

PURPOSE

The Napoleon LaFontaine Scholarship Program was established to encourage Saskatchewan Aboriginal people to pursue full-time education training in fields related to Aboriginal peoples.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants for any scholarship under the Napoleon LaFontaine Scholarship Program must:

be Métis or Non-Status Indian

have resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years

be enrolled, or about to enroll in a diploma, certificate, or degree program that is at least eight months of full-time studies

be enrolled in a public educational institution, or an Aboriginal educational institution in Canada providing a recognized diploma, certificate, or degree program

be committed to working in an Aboriginal work environment upon the successful completion of their studies

demonstrate a commitment to the needs of Aboriginal peoples.

ACADEMIC CRITERIA

An applicant must achieve a "B" average in the most recent eight month period of full-time studies, over a period of twelve consecutive months, to qualify for an award.

Full-time academic studies is deemed to be at least 60% of the course load designated as constituting a full academic program by the educational institution in which the student is enrolled.

SIX TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

1. ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Entrance Scholarships are available to post-secondary students who are enrolled in a diploma, certificate, or degree program, and who meet the criteria established above. Students who have not completed high school may apply for the scholarship if they have fulfilled all entrance requirements of the institution where they will be studying. They will be required to submit two references which may be considered in lieu of an academic standing from high school.

The value of the Entrance Scholarship is not to exceed \$300 for each eight month period of full-time studies.

The award shall be paid in two installments. The first payment to be made within seven (7) days of the decision by the Selection Committee and the second payment in the fifth month of study.

2. UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants for the Undergraduate Scholarship must have completed a minimum of one academic year of full-time studies and have achieved at least a "B" average during the most recent academic year in which they were enrolled as a full-time student.

The value of the Undergraduate Scholarship award shall not be greater than \$500 for each eight month period of study.

The Undergraduate Scholarship shall be paid in two equal installments. The first payment shall be made within seven (7) days of the decision by the Selection Committee and the second payment is to be made in the fifth month of an eight month academic program.

Any individual applicant may receive up to three consecutive or non-consecutive Undergraduate Scholarship awards.

3. GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants for the Graduate Scholarship may be engaged in any graduate degree program at the Masters or Doctorate levels or accepted into a Masters or Doctorate degree program at a recognized Canadian University.

Applicants for the Graduate Scholarship must be engaged in a major research project or thesis which relates to Aboriginal people.

Each applicant will be required to:

provide a description of their research project or thesis and explain its relevance to Aboriginal people;

submit two academic references, one of which must be the research project or thesis supervisor. References must relate directly to the research project or thesis.

Applicants in a Masters degree program will be eligible for two consecutive or non-consecutive awards; applicants in a Doctorate degree program will be eligible for three consecutive or non-consecutive awards.

The value of the Graduate Scholarship shall not exceed \$2,000 for each award period. The Graduate Scholarship shall be paid in two equal installments; the first within seven (7) days of the decision of the Selection Committee and the second, in the seventh month of the scholarship period. Each Graduate Scholarship award shall be granted on the basis of twelve consecutive months of full-time studies.

4. LOAN REMISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants for the Loan Remission Scholarship should apply for the award within six months of graduation.

Applicants must have an outstanding loan balance through the Canada Student Loan Program and/or the Saskatchewan Student Loan Program after the receipt of any other Loan Remission awards available to the applicant through the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan.

The value of the Loan Remission Scholarship shall not exceed 50% of the outstanding loan balance to a maximum of \$3,000. No remission award payment shall be made prior to the date on which interest on the outstanding loan becomes payable.

Loan Remission awards shall be made in one payment, directly to the financial institution responsible for administering the loan of the recipient.

GABRIEL DUMONT GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIPS

To receive the Graduation Scholarship, students must have completed a diploma, certificate, or degree program at the Gabriel Dumont Institute which required a minimum of eight months of full-time study with a minimum "B" average in the most recent academic year of studies.

Recipients of the Graduation Scholarships will be nominated by the staff of the Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research on the basis of academic achievement, contribution to the student body of the Institute, and commitment to Aboriginal peoples.

The value of the Graduation Scholarship shall not exceed \$200 for each year of full-time studies to a maximum of \$1,000 for any one recipient.

6. SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Special Scholarships may be considered when funds designated for other scholarships are not fully utilized or when unanticipated revenues are available.

Recipients of Special Scholarships may not be required to submit an application.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadlines:

Applications for the Entrance, Undergraduate, and Graduate Scholarships must be received by the Secretary of the Selection Committee no later than October 1st of each year.

Students enrolled in a program that does not comply with the normal September to April academic year must apply within forty-five (45) days of commencement of classes for the academic period for which the application is applicable.

Application for the Loan Remission Scholarships must be received by the secretary of the Selection Committee within six months of the successful completion of full-time studies.

Application forms are available at public secondary and post-secondary educational institutions in Saskatchewan, the Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research, and other Aboriginal educational institutions in Saskatchewan, or any office of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan.

NAPOLEON LAFONTAINE...

was instrumental in organizing the Association of Métis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan. Over the years, he devoted himself to developing social and educational policy for Aboriginal People. These scholarships are so named in recognition of his many contributions.