

BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP

Funding Opportunities

2021



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The Rainy River First Nations Trust operates under the direction of the Trust Agreement. Trustees are guided in their work by core values, a vision statement and a mission statement.

core values

Core values of the Trust are embedded in the Seven Sacred Grandfather teachings of love, humility, honesty, bravery, wisdom, truth and respect.

vision

Empowering Rainy River First Nations membership to use our strengths, gifts and abilities with purpose and direction to enhance our future. The Trust supports the development and delivery of projects that preserve our rich cultural identity as Anishinaabeg of Manidoo Baawitigong. The Trust inspires achievement to the fullest potential and aspires to improve the quality of life for this generation and those yet to come.

mission

The Trust is established for the benefit of the Rainy River First Nations membership. The Trust supports a strong and vibrant community by providing financial assistance for projects that enhance services, increase opportunities and empowers the lives of membership. The Trust will act with cultural integrity, fiscal responsibility and transparency for the benefit of the present and future generations.

background & overview

Section 8.2b(ii) of the Trust Agreement details that Trust funds for Community Purposes can be used to enhance and promote educational opportunities, including the provision of *scholarships and bursary funds* and *recognizing the achievement of Members* in educational endeavors.

Consistent with Section 8.2b (ii), the Trust Vision and Mission Statements and the core values that guide Trustees, the Trust has developed two policies that support the establishment of both scholarships and bursaries. The policies were approved in September 2019 and work began in 2020 to determine the process and details for delivery.

Included in the Trust's educational support for Members are distinct funding opportunities that have been developed to honour and remember the dedicated service of two longstanding Financial Trustees, Chi-Ankawat—Delbert Horton and Neil Fry.

In addition, Trustees have developed additional Trust bursaries and scholarships that will be updated annually. For 2021 Trustees have identified the fields of Social Work, Mental Health and Medical for scholarships and Apprenticeship/ Skilled Trades for a bursary. Applicants are required to have completed at least one year of post-secondary studies and are returning to a recognized institution in the fall or are graduating in the summer of 2021.



TRUSTEE RECOGNITION BURSARY/SCHOLARSHIP

RATIONALE

This policy establishes the Chi-Anikwat Bursary and the Neil Fry Scholarship in Finance in recognition of the long service and commitment to the Trust by two Trustees who have passed recently.

This initiative is undertaken in accordance with section 8.2(b)(ii) of the Trust Agreement which states in part “...*providing scholarships and bursary funds for Members...*”.

POLICY STATEMENT

In recognition of their involvement with the Trust since its' inception, the Community Fund Trustees have taken the decision to create a bursary and a scholarship in the names of Delbert Horton and Neil Fry. The amount of each bursary/scholarship will be set by Trustees on an annual basis.

PROCEDURE

The Trust will establish a committee consisting of at least one member of each family and one member from each of the Financial and Community Fund Trustees, whose function it will be to establish eligibility criteria, review and approve applications. The eligibility criteria will be established prior to receiving any applications, publicly available and at a minimum published on the Trust website.

REFERENCES

Trust Agreement Section 8.2(b)(ii)

TRUST BURSARY/SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

RATIONALE

This policy establishes the ability of the Trust to provide Members with bursaries and scholarship for post-secondary education, apprenticeships and skilled trade programs.

This initiative is undertaken in accordance with section 8.2(b)(ii) of the Trust Agreement which states in part “...*providing scholarships and bursary funds for Members...*”.

POLICY STATEMENT

In recognition of the need to support Members in their pursuit of a higher education and acknowledge the hard work of Rainy River First Nations post-secondary students, the Trust will develop and implement bursaries and scholarships.

Eligibility is restricted to Trust Members as defined in Section 1.17 of the Trust Agreement.

PROCEDURE

The Trust will establish a committee consisting of one member from each of the Financial and Community Fund Trustees along with the Trust Administrator, whose function it will be to establish eligibility criteria, review and approve applications. The eligibility criteria will be established prior to receiving any applications, publicly available and at a minimum published on the Trust website.

