



Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards



Celebrating motivation. Innovation. Achievement.

Education opens the window on a vista of opportunities. As part of a nationwide program for Aboriginal relations, Canada Post is proud to offer the Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards and demonstrate its commitment to furthering the development of individual potential.

Offered for the first time in 2004, Canada Post's Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards celebrate the hard work of those who have embraced a renewed pursuit of learning.

Canada Post will grant awards annually to recipients from across the country. Recipients could receive a \$1,000 award in recognition of their efforts to improve their life through education, if they have resumed studies after a minimum of 12 months out of school and have now completed one year or more in an educational program such as:

- General Equivalency Diploma (GED)
- Correspondence / Distance education courses
- Vocational skills / Trades / Career development
- Community college / University
- Life skills / Social development studies

Open to all Aboriginal Canadians, recipients will be selected by a jury comprised of an Aboriginal community member and Canada Post representatives.

Eligibility Criteria:

The Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards eligibility criteria are as follows:

- a) The applicant must be an Aboriginal Canadian (First Nations, Métis or Inuit).
- b) The applicant must have been out of school for at least one year before returning.
- c) The applicant must have completed one full year of studies before applying for this award.
- d) Award recipients cannot apply again.

How to Apply for an Award:

Applicants are required to:

- a) Submit an essay that is typed and double-spaced on letter-sized stationery to a maximum of 5 pages.
- b) Provide a letter from a community member, such as a band councillor, priest or minister, or supervisor (excluding family members), that confirms the applicant is an Aboriginal Canadian (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) or a photocopy of a membership card.
- c) Provide a letter from an academic supporter, such as a principal, guidance counsellor or teacher (excluding family members), that confirms the applicant has completed one year of studies.
- d) Complete and attach the Applicant Submission Form to the entry.
- e) Submissions will be accepted beginning May 1 and no later than August 31 of the current year.
- f) Mail your submission to:

Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards
2701 RIVERSIDE DR SUITE N1180
OTTAWA ON K1A 0B1

Essay Submission Criteria:

The essay outlining your personal success story should include information about:

- the challenges you faced in school prior to leaving;
- the reasons why you left school;
- how quitting school has affected your life and why you decided to return to school;

- a network of assistance and/or support you might have set up for yourself
- any hardships or difficulties you experienced to stay in school after returning;
- how your life has changed since you returned; and
- what are your next steps and how you plan to accomplish those steps.

Award Notification:

Canada Post will advise recipients of the Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards during the fall. Every effort will be made to present the award winners in their communities during the month of November.

Awards Rules:

- The selection jury will evaluate all submissions that meet the requirements outlined in the award description.
- The decisions of the selection jury are final.
- Canada Post reserves the right to use photographs or other such material in the award presentation for communication purposes.
- Winners agree to accept the award as presented and must sign an Award Acknowledgement and Release Form.
- All submissions, including support materials, become the property of the Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards Committee and will not be returned.
- The Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards Committee may publish or publicize information from any submission without compensation to the applicant.
- By signing the Application Submission form, the applicant agrees to the Awards rules.

For more information, contact us

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