

SCHEDULE 4: KIA SCHOLARSHIP TERMS OF REFERENCE

BACKGROUND

The Kitikmeot Inuit Association supports Beneficiaries who aspire to higher education and who seek future employment in technical trades and professions. To this end KIA has enacted the KIA Scholarship Program. KIA Scholarships are intended to provide financial assistance to KIA Beneficiaries who are enrolled full time in a recognized university, college or technical school leading to the successful completion of a post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree program.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used by the Aituuti Katimayiit when evaluating applications for KIA Scholarship:

- Only students who are beneficiaries of the Nunavut Agreement and registered to one of the Kitikmeot communities are eligible to apply for a KIA Scholarship.
- The student must be enrolled full-time in a recognized university, college or technical school leading to the successful completion of a certificate, diploma or degree program.
- A full-time student is defined as one taking at least 60% of the usual course load for the program/course of study that the student is enrolled in.
- The ability of a student to be awarded a future scholarship may be affected if they have received scholarship funding but fail to complete the course of study for which the funding has been awarded. In such cases, these individuals will not be allowed to apply for another scholarship for a duration of 24 months from the date that they prematurely terminated their studies unless they make efforts to repay KIA for scholarship funding previously received.
- Students being paid salaries or wages by their employers while advancing their education are not eligible for a KIA Scholarship.

OTHER APPLICABLE CRITERIA

- Persons receiving industrial and construction trades training from accredited institutions are eligible for a KIA Scholarship. This is offered on a pro-rated basis for the in-class portion of their training in cases where classroom training is equal to or exceeds 8 weeks.
- Students are required to maintain a passing grade point average in order to retain their scholarship funding.
- Unless otherwise determined by the Aituuti Katimayiit, the duration that a student may receive a Scholarship Award is limited to four consecutive years per individual course of study.

KIA SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The amount of scholarship funding an eligible student can receive is dependent on the type of program that he or she is enrolled in, whether the education is being pursued in or outside his/her home community. There are three scholarship amount categories:

1. **Students studying in their home communities** - The maximum level of support under this category is \$1,500.00 per year.
2. **Students studying outside their home communities** – The maximum level of support under this category is \$2,000.00.
3. **Post-Graduate Studies** – Students who have successfully completed four years of an undergraduate degree and who are enrolled in a Masters or PhD programs, or in an advanced professional program (ex. Medical Doctor or Dentistry Degree; MBA; LLB) are eligible to receive a maximum level of support of \$5,000.00 per year.

APPLICATION AND PAYMENT PROCESS

Applications for KIA Scholarships are to be limited to a single intake period between July 1st and August 31st of each calendar year, KIA reserves the right to add additional intake periods throughout the year. Applications should include supporting documentation including high school and/or transcripts and notices of acceptance to the University, College or Technical school.

All Scholarships will be made available in the following manner:

- One half of the award within 30 days of the start of studies (i.e., late September)
- Balance of the award on proof of acceptable first semester grades (i.e., early January)
- For students enrolled in Masters and PhD level programs, or in other programs not subject to regular grading, the balance of the award will be made available on proof of active enrollment in the second semester
- To be eligible, students must submit transcripts for the second half of scholarship payment within six (6) months from the completion of their studies.

For more information and to submit completed applications contact:

- *Your local KIA Community Liaison Officer, or*
- *Kitikmeot Inuit Association in Cambridge Bay @ (867) 983-2458*

AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Aituuti Katimayit

The Aituuti Katimayit is accountable to the KIA Board for timely review and decisions on applications, and monitoring results.

Applicants

Students receiving a *KIA Scholarship* will be required to:

- Sign a scholarship agreement acknowledging receipt of the scholarship; and
- Provide KIA proof of attendance at a recognized university, college or technical school including submission of transcripts, and copies of certificates, diplomas or degrees upon completion of studies.
- Submit first semester transcripts that demonstrate passing marks in order to receive second payment.
- Provide a copy of void cheque if direct deposit is preferred.

APPEALS

Individuals dissatisfied with a decision made by the Aituuti Katimayit may appeal the decision. Appeals must be made within thirty (30) days to both the chairperson of the Aituuti Katimayit and President of the KIA, whose joint decision is final.

RIGHT OF KIA

Nothing in these terms of reference is intended to guarantee a certain outcome or commitment on the part of KIA. KIA reserves the right to change the terms of reference and establish scholarship funding limits as they see fit. The number of scholarships granted in any given year is subject to availability of funding.