REFERENCES

Trust Agreement Section 8.2(b)(ii)

Trust Agreement Section 1.17



2021 APPLICATION FORM: BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP

PLEASE TYPE INTO FORM OR PRINT CLEARLY

Application being made for:

- ☐ Chi-Anakwat (Delbert Horton) Bursary ☐ Neil Fry Scholarship
☐ 2021 Trust Scholarships: ___ Social Work ___ Mental Health ___ Medical
☐ 2021 Trust Bursary: ___ Apprenticeship ___ Skilled Trade

Name:

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Cellular Number: (_____) _____

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

☐ Status Number _____ (copy required)

☐ Primary Residence On Reserve ☐ Primary Residence Off Reserve (used for statistical information)

My application includes the following necessary items for a Bursary/Scholarship Application. I understand that any omitted items will result in my application being deemed incomplete and not eligible for review.

Please initial to confirm attachment of each item.

- ☐ 1. Signed Application Form _____ ☐ 2. Admission Letter/Graduation Doc. _____
☐ 3. Personal Essay
 (I certify that I am the author of the essay provided) _____ ☐ 4. Letter(s) of Recommendation _____

I verify that I have included the following necessary documentation to be considered for a Bursary/Scholarship offered by the Rainy River First Nations Trust.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Deadline for Applications:
June 30, 2021

Rainy River First Nations Trust
 P.O. Box 484 Emo, Ontario P0W 1E0 Tel: 807.482.2158 Fax: 807.482.2168
 E-mail: administrator@rainyriverfirstnationstrust.ca Website: www.rainyriverfirstnationstrust.ca

chi-anakwat

Bursary



This bursary is developed in remembrance of Chi-Anikwat, Delbert Horton, who served as a Financial Trustees since the inception of the Trust. Chi-Anikwat's focus during his tenure as a Trustee was ensuring the Trust enhanced and supported activities and programs that were founded in Aboriginal and Treaty rights. While at the same time ensuring provincial or federal funders were held to their obligations under Aboriginal and Treaty rights. He was a firm believer in the importance of governments being made aware of their funding shortfalls and the impacts these had to the community, as well as advocating for adequate funding. Chi-Anikwat was vocal about the importance of the Trust in supporting and empowering the community and individual Members to succeed. He placed great value on ensuring the Trust considered future generations in all planning.

Chi-Anikwat held a honorary Ph.D. from the World Indigenous Nations University and a Masters of Indigenous Knowledge and Philosophy from Seven Generations Education Institute. His heart was deeply rooted in his strong cultural teachings and ceremonies and working with his gifts to strengthen his community and Indigenous people around the globe. He believed in recognizing one's gifts and abilities and using these to build not only your own personal bundle but that of the community, having a strong cultural identity and living a good life.



Appointment:
December 19, 2005
- December 23, 2018



The Chi-Anikwat bursary will support Members in a Masters or Ph.D. level program in Indigenous Studies and/or Indigenous Leadership.

The bursary, in the amount of \$2,500, will be awarded to a student who has completed at least one year of programming and is continuing their studies in the Fall or who will be graduating in the summer of 2021.

HOW TO APPLY:

The following items must be included in your application to the Trust:

- ⇒ Trust Bursary/ Scholarship Application Form.
- ⇒ Letter of confirmation of admission for your program or graduation documentation.
- ⇒ Essay (500 words) detailing your educational plans, the benefits that would result from the bursary and why you would be an excellent candidate.
- ⇒ Minimum of one signed letter of recommendation.



2021 DEADLINE: June 30, 2021

neil fry Scholarship



The scholarship is developed in remembrance of Neil Fry who provided many years of service to both the Rainy River First Nations community as an auditor and to the Trust as a Financial Trustee.

During his service within Rainy River First Nations, Neil developed a close connection to the community and gained a valuable understanding of both the challenges and opportunities that existed. Neil understood the financial limitations that come with federal and provincial funding programs for First Nations and the ways in which this limited funding could be enhanced by the Trust. He was diligent in financial matters and ensured processes and procedures were developed that were fiscally responsible and transparent.

