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AFOA & Grant Thornton LLP present:

# 1st Annual Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Conference Awards



The Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada (AFOA) and Grant Thornton LLP are pleased to announce the **1st Annual Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Conference Awards**.

AFOA represents approximately 1,000 Aboriginals involved in financial management in their communities and organizations. Grant Thornton LLP is a leading Canadian Chartered Accountant and Management Consultant firm.

There is a great demand both within First Nation 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 and Grant Thornton have come together to offer the Aboriginal Youth Conference Awards in Financial Management.

**AN EXCEPTIONAL  
OPPORTUNITY  
FOR CANADA'S  
ABORIGINAL  
YOUTHS IN  
GRADES 11 & 12.  
CALL TODAY  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
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## What are the Awards?

Three young Aboriginal students in grades 11 and/or 12 will be selected from across Canada to travel to Vancouver, BC on February 20-22, 2007, to attend AFOA's National Conference and participate in a youth program. Over 700 senior Aboriginal leaders attend the Conference.

## What will happen during the two days?

The Award program includes both Conference and non-Conference activities:

- An introduction to the opportunities in Aboriginal financial management as a career through site visits to accounting firms, banks, businesses, government departments, and other organizations;
- Providing information on how to go about pursuing this career and what kind of help is available through visits to universities/colleges, professional associations, and other information sessions;
- Opportunities to meet and be mentored by Aboriginal leaders in financial management from across Canada;
- Acknowledgement at and opportunity to deliver remarks to conference delegates;
- Special youth session designed to develop leadership skills;
- Youth-friendly evening event

Winners will also receive media coverage

## How will the Award winners be selected?

We are asking schools to select Aboriginal students in Grades 11 and 12 who:

- have been academically successful
- want to pursue post-secondary education and/or training
- have demonstrated an interest in the areas of finance and/or management;
- are considering what career path to choose

## What are the steps?

- 1) Student to submit a short essay (1,500 words) on the subject of: **"If I were in charge of my community, what would I do to make a difference?"**
- 2) Teacher to submit a letter attesting to the student's performance and commitment
- 3) Provide the following information:
  - Student name, age, grade, and contact details
  - School name, location, and contact details
  - Teacher name and contact details

**Submissions to be made to: AFOA, 1066 Somerset St - Suite 301 • Ottawa, ON • K1Y 4T3, or fax to (613) 722-3467, or email to [info@afoa.ca](mailto:info@afoa.ca) by 5:00 pm EST December 20, 2006**

A Selection Committee will review the Award submissions

## What are the student's and his/her family's obligations?

Students must make a commitment to:

- Arrive in Vancouver on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 20, 2007 and depart Vancouver on Friday, February 23rd
- Participate in the full planned Youth Program over the two days (more information of the program will be available as the conference draws nearer)
- Abide by Chaperone regulations. All winners must be accompanied by a Chaperone (his/her parent or teacher or legal guardian or one approved by parent). Note: AFOA pays for all travel, hotel and meal expenses for both students and Chaperones
- Deliver brief remarks (2-3 minutes) to conference delegates
- After the Conference, write a brief description of the experience which will be included in the next edition of AFOA's professional journal: *JAM: The Journal of Aboriginal Management*

Family must make a commitment to:

- Provide a suitable Chaperone to accompany the student



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## NOTIFICATION OF INTEREST

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Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher or contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are planning on making a submission for this award, please fill out this form and fax to AFOA at (613) 722-3467**

**For more information, please contact AFOA at 1-866-722-2362**

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