

GUIDELINES

NORTHERN INTER-TRIBAL HEALTH AUTHORITY INC.



NITHA Health Careers Scholarship Fund

Deadline: September 30
(Every calendar year)

NITHA Health Careers Scholarship Fund Application Guidelines

INSTRUCTIONS

- **Read the Application Guidelines carefully before you complete the Application Form.**
- **Submit a complete application package with all required supporting documentation.** Use the checklist below to ensure all supporting documentation is submitted as no late documentation will be accepted after the deadline.
- If you have any questions, please call Heather Bighead at the NITHA Office by telephone at (306) 953-5000 or by e-mail hbighead@nitha.com
- Application Packages may be downloaded at www.nitha.com

BACKGROUND

The Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority (NITHA) is the only First Nations Organization of its kind in the country. The organization is comprised of Meadow Lake Tribal Council, Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Prince Albert Grand Council and Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation each having extensive experience in health service delivery. Formally established in 1998, the Partners joined together to create NITHA to deliver a service known as Third Level. NITHA provides services directly to the Multi-Community Bands and Tribal Councils in the areas of disease surveillance, communicable disease control, health status monitoring, epidemiology, specialized program support, advisory services, research, planning, education, training and technical support. Our environment is friendly, cordial and team-oriented and our operations are evolving to meet the needs of the Partnership.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for the submission of this application is September 30 of the calendar year. Fully completed application packages must contain all information and be post-marked, in the mail or dropped off at the NITHA Office to the attention of the Scholarship Committee or e-mailed to hbighead@nitha.com by the specified deadline.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

You are eligible to apply for financial assistance if you are:

- A band member of one of NITHA's Partners: Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, Lac La Ronge Indian Band, or a band member of one of the first nations belonging to Meadow Lake Tribal Council or the Prince Albert Grand Council;
- Enrolled as a full-time student at the post-secondary level in a program of study that is a minimum of two academic years at an accredited university, college and pursuing a certificate, diploma or degree; there is an exception made for one-year upgrading or certification programs such as nurse practitioner after a Bachelor of Science in Nursing;
- Studying a branch of the health sciences such as: nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, lab technology, physiotherapy, dietetics, nutrition, medicine, health administration and public health policy.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Scholarship