Neil's academic and professional background as a Certified Professional Accountant is the foundation upon which this scholarship is based.

The focus for this scholarship is to recognize the academic achievements of Members in the area of Finance, Accounting and/or Business/Commerce.



Appointment:
September 12, 2005 -
December 15, 2018

Special attention will be given to those Members who volunteer their time and energy to various Boards and community organizations, as this was one of Neil's passions.

The scholarship, in the amount of \$2,500, is awarded annually to a student who has completed at least one year of post-secondary studies in the noted fields and is returning in the Fall or who will be graduating in the summer of 2021.

HOW TO APPLY:

The following items must be included in your application to the Trust:

- ⇒ Trust Bursary/Scholarship Application Form.
- ⇒ Letter of confirmation of admission for your program or graduation documentation.
- ⇒ Essay (500 words) detailing your educational plans, the benefits that would result from the bursary and why you would be an excellent candidate.
- ⇒ Details on your volunteer work and any Boards/Committees you are part of.
- ⇒ Minimum of one signed letter of recommendation.



2021 DEADLINE: June 30, 2021

2021 Trust Scholarships & Bursaries

Each year Trustees will identify fields of study for which scholarships and bursaries will be provided.

For 2021, Trustees have selected the following fields of study for academic scholarships:

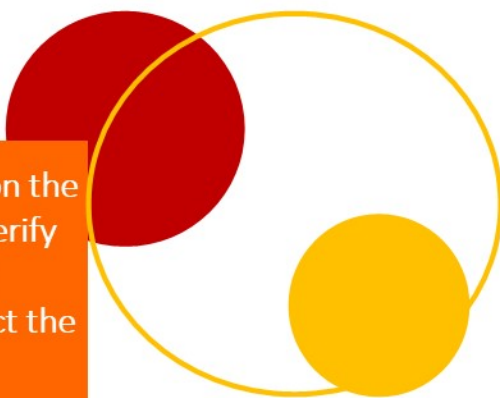
- ⇒ **Social Work**
- ⇒ **Mental Health** related fields of study
(example: Psychology, Counselling, etc.)
- ⇒ **Medical** related fields of study
(example: Doctor, Nursing, Personal Support Worker, Pharmacy technician, etc.)

One scholarship, valued at \$2,500, will be awarded in each of the three identified fields of study.

For 2021, Trustees have identified the following area for one bursary valued at \$1,500.

- ⇒ **Apprenticeship/ Skilled Trade Program**
(example: electrical, plumbing, carpentry, etc.)

For more information on the fields of study and to verify whether your program would fit, please contact the Trust office.



HOW TO APPLY:

The following items must be included in your application to the Trust for one of the three available 2021 Trust scholarships in Social Work, Mental Health or Medical or for the 2021 Apprenticeship/Skilled Trade Bursary:

- ⇒ Trust Bursary/Scholarship Application Form with the noted field of study identified
- ⇒ Letter of confirmation of admission for the 2021/2022 academic year or a copy of graduation documentation showing completion of your program
- ⇒ Essay (500 words) detailing your educational plans and your plans to share your skills with Rainy River First Nations
- ⇒ Minimum of one signed letter of recommendation



2021 DEADLINE: June 30, 2021

Visit the Trust website to
download the
Bursary/Scholarship
Application Form



www.rainyriverfirstnationstrust.ca

Bursary/Scholarship Applications are accepted by email,
fax, hand delivery or by mail (*must arrive by the deadline*):

- ⇒ **EMAIL THE TRUST OFFICE:**
info@RRFNTrust.ca
- ⇒ **MAIL:** P.O. Box 484
Emo, Ontario POW 1E0
- ⇒ **FAX:** (807) 482-2168
- ⇒ **HAND DELIVER TO:** 26C School Road,
Rainy River First Nations

