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The Mackenzie Valley Resources Management Act was proclaimed December 22, 1998, which officially established the Sahtu Land & Water Board to regulate land and water use throughout the Sahtu Settlement Area.

The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development appointed five Members to the Board. There are two Members nominated on behalf of Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, one Member nominated on behalf of Government of the NWT, and one Member nominated on behalf of the Federal Government.

## **SAHTU LAND & WATER EDUCATION TRUST**

The Trust was established through a Trust Indenture document dated March 31, 2000. The “Trustees” are the Board Members of the Sahtu Land & Water Board.

## **SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY**

The Trustees have established a scholarship & bursary program for students pursuing post-secondary education in a field related to environmental studies and traditional knowledge about land and water conservation. The awards are a combination of a scholarship and bursary because consideration will be to both academic standing and financial need, in selecting scholarship recipients.

## **CRITERIA**

In selecting recipients for these scholarships the criteria will be:

- Pursuing a college diploma or university degree or minimum two year certificate program in environmental studies and traditional knowledge related to land and water conservation
- Priority to people residing in the Sahtu Settlement Area
- Priority to students who completed the last two years of their high school education in the Sahtu Settlement Area
- Have a 70% or B average or higher in the last year of full-time study
- Minimum two year program of study
- Demonstrate financial need
- Must be a full time student during tenure of the scholarship
- Must maintain a full course load during tenure of the scholarship
- Evidence of student’s involvement in the community
- 200 word essay of future goals

At the time of application students may be in any year of post-secondary study, or about to start post-secondary studies, and must be returning to college or university in the next year.

## **VALUE**

The value of the scholarships depends on which year of post-secondary study the students will be in while holding the scholarship.

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| • First year students             | \$ 2,000.00 |
| • Second year students            | \$ 2,500.00 |
| • Third & Fourth year students    | \$ 3,500.00 |
| • Graduate (M. or Ph.D.) students | \$ 5,000.00 |

Payment of scholarship will be in two equal installments. Payment of the first installment will be in the Fall semester after proof of enrolment is sent to the Trust, and a second installment paid in the Winter semester after proof of continued enrollment is received by the Trust. (For example, proof of payment of term fees).

## **RENEWAL**

Awards of scholarships are one year at a time. However, students can renew the scholarships for subsequent years of study if the student meets the following requirements each year:

- Maintain a 70% or B average with no failures
- Maintain a full course load
- Continue in a field of study related to environmental studies and traditional knowledge related to land and water conservation
- Show continued financial need

Students will be required to submit transcripts from their college or university and a financial statement as proof of meeting these criteria. Support will not be available to students beyond the normal length of their program of study, i.e., beyond the second year of a diploma program, or the third or fourth year of a university degree program. Graduate students are eligible for scholarships, up to two years attending in a Master's program and three years in a Ph.D. program.

## **COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM**

Please remember that applications must be complete. The Trust will not consider incomplete applications. All application materials must reach the Sahtu Land & Water Education Trust by July 31st, each year.

### **I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Complete the form in full so that the Trust is able to contact you if further information is required. Your social insurance number is required for tax purposes. If you know what your address will be while at school, please include this information also.

### **II. SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION**

Please clearly indicate where you completed your high school education. Even if you have been out of high school for some years, this information is important. Please attach a copy of your Grade 12, final report card or transcript. If marks are not available at the time of application, include a copy of your most recent report card or transcript, and forward a final transcript when it is available.

### **III. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION (COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY)**

If you have already started a program of study, this information should be included here. Also include any other training you have had since you completed your high school education (certificate courses, etc.). You may attach an additional page if there is not sufficient room on the application page. Attach copies of any transcripts of marks from these courses. Final marks for the current year of study are also required.

### **IV. PROPOSED STUDIES**

In this section, you should indicate where you intend to study and the program you will take. The information you give here will determine your eligibility for the scholarship and the value of the scholarship. The length of the program is the normal time it will take to complete the program as a full time student with a full course load. The year of the program is the year in which you will be studying next fall (i.e., if you are now in the first year, then next will be second year). A full time student is one who is taking a full course load.

### **V. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

This section is important in determining financial need, part of the basis for decisions on awarding these scholarships/bursaries. Information on marital status and number of dependents is essential for evaluating the need for additional funds.

## **VI. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

List any activities in which you have been involved in your community. Activities might include sports teams, school clubs, and science fairs or community events.

## **VII. ATTACHMENTS**

This is a checklist of what you should be attaching to your application. If final marks are not available, submit a copy of your most recent transcript/report card and arrange to have your final marks forwarded to the SLW Education Trust as soon as possible. Also, attach a short essay of no less than 200 words, stating what your goals are and how you intend to achieve them. This should illustrate how your proposed program of study will fit your goals.

## **VIII. LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

You must arrange for two people to write letters of reference and send them directly to the SLW Education Trust. These letters should say how long the individual has known you and in what capacity (coach, teacher, co-worker, employer, etc.). The letters should assess how the person thinks you will do in college/university and on what basis he/she is making this assessment.

## **IX. SIGNATURE**

Do not forget to sign and date the application. Mail your completed application or deliver it to the SLW Education Trust office. Remember that it must reach the office by July 31st.

## **QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact the Executive Director at the SLW Education Trust office.

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