

Indigenous Education Council – Building Community Capacity Award

Completed application must be returned to your school counsellor **by April 24th, 2026**. Awards are sponsored by the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) for the benefit of SD72 Indigenous students. All applications are treated as confidential.

The Indigenous Education Council's vision is to have all Indigenous learners graduate with pride and confidence in who they are as individuals and who they will become. The IEC recognizes and embraces the importance of Indigenous histories, languages, values, cultures and current realities and offers financial awards to support students in their pursuit to enhance community capacity within these areas.

The Indigenous Education Council **offers 10 awards of \$2,000** each to Indigenous students who are continuing their studies at a post-secondary institution.

GENERAL

- ☐ Must be graduating from a SD72 secondary school and planning to attend a post-secondary institution such as university, college, technical or arts programs.
- ☐ Age limit: not older than 19 years by December 31, 2026.
- ☐ Awards must be used within 24 months of receiving.
- ☐ Must self-identify as having Indigenous ancestry: First Nations, Métis or Inuit.
- ☐ Include two (2) references to complete the reference form including – academic (from the school) and community (can be family, elder, knowledge keeper, community leader, etc.)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Birth Date _____

FUTURE EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Name of Institution _____ Location _____

Degree / Diploma to be earned _____

Length of Program _____ Have you applied? Yes ___ No ___ ; Accepted Yes ___ No ___

Career Aspirations _____

THIS AWARD WILL SUPPORT ME IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (Please check the applicable boxes)

Tuition ☐ Books and Supplies ☐ Cost of Living ☐

AWARD CRITERIA

The IEC: Building Community Capacity Award criteria provides relevant examples to support your application and references. Please share how you have demonstrated your community capacity building within the following areas:

Perseverance in the pursuit of goals and dreams, in school and beyond: Maintaining strength, self-care and a healthy attitude as I pursue my personal path to education and fulfillment.

- ☐ Demonstrations of continuous improvement
- ☐ Overcoming challenges, working hard and actively participating
- ☐ Goal setting with a positive attitude
- ☐ Embracing physical, mental, emotional, spiritual as a way forward

Embracing cultural identity and promoting the strength, beauty and value of your culture and community.

- ☐ Strong awareness of self and identity
- ☐ Sharing aspects of your culture and language with others
- ☐ Participation in events that honour community knowledge
- ☐ Role modelling traditions and ways of knowing & being with others

Modelling leadership through a cultural lens that inspires my peers to pursue their own dreams and goals.

- ☐ Guiding fellow students and community members while appreciating people for their gifts and abilities
- ☐ Taking initiative
- ☐ Actively pursuing goals for community and school
- ☐ Making opportunities to include others and considering the perspectives of others in actions and decision-making
- ☐ Strong communication skills

APPLICATION LETTER & REFERENCES – Due April 24th, 2026

Submit the application with a letter of up to 500 words that include areas of the noted criteria to your school counsellor. Don't think of it as a formal essay, the IEC just wants a good sense of where your life's journey has taken you and where you want to go. Also attach your 2 complete reference forms.