

**FAX COVER**

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To all BC First Nation Communities,

Please post and distribute to appropriate persons/department. For Immediate release!

Please find attached a copy of the application and guidelines for our Scholarship Program. We fund First Nations students pursuing degrees at the Undergraduate, Masters, and Doctorate levels.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 604-925-3338, 1-877-922-3338 or at mstirling@nrtf.ca. This application is also available on our website at www.newrelationshiptrust.ca

Thank you,



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2011-2012 NRT Scholarship Awards

The New Relationship Trust and First Nation communities realize the importance of educating our youth.

Interested and eligible BC First Nation students should apply to the NRT Post-Secondary Scholarship Awards. Successful applicants will be eligible for a maximum of four consecutive years of undergraduate post-secondary funding, a maximum of two years at the Master's level and a maximum of two years for the Doctorate level.

Scholarships are awarded annually and students must re-apply for any subsequent years.

Number of Scholarships Available:

- 40 Undergraduate scholarships @ \$5,000 each per year
- 20 Masters degree scholarships @ \$10,000 each per year
- 10 Doctorate degree scholarships @ \$20,000 each per year

If qualifying applicants exceed the available scholarships then NRT will incorporate equitable distribution regionally, by Nation and by Band/Community.

Application Deadline:

- Received at the NRT office by *June 17, 2011 4:00pm*
- Applicants must have all supporting documents attached - no exceptions
- Faxed and email applications will **not** be accepted or reviewed
- Late applications will **not** be eligible.

Fields of Study:

All fields of study are eligible. Students must be enrolled at a recognized post-secondary institution¹.

Eligibility:

Post-Secondary scholarships are available to all British Columbia First Nation students planning on attending an approved post-secondary institution on a full-time basis².

Examples of Ineligible education programs:

- Conferences / symposiums / workshops
- Professional fees / schools
- Education at non-recognized post-secondary institutions
- Executive / Management programs

¹ Government authorities are responsible for post-secondary education in each province and have identified "recognized," "registered" and "licensed" institutions within their jurisdiction.

² Full-time means the student is taking a minimum of four courses per semester (Fall & Winter), e.g. during a twelve week semester the student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits (equals 60% full course load).

Scholarship Application:

A complete application consists of the following elements:

- Application form, fully completed and signed;
- An essay by you, up to 1000 words in length (4 typed pages max.), describing your vision for your First Nation community or First Nations in BC. Include in your essay how you would positively affect the future of your community;
- A letter of support from your First Nation government;
- Proof of citizenship from BC First Nation;
- A original official transcript of your academic record (most recent);
- Acceptance at a recognized accredited post-secondary institution; and
- Resume/CV

Scholarship Evaluation Criteria:

NRT will award scholarships based on the following:

- Complete application and support documentation
- Grades (C+ average)
- Essay
- Work with First Nation community (returning students)
- Financial need

Renewal Criteria:

For previous NRT Scholarship Recipients

- All students must re-apply each year;
- Returning students must have a C+ (2.3 GPV) average in order to qualify for subsequent school year.
- An essay by you, up to 1000 words in length (4 typed pages max.), describing any work you have performed (paid or volunteer) to strengthen your community, and how your initial vision for your community has changed, if at all.

Personal Information *:

Last Name _____ Given Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

Have you ever applied for a NRT Scholarship before?

Yes No

If yes, please indicate:

Scholarship Type: _____ b) Year: _____ c) Value of award: \$ _____

Post-Secondary Information:

Post-Secondary Institution _____

Please indicate which bursary you are applying for:

- Bachelors Field of Study: _____
- Masters Field of Study: _____
- Doctorate Field of Study: _____

Are you a returning student? Yes No if Yes, GPA last year _____

(Attach official transcript)

Year Attending 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Expected Completion Date _____

Indicate which Terms and number of credits per term you plan to enroll in 2011-2012:

Fall Term _____ Winter Term _____ Summer Term _____

* It is the responsibility of the successful scholarship recipients to update any changes in information with the NRT Project Officer



2011-2012 NRT Scholarship Awards Application Form

Scholarship Applicant Checklist

Before mailing or hand delivering your completed scholarship application, please ensure that it contains all of these important documents:

- Completed and signed application form;
- One essay – detailing your vision for your First Nation community;
- Letter of Support from your First Nation government;
- Proof of citizenship from British Columbia First Nation;
- Original Official Transcript of most recent academic record;
- Acceptance at recognized accredited post-secondary institution; and
- Resume/CV

* **Applications must have all supporting documents attached when submitted.**

Due to demand incomplete applications cannot be considered. Please retain copies of your application materials as original submissions cannot be returned.

All applications must be postmarked no later than 4:00 p.m. June 17, 2011. NRT will not accept faxed or emailed applications. Please mail or deliver completed applications to:

**NRT Post Secondary Scholarship Awards
New Relationship Trust
Suite 1008 – 100 Park Royal South
West Vancouver, British Columbia V7T 1A2**

Attention: Miranda Stirling, Project Officer

Budget: (for one academic year)

Expenses	Sept - Dec	Jan-April	Total	Financing Education Costs	Sept-Dec	Jan-April	Total
Tuition & Fees				Employment			
Books				Personal/Family			
Rent				Band/Community			
Utilities				Scholarships			
Food				Bursaries			
Transportation				Student Loan			
Other (identify)				Other (identify)			
Total				Total			

Involvement within the First Nation community

Please describe your involvement within your First Nation community? (Attach separate page if necessary)

Which BC First Nation are you registered as a member of? _____

Enclose a letter from a person in authority within the administration of your First Nation verifying your registration as a member of your First Nation. Please indicate the person's position, address and telephone number below.

Person's name and position _____

Person's telephone number _____

Verification of Information

I understand that the information submitted in and with this application will be used to assess my eligibility for the Scholarship Award. I hereby certify that all the information provided on this application form and in all the documents accompanying it is true, accurate and complete. I have read all the policy and guidelines regarding the New Relationship Trust Scholarship initiative. By submitting this application, I agree to be bound by the policies and guidelines of this initiative.

Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Funding Sources

If you are applying for a Canada/BC student loan and/or other student funding sources, please indicate:

Canada Student Loan Amount Applied for : \$ _____
Date of Application: _____

British Columbia Student Loan Amount Applied for : \$ _____
Date of Application: _____

Other Student Funding Source(s) applied for: \$ _____
Name(s) of Funding Source: _____
Date of Application: _____

Have you approached your First Nation/Community for funding? Yes No

If No, please state why: _____

Has your First Nation agreed to fund you? Yes No

How much will you receive? \$ _____ If No, please state why _____

Will you be receiving funding assistance from other sources for your education costs or living expenses?

Yes No

If yes, what sources and what amounts?

Source	_____	Amount	\$ _____
Source	_____	Amount	\$ _____
Source	_____	Amount	\$ _____

Employment

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If No, how long have you been out of work? Months _____ Years _____

If Yes, how long have you been employed? Months _____ Years _____

Name of Employer _____ Contact _____

Annual Earnings (after taxes) \$ _____