

# Shuswap Nation Tribal Council 2023 Bursary Awards Program



***Vision:*** *One nation, healthy, unified, and engaged, grounded in traditional laws, culture, values, and language.*

***Mission:*** *We will elevate nation-building by empowering our people through collaborative approaches, unity and reconciliation based on Secwépemc law, values, and cultural teachings.*

The Shuswap Nation Tribal Council (SNTC) is dedicated to supporting Secwépemc Students pursuing Post-Secondary Education. SNTC has 1 bursary available to each of the 9 member bands in the amount of \$500.00 each. Bursaries will be awarded to those youth who show a commitment to preserving Secwépemc Language & Culture and are enrolled in a Post-Secondary Program the Fall of 2023.

## **Eligibility**

*All applicants must:*

1. Be a registered member of one of our nine-member communities:
  - a. *Adams Lake Indian Band*
  - b. *Bonaparte Indian Band*
  - c. *Neskonlith Indian Band*
  - d. *Shuswap Indian Band*
  - e. *Simpcw First Nation*
  - f. *Skeetchestn Indian Band*
  - g. *Splatsin First Nation*
  - h. *Tk'emlúps Indian Band*
  - i. *Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band*
2. Be a registered full-time student in a recognized post-secondary institution (starting September 2023)
3. All applicants must submit a completed application form (attached), a copy of their most recent report card, proof of enrollment at a recognized accredited post-secondary institution, and an essay up to 500 words in length. The essay should include their educational and career goals, their commitment to preserving Secwépemc culture and/or language, and what being Secwépemc means to them.

## **Application Submission Checklist**

- Completed application form.
- A copy of the most recent report card or post-secondary transcript.
- Proof of acceptance or registration in a recognized post-secondary institution
- Essay up to 500 words describing educational and career goals, commitment to preserving Secwépemc culture and/or language as well as what being Secwépemc means to you.

### **Award Rules:**

Completed applications will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of SNTC staff, one Chief of the SNTC Council of Chiefs, and a designated member of the SNTC Elders Council. The decisions of the selection committee are final. SNTC reserves the right to reproduce essay submissions as well as any photographs or other materials procured through the awards ceremony for publicity purposes. Winners must agree to accept the award as it is presented and to sign an award acknowledgement and release form. By signing the application form, the applicant agrees to these rules.

### **About the Organization:**

The Shuswap Nation Tribal Council, also known as the SNTC, was formed in 1980 as an effort of the Secwépemc Chiefs to advance the issues of aboriginal rights. As an organization, it works on matters of common concern, including the development of self-government and the settlement of the aboriginal land title question. The SNTC also provides technical support to member communities to improve services in health, child welfare, employment and training, research on traditional territories and community development. SNTC also carries out activities, wherever possible, in cooperation with non-member Shuswap Bands and, in all circumstances, without prejudice to their rights and interests.

### **Submitting Application:**

Complete applications may be submitted via e-mail at [execassist@shuswapnation.org](mailto:execassist@shuswapnation.org) with SNTC Bursary Awards Program by mail to:

Shuswap Nation Tribal Council  
Attn: Bursary Selection Committee  
680 Athabasca Street West  
Kamloops, BC  
V2H 1C4

Please give us a call at 778-471-8200 if you have any questions.

**Deadline for Submissions:** July 31, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m.

Shuswap Nation Tribal Council  
2023 Bursary Awards Program  
Application Form



**Applicant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Band: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education Information:**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post-Secondary Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that if awarded a bursary by the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council (SNTC) Bursary Awards Program, I will grant to the SNTC the right to use my name, likeness, essay and application for any promotion or publicity purposes without further compensation to or permission from me, except where prohibited by law. I swear that all information provided in my application is true to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature Date

*Please complete the application form fully. Incomplete forms will NOT be considered.*