

Instructions

- Read the Application Guidelines carefully before you complete the Application Form.
- Application Forms may be downloaded from our Web site at www.yidc.ca
- Use the checklist below to ensure all supporting documentation is submitted by the deadline.

Scholarship Background

Yukon Indian Development Corporation Ltd. (YIDC) is proud to present the Future Leadership Scholarship Program. YIDC is committed to giving back to their shareholders by investing in post-secondary education to support the education and development of our future leaders in the communities. This year YIDC has announced that they will offer 34 scholarships, valued at \$1,000.00 each to be awarded to beneficiary students from each of the 17 shareholders of YIDC. These scholarships are for First Nations full-time students pursuing an education in business, environmental or cultural education programs for a certificate, diploma or undergraduate/graduate degrees.

Application Deadline

- All applications must be received by 4 p.m. by **March 30, 2012** Fully completed application packages must contain current information and be post-marked, in the mail or dropped off at a YIDC Office by the deadline.
- Applicants must solely be responsible for insuring that their application is complete and contains all necessary documentation. Incomplete or inconsistent applications may be disregarded by the selection committee. Applications and accompanying documentation will not be returned.

Eligibility

- A beneficiary of any of the Yukon First Nations or member of the Taku River Tlingit First Nation or Dease Lake First Nation
- Enrolled in a post secondary education institution as a full time student
- Pursuing an education in business, environmental or cultural education programs for a certificate, diploma or undergraduate/graduate degree



General Scholarship Guidelines

- Scholarships are provided for the academic year that begins in the fall term (September 2012) of the year of the application and continues through the following year to the end of the winter term, or the spring term, or the summer term. Awards must be claimed by September 30, 2012. Awards not claimed by this date are forfeited.
- Scholarship recipients and other applicants may re-apply to the program each year provided they continue to meet the criteria.

Listed below are mandatory documents due at the same time as application – no exceptions or application remains incomplete and will not be reviewed by Jury.

Proof of Shareholder beneficiary

Provide a photocopy of a valid Indian Statute Card and or Beneficiary card from First Nation and or a letter from the registry office from your First Nation.

Copy of Letter of acceptance from education institution

If this information is not available at the time the application is due, then please clearly indicate this on the application form that you are waiting for the letter of offer and will submit it as soon as it is available. If you are awarded a scholarship by Jury the award will be conditional upon YIDC receiving **Confirmation of Enrolment** through a letter from the Registrar's Office or Faculty Head that clearly states you are registered as a full-time Student.

Copy of Transcript of your most recent marks or record of studies.

Provide transcripts/official GED results/Grade 11 report card (if you are graduating this school year)

Letter of Personal Introduction to the Jury (minimum of 1000 words) that includes the following:

- Tell us where you were born, where you grew up and about your family & community.
- State your reason for choosing your field of study.



- Tell us why you are passionate about this field of study and committed to completing this program
- State your hopes and dreams regarding your future career and employment
- Demonstrate your contribution and ongoing involvement in the First Nation community.
- YIDC created this sponsorship program. What other ways can companies like YIDC help contribute to the Yukon Economy?"
- A paragraph identifying the new challenges and successes that you have experienced during the academic year. *(if applicable)*

Jury Composition and Assessment Criteria:

Applications are reviewed by a selection committee, all decisions of the jury are final, and there is no appeal process. When assessing applications, the Jury uses the following criteria:

- Demonstrated academic merit and performance
- Evidence of involvement and contribution to First Nations community
- Evidence of suitability and commitment to field of study

Notification

All applicants, successful or otherwise, will receive written notification of the Jury decision regarding their individual application. Please no phone calls, successful applicants will be contacted directly.

Successful Scholarship Recipients

- In the event that you withdraw from full-time studies at any point, you must immediately return any unused portion of the scholarship. Failure to do so may result in future ineligibility to the program.
- Scholarship recipients will not be penalized for changing your study area provided it remains within the eligible criteria. Recipients must report other changes outside the eligible study areas to the YIDC at the earliest opportunity. These changes will generally result in a loss of the scholarship.



- Scholarship recipients will be asked to participate in publicity and promotional events sponsored by YIDC and will require to sign the declaration on the application form understanding this condition.
- The YIDC scholarship is classified as income by Revenue Canada and must be declared when filing an income tax return. YIDC will provide you with a T-4A slip.

Submitting the Application Package

- Fax or email copies are not accepted. Require original signature
- YIDC does not return any documents or materials to applicants.
- Keep a copy of your application package for your personal records
- Print your name clearly on each piece of documentation being submitted
- Please paper clip your documents together – no staples
- Application packages can be sent by mail, courier, or submitted in person
- Applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline date to be eligible

Mail all information to:

YIDC Selection Committee
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