



Ogemawahj Tribal Council

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Dear Post-Secondary Students:

RE: 2022 Miigwewin Awards

I am excited to inform you that our 3rd Miigwewin Awards will be available this year to post-secondary students of the Ogemawahj Tribal Council First Nations, including: Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Moose Deer Point First Nation, Chippewas of Rama, and the Mississaugas of Scugog Island.

The Miigwewin Award focuses on students enrolled STEM (especially engineering and infrastructure/housing) Education, Policy and Planning, Finance and Administration, Public Administration, and Employment and Training programs.

At our AGM, Thurs, Sept 15th, 2022, we will be distributing cash awards of \$1500 to a selected student from each of our First Nations meeting the following criteria:

- Membership in one of the Ogemawahj Tribal Council First Nations
- Full time post-secondary student as defined by their First Nation and enrolled in an accredited college or university, especially those in the above noted field of studies
- Community service (i.e volunteering, assisting with ceremonies etc) or/
- Well-roundedness (involvement in clubs, sports, arts etc)
- Demonstrating financial need

For more information and to get the application package please email scholarships@ogemawahj.on.ca

*Applications must be received by **2 pm on Friday, September 2, 2021** in order to be considered for this year's awards.

Best of luck to all who apply!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary McCue".

Mary McCue
Executive Director,
Ogemawahj Tribal Council



Miigwewin Awards

At the September 2020 OTC Board of Directors meeting, an initiative created by OTC Staff to fundraise and distribute \$1,500 to a member student in each First Nations annually, was approved.

This award is for full-time post-secondary students as defined by their First Nation who are enrolled in an accredited college or university/ This award is focused on those in enrolled STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Education, Law, Finance and Business Administration, Public Administration, and Social Sciences

Award Background

This award allows the OTC to promote the development of professional expertise in our communities. Award funding is supported through activities such as the OTC Golf Tournament and OTC Bowling Tournaments, as well as funds resulting from education activities in curriculum development.

Miigwewin is a word for gift. We hope to ensure this award program is a gift we can offer into the future.

An application can be requested from scholarships@ogemawahj.on.ca

Applications are due September 2, 2022 at 2 pm

Award details

The Miigwewin Award provides for one award per First Nation in the amount of \$1,500. We are looking for candidates who can show achievement in education, community service (i.e volunteering, assisting with ceremonies etc) well-roundedness (involvement in clubs, sports, arts etc) and finally, financial need.

Applications will be assessed by proof of the following:

- (1) Proof of enrollment in a full time post secondary program.
- (2) Community engagement through activities such as sports and clubs or volunteering by assisting in ceremonies or with First Nation programming, for example, a letter from First Nation staff or another community reference.

Assessment will be completed by a committee comprised of one Education Advisory Committee member, one OTC Elder, and one OTC Board of Director. The committee will choose one application per First Nation.

Good Luck



OTC Miigwewin Awards Application 2022

Applicant Information

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

OTC First Nation Affiliation:

Academic Information

Name of University or College:

Description of current program:

Year (please choose)

1 2 3 4 graduate program

Reference

Reference Name:

Relationship:

Email

Phone

Completed package will include:

Please ensure you have completed the entire form and attach the following:

- **Proof of enrollment**
- **A copy of your grade report, if applicable**
- **Proof of community service (a letter, certificate, etc) if applicable**
- **A letter, no more than 500 words, to the selection committee outlining your eligibility and/or goals, etc.**

Send package attachments to scholarships@ogemawahj.on.ca no later than 2 pm on September 2, 2022.

What 200 words looks like:

(sample not real submission)

I am an excellent candidate for the Miigwewin awards because I have donated many volunteer hours to the local foodbank in Sutton. Each year at our powwow I volunteer as a grounds keeper and also at the powwow volunteer stand. I have been enrolled in the business administration program at Georgian college for three years and plan to continue my studies earning a bachelor of commerce from Ryerson next year. Business acumen is a valuable skill in working with indigenous communities. It is my goal to use my marketing and human resources program focus in my education in furthering social outcomes for my own community of Georgina Island and others in Canada.

One of my biggest accomplishments has been my success in competitive soccer as a teen. I spent three years on the Newmarket Rep team and enjoyed many tournaments and exciting games. All youth should have the chance to participate in sports. I am grateful to Georgina Island for the generous support. My favourite volunteer experience was working with Redrum Snake Island Chapter and Krassman mental health services in a fundraising event for local food banks. I worked the food booth offering burgers and the registration table during the event.