

PotashCorp Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Awards and Scholarship Program FALL 2017 Fact Sheet

Purpose:

There is a great demand both within Aboriginal communities and off-reserve for Aboriginal 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 PotashCorp have come together to offer PotashCorp Aboriginal 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 Aboriginal youth with a trip to Vancouver, British Columbia for five (5) days to attend the awards ceremony and AFOA Canada's Inaugural International Conference on October 2-5, 2017. 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 educational activities in Vancouver, BC.

Applicants are requested to submit an essay (maximum 1500 words) addressing the following questions by **June 30th, 2017**:

1. Tell us about yourself, your aspirations to pursue a career in finance and/or management and why you see yourself as a leader.
2. What do we need to do as a community to support your growth as a leader and ensure you have sound finance and management skills to lead the next generation?
3. In your opinion, what do our leaders need to focus on today and in the future to advance our communities economically and socially?
4. Education and capacity building can take communities to the next level in their chosen journey. What is the important message regarding education that you would like to send to our leaders, community members and other youth on how we make this transformation?

Eligibility Criteria:

- ✓ Aboriginal 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.

- ✓ Academically successful, **please attach a copy of your most recent transcripts to your applications.**
- ✓ Students in Grades 11 and/or 12 may apply (maximum age 19 at October 1, 2017)

Students and Chaperones must make a commitment to:

- ☛ Arrive in Vancouver on Sunday, October 1, 2017 and depart Vancouver on Friday, October 6, 2017 (*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 \$5,000 continuous scholarship at \$1,000 per year 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 PotashCorp have partnered together with Indspire 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%