



Hugh Buzzy Big Canoe (HBC) Youth Entrepreneurship Program

Supporting Youth Entrepreneurship and Indigenous Excellence!

Program Objective:

To continue with the spirit of Hugh Big Canoe's dedication to assist youth in learning entrepreneurship and to promote small business development within our communities.

Criteria:

- Individual must be nominated from someone who is from the OTC First Nation membership.
- Individual nominated must be between the ages of 15-30.
- Must provide a Letter of Recommendation stating how the nominee demonstrates qualities of a role model such as leadership, the ability to communicate, dedication and perseverance.
- The business must be operated, at a minimum, between April and September.
- Nominee must have demonstrated role model qualities.
- Nominee must be willing to present in-person OR online at the Ogemawahj Tribal Council Annual General Meeting (OTC AGM) in September.
- Nominee may be requested to consider being a part of a role model program for other OTC Indigenous Youth.

Timeline of Program:

- Call for Nominations will be announced to the communities on April 1st each year.
- Nominations and applications are due **May 31, 2026, by 4:30 PM**
- The successful nominee will receive 75% of funding in June and the remaining 25% after providing a presentation at the OTC AGM in September.

Selection Process:

The Panel will review the outline of the business, a budget that includes operating costs, how the funds will be used, and the nomination letter.

Financial Assistance:

Funds distributed to a maximum of \$5,000.00. \$3,750.00 will be paid in June and the remaining 1,250.00 will be paid after the presentation at the AGM.

Funds can be used to offset costs of starting or expanding a business, including operating costs such as administration, marketing, and capital purchases.

