

VOICE OF OUR ANCESTORS FIRST NATIONS SCHOLARSHIP

DONOR: Taiaiake Alfred is a Kanien'kehaka (Mohawk) orator, writer and teacher. He was born at Tiohtiá:ke (Montreal) and raised in the community of Kahnawake. He is a prominent voice in scholarly circles and an award-winning journalist known for his passionate and incisive commentary on politics and culture, and is a Professor in the Indigenous Governance Programs and the Department of Political Science at the University of Victoria.

NUMBER: One

VALUE: \$1000

TENURE: Any full-time program in the humanities, social sciences or journalism at a recognized post-secondary institution.

CRITERIA:

1. First Nations student from the Greater Victoria School District.
2. Graduating Grade 12 student.
3. Good grades in English and social studies classes.
4. Critical thinker and good communicator.

DEADLINE: April 30, 2012

PROCEDURE:

1. Obtain an application from the Aboriginal Nations Education Office, Aboriginal Nations District Counselors or from BC Awards Online (www.bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca).
2. Include with the completed application:
 - a) Transcript of marks for current school year.
 - b) Letter of recommendation from a teacher.
 - c) An original piece of writing, or a combination of writings totaling approximately 1000 words, in any form or genre (including essays, stories, articles, and poems) which reflects serious thought on the meaning of "community, culture, and land" to First Nations people.
3. Forward application and supporting documents to the Aboriginal Nations Education Office or School-based Counselor.

CONTACT: Nella Nelson or Paola Bell

ADDRESS: **MAILING ADDRESS:**
Aboriginal Nations Education
Greater Victoria School District
556 Boleskine Road
Victoria, BC V8Z 1E8

TELEPHONE: 250-475-4124

FAX: 250-475-4109

Voice of Our Ancestors First Nations Scholarship 2011-12

Please return completed form to:
ABORIGINAL NATIONS EDUCATION DIVISION

Greater Victoria School District
556 Boleskine Road
Victoria, B.C. V8Z 1E8

or
School-Based Counselor

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION IS April 30, 2012

LIST ANY HONOURS OR AWARDS YOU HAVE RECEIVED DURING YOUR LAST THREE SCHOOL YEARS: [SCHOLARSHIPS, SPORTS, CITIZENSHIP, FINE ARTS, SERVICE]

SCHOOL, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL PARTICIPATION:

- ❖ In what organizations, clubs or social activities in the school or community have you participated over the last three years?

POST-GRADUATION CAREER PLAN:

- ❖ What is your personal career goal?

- ❖ What educational institute do you plan to attend next year?

_____ Province/State _____

- ❖ What career field do you contemplate entering?

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- ❖ REFERENCES: Please supply two letters of reference: One from a school administrator/Counselor, Teacher or Mentor; the other letter, personal.

Please include a record of your marks for the 2011-12 school year.

Please list the names of two people who would speak on your behalf if requested:

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE

- ♣ Please submit with your application an original piece of writing, or a combination of writings totaling approximately 1000 words, in any form or genre (including essays, stories, articles and poems) which reflects serious thought on the meaning of “community, culture and land” to First Nations people.
- ♣ Please submit a typed personal letter addressed to the **VOICE OF OUR ANCESTORS FIRST NATIONS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** explaining why you feel you qualify as a candidate for this scholarship.
- ♣ If there is no suitable candidate, then no scholarship will be awarded.

It is the responsibility of each candidate to ensure that the application is complete, and that all required information, documents and letters are enclosed with the application.

I understand that if I am the recipient of this award, my name and photograph may be used in publications produced by the Greater Victoria School District. The publications may include, but are not limited to, brochures, bulletins, advertisements and websites.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE OF APPLICATION