



**Hugh 'Buzzy' Big Canoe  
Youth Entrepreneurship Program**

**Objective and Goals:**

The objective of this program is to continue with the spirit of Hugh Big Canoe's dedication to assist Youth understand and enter into business.

The goal is to provide an assistive mechanism for the purposes of starting a new business or expanding an existing business for Youth between the ages of 15 – 26 on an annual basis.

**Criteria:**

Individual must be nominated from someone who is from the OTC First Nation membership

Individual nominated must be between the ages of 15-26.

Application must be accompanied by a letter of support.

The business must be operated, at a minimum, between April and September.

Nominee must have demonstrated role model qualities.

Nominee must be willing to attend the OTC AGM.

Nominee is requested to consider being part of a role model program for other OTC First Nation Youth.

**Timeline of Program:**

Call for nominations will be announced to the communities in September at the OTC AGM

Nominations and applications are due the last day of February.

Selection of a candidate will occur in March.

The successful nominee will receive funding in April.

The business will be operated over the summer months with a final report/presentation to be provided at the OTC AGM.

**Selection Process:**

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

The nominator will demonstrate in a letter how the nominee demonstrates qualities of a role model such as leadership, ability to communicate, dedication and perseverance.

**Financial Assistance:**

Fund distributed to a maximum of \$1,500.00.

Funds can be used to offset costs of running and operating a business other than direct payment to the selected participant in lieu of wages. Specific areas of interest are service costs such as bookkeeping, development of a business/marketing plan, marketing costs, capital purchases.