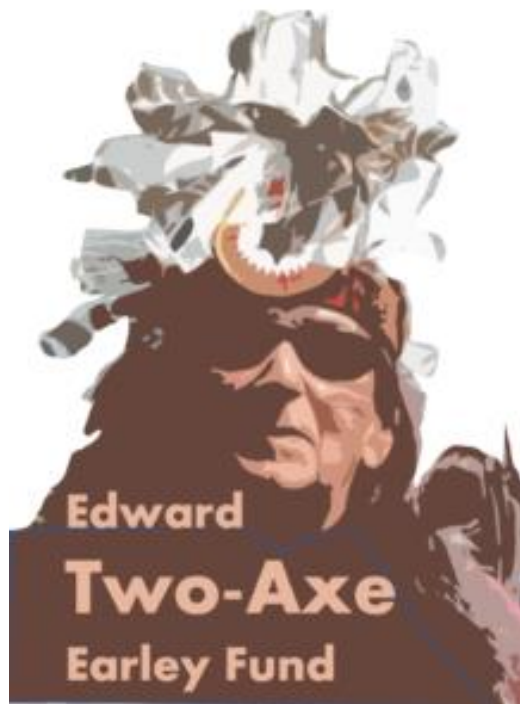


CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE IFS SCHOLASTIC AWARDS



As current and future students are enjoying their well-earned summer break, many are planning their next phase of their academic careers. To assist, Indigenous Financial Solutions (IFS) is putting out a call for all Indigenous youths to participate in this application for bursaries named for The Late Edward Two-Axe Earley.

The *Edward Two-Axe Earley Fund* supports the **IFS Scholastic Awards** that recognize and support up-and-coming Indigenous students pursuing higher education and careers in the areas of business, humanities, law and social justice. IFS Scholastic Awards will also be presented to gifted, Indigenous student athletes in these fields. IFS wishes to grant exceptional Indigenous students with financial aid, as to make their educational dreams a reality.

The application process is now open. Applications will be open until Friday, August 31, 2022, at 12 midnight. IFS will announce the recipients mid-September 2022.

Criteria For the IFS Scholastic Awards Include:

- Be a First Nation, Métis or Inuk person, proof required;
- Be enrolled in a full-time post-secondary program (university, college, vocational or skilled-trades training program;)
- Demonstrate that they are a highly motivated student, demonstrated through grades i.e. Deans list, Honours, or any other significant achievement, as well as things like school community involvement, clubs or sports, and extracurriculars;
- Demonstrate their willingness to contribute to their own nation, community and family, shown through experiences like summer jobs, volunteer experience, etc., as well as telling the story of your community, and of yourself;
- Commit to pursuing a career or engaged in a course of study in the fields of business, humanities, law and social justice. e.g. Future career goals, impact of your career Indigenous peoples and future generations;
- Student varsity athletes demonstrate excellence in their sport, a commitment to their team and their academic studies.

The IFS Scholastic Awards provides cash awards to assist the recipients in their studies for their future school year(s). The award provides a contribution that may be used for books, supplies, IT technology or cost-of-living supplement that supports their post-secondary education.

We thank the following donors to the *Edward Two-Axe Earley Fund*

- \$7500 from Indigenous Financial Solutions (Candice Metallic and Scott Patles-Richardson)
- \$5000 Brenda Gedeon and Ed Two-Axe Earley Family
- \$1000 Nbsiing Consulting Inc. (Bob Goulais and Deborah Richardson)
- \$500 Saga Williams and Derek Teevan

To donate to the Edward Two-Axe Earley Fund, please contact Indigenous Financial Solutions at jhayward@ifsolutions.ca

About Edward Two-Axe Earley

The Late Edward Two-Axe Earley was a gifted orator, storyteller and proud Onkwehonwe. Born in Brooklyn, New York and a citizen of the Mohawks of Kahnawake, Mr. Two-Axe Earley devoted his life supporting Indigenous entrepreneurship. He held a Masters of Business Administration and was a business consultant, a historian, and a political aficionado. He was also a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. Edward was the son of renowned Mohawk women's rights-advocate the Late Mary Two-Axe Earley.

Information And Application

1. Please download the application form.
2. For consideration of the Indigenous Financial Solutions (IFS) Scholastic Award, please complete the application form, and submit the completed form to jhayward@ifsolutions.ca

Indigenous Financial Solutions Bursary Application

For consideration of an Indigenous Financial Solutions bursary, please complete the following application form, and submit the completed form to

Section 1 – Personal Information

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Surname | | Given Name | |
| Email | | Mailing Address | |
| City | | Province | |
| Postal Code | | Phone Number | |
| Gender | Citizenship | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> First Nation | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Metis | | |
| Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Inuk | | |
| | *Proof of Ancestry required: | | |
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Section 2 - Academic Information

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| Highest Education Level Achieved to Date | Last School Attended and Date |
| Have you attended a Post-Secondary Education institution in the previous 12 months? | Graduation Year (Please attach copy of transcript) |

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| Have you been out of high school for a minimum of 4 years? | Program that you wish to be enrolled in: |
| Start Date of Program | End Date of Program |
| Degree, Diploma or Certification that you are pursuing: | Program length (in years): |

Section 3 - Academic Intentions

Please list post-secondary institutions to which you have applied or intend to apply. Please note if you have been accepted.

Section 4 - Financial Information

Have you applied for other financial assistance (bursaries, student loans, etc.)?

- Yes
- No

If yes, for which ones and for what amounts (please be specific)?

If you will be receiving any other financial assistance, please specify from what source, in what form and in what amount.

Please provide your estimated expenses for the next school year.

\$ _____ Tuition

\$ _____ Books/Software

\$ _____ Rent/Residence

\$ _____ Food

\$ _____ Local Transportation

\$ _____ Travel

\$ _____ Other (specify) _____

\$ _____ TOTAL EXPENSES

Are you currently employed?

- Part-Time
- Full-Time
- No

Do you plan to work while going to school?

- Yes
- No

How do you plan to contribute to the costs of your post-secondary education?

What total contribution do you plan to make towards your education expenses for the next school year?

\$ _____

Please provide accurate information regarding your personal finances and holdings. Please state the value of your personal holdings and property for the following:

Savings:_____

RRSP:_____

Stocks/Bonds/Company Shares:_____

Property:_____

Vehicle (make, model, and year):_____

Section 5 – Biography/Overview - One-Page or less.

On a separate page, describe yourself and your personal achievements in a concise biography. Maximum one page, typed. Applications received without this one-page essay attachment will not be considered.

Section 6 - Aspirations - Overview of what you are looking to achieve with your education. One-Page Essay Attachment

On a separate page, describe your aspirations for the future, and how your education, and a bursary will assist you in this process. Maximum one page, typed. Applications received without this one-page essay attachment will not be considered.

Section 7 – Personal References

Please attach two letters of reference.

Declaration

I certify the information provided is true and understand that any falsification may disqualify my application, and bar me from applying in the future.

Applicant Name (please print)

Applicant Signature

Date