

SCHEDULE 5: KIA GRADUATION AWARD FUND TERMS OF REFERENCE

BACKGROUND

Graduation Awards are available to KIA Beneficiaries who have successfully completed training or education courses of study that help to prepare them enter the workforce and better serve their communities. Cash awards are offered for completion of educational courses of study ranging from Grade 12 (or equivalent) to a PhD program. The size of award offered is intended to be commensurate with the level of education achieved.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used in evaluating applications for a KIA Graduation Award:

- Only students who are beneficiaries of the Nunavut Agreement and registered to one of the Kitikmeot communities are eligible to apply for a KIA Graduation Award.
- Proof of graduation from Grade 12, or General Educational Development (GED) equivalent (Nunavut High School Equivalency Diploma); or proof of graduation from a recognized university, college or technical school.

GRADUATION AWARD AMOUNT

The amount of funds offered to a successful graduate is commensurate with the level of education achieved. The Aituuti Katimayiit shall issue Graduation Awards based on the following schedule:

Level of Achievement	Maximum Amount Awarded
Grade 12 Diploma	\$500.00
Nunavut High School Equivalency Diploma (i.e. GED)	\$500.00
College or Technical School Certificate	\$1000.00
College or Technical School Diploma	\$2500.00
Undergraduate Degree (ex. B.A, B.Sc., B.S.W)	\$5000.00
Masters Degree or Advanced Professional Degree (ex. MBA, MD)	\$5000.00
Ph.D	\$10000.00

Note: Students who have received a Graduation Award for completing the first year of a two-year college program (certificate year \$1000) are eligible to receive a second Graduation Award upon receipt of a diploma for completing the second year of the same program. However, the amount to be received will be the difference between the two amounts (i.e. Diploma award \$2500 minus Certificate award \$1000 = \$1500)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for a KIA Graduation Award may be made at any time of the year, and are accessible once per certificate, diploma or degree achieved.

Applications should provide proof of graduation upon submission to KIA. Official transcripts confirming an applicant's eligibility to graduate from their course of study are considered an acceptable form of proof. To be eligible, students must apply within six (6) months from the completion of their studies. Applicant should include a copy of a void cheque if direct deposit is preferred.

Applications that are deemed complete will be forwarded to the Aituuti Katimayiit to be evaluated at the committee's next quarterly meeting.

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 Katimayiit

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

Students

Students applying for a *KIA Graduation Award* will be required to:

- Provide KIA proof of graduation, such as a certificate, diploma or degree when submitting an application.
- Provide a void cheque if direct deposit requested.

APPEALS

Individuals dissatisfied with a decision made by the Aituuti Katimayiit may appeal the decision. Appeals must be made within thirty (30) days to both the chairperson of the Aituuti Katimayiit 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.