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Office of Indigenous Affairs

Award for Métis Undergraduate Students



INFORMATION:

The Office of Indigenous Affairs held a Métis student focus group in January 2011. Based on Métis student feedback that financial aid is a priority, the Office of Indigenous Affairs has created an **Award for Métis Undergraduate Students** funded through the Aboriginal Service Plan to recognize and support educational goals of Métis students at the University of Victoria. The Office of Indigenous Affairs will be awarding:

- Three (3) Awards in the amount of \$500/each

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- Applicant must have proof of Métis ancestry through at least one of the following:
 - Official copy of Provincial Métis Citizenship Card
 - Official copy of a recognized Métis Chartered Community Membership Card
 - An additional letter explicitly explaining Métis ancestry and letter of support from a recognized Métis community or organization
- Applicant must be currently registered in a minimum of 4.5 units for credit at the University of Victoria. Students with a permanent disability are eligible if registered in at least 3 units for credit.
- Previous applicants are encouraged to reapply, but due to the demand we're only able to provide one award per student per school year (Sept – April). One award will be set aside for a 1st year student.

TO APPLY:

- Provide a personal letter including the following: personal introduction (i.e., personal background, connection your community, your journey as a Métis student), education goals, and financial need. Please include your Student V # and mailing address on your personal letter.
- Provide (1) letter of reference from someone that can attest to your community involvement and/or academic achievements.
- Provide proof of Métis ancestry and current enrollment in full-time studies. Please submit a copy of your unofficial transcript as proof.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Based upon submission of your application package, a committee will review and make a recommendation to the Director of the Office Indigenous Affairs in early February. Applications can be submitted via email, fax, or dropped-off at the First Peoples House General Office #140. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

Applications must be submitted by January 20, 2012, by 4 pm, to:
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