy of General Identification Card; or photocopy of Driver's License.
- Must fill out an Education Bursary Program Application;
- Must fill out the Consent to Disclose Personal Information to YKDFN Form;
- Must fill out the Confirmation of Student Enrollment Form;
- Must fill out the Student Bank Information form;
- Must submit a cover letter to YKDFN Chiefs and Council;
- Must provide copies of Acceptance Letter or a letter from registrar confirming enrolment in a full study program;
- Must be enrolled in a recognized post-secondary institution in a full-study program;
- Must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0;
- Must provide transcripts for each semester finished;
  - a) First time students must provide past transcripts, if applicable,
- Must return to Northwest Territories during summer breaks.

Be advised, students with a GPA lower than 2.0 will automatically be suspended from receiving the education assistance and will need to improve grades to be eligible for their next enrollment of schooling.

#### **Ineligible applicants:**

- YKDFN members who have made their permanent residence outside NWT,
- YKDFN members who are enrolled in an adult/academic upgrading program;
- YKDFN members who are taking college and/or university correspondence or on-line courses.
- Previous recipients of the YKDFN Bursary Program who have not completed/withdrew/or failed their studies and neglected to notify YKDFN.

For more information or to submit an application, please contact:

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