

SIWAL SI'WES INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Siwal Si'wes, the Indigenous Education Department of Mission Public Schools District 75, honours Indigenous students with scholarships to attend trade schools, college, university, or other post-secondary institutions.

The award may be used for tuition, books or living expenses while in attendance at any post-secondary institution.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY IF YOU:

1. Are First Nations (Status /Non-Status), Inuit or Métis;
2. Are in your final year of high school;
3. Meet the entry requirements to a post-secondary institution.

HOW IT WORKS (Conditions of the Award)

1. Recipients must begin post-secondary study within two years of the date of the award.
2. Proof of registration as a full-time student and payment of fees must be submitted for disbursement.
3. Applications can be mailed to or dropped off at:

Siwal Si'wes Indigenous Advisory Council
c/o Siwal Si'wes
32444 7th Avenue
Mission, BC
V2V 2B5

NOTE:

Students who have received a Siwal Si'wes Scholarship, can apply for an extension during the second year, before the deadline, by writing an explanation for the extension and providing proof of attending or/registration for school in the upcoming school year.

FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED EACH YEAR

Two \$500 Scholarships
Two \$1,000 Scholarships
One \$2,000 Virginia Joe Scholarship

HOW THE SELECTION IS MADE (Selection Process)

1. Siwal Si'wes Indigenous Education Advisory Council members, along with community and Mission Public School District representatives, review applications to make final selections.
2. Scholarships are based on community involvement, cultural strengths, academic achievement and student need.
3. Successful candidates will be notified of the award in a letter from the Chairs of the Siwal Si'wes Indigenous Education Advisory Council.

HOW TO APPLY

- ◇ Applications must be hand delivered to Siwal Si'wes or post-marked by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 22, 2024.
- ◇ Applications must include copies of Term 1 and 2 report cards for Grade 12.
- ◇ Applications must include a transcript of marks.
- ◇ Applications must include a copy of the attendance record (from September 2023 onwards)
- ◇ Applications must include a one-page (minimum 250 word) essay describing the applicant's future goals and reasons why they are a good candidate for the award,
 - information about applicant's Indigenous ancestry and,
 - involvement in Indigenous community and cultural activities.
- ◇ Applications must include the following letters of recommendation:
 - *One letter from a teacher who knows the applicant well.
 - *Two letters of recommendation, one from a community member who is not a member of the applicants' immediate family and one from either a counselor, an administrator, a current or former employer or a Band Council member.
- ◇ Applications must include name, address, phone number and school of applicant.

***BEST OF LUCK
AND***

KEEP UP THE

GOOD WORK!

Did you include...

- ◇ Copies of Term 1 and 2 Report Cards
- ◇ Transcript of Marks?
- ◇ Record of Attendance?
- ◇ An essay of goals and plans for the award?
- ◇ Letters of recommendation:
 - *One from a teacher
 - *Two from community members (not members of your immediate family?)

***INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS
WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED***

SIWAL SI'WES
(Our forefathers' teachings)



Scholarships for Indigenous Students
Mission Public Schools District 75

DEADLINE:
February 22, 2024

