



IEC BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP  
REFERENCE FORM

### **Indigenous Education Council – Building Community Capacity Award**

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 and continuing their studies at a post-secondary institution.

#### **Indigenous Education Council – Building Community Capacity Award Reference is for:**

Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **AWARD CRITERIA**

Please check the IEC - Building Community Capacity Award criteria areas you feel are demonstrated by the student applying for this award.

#### **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

**Please share why you feel the student applying for the award would be a good recipient:**

**Reference Letter Provided By:**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know this student? \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference letter due prior to April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** Return to the student who will attach to their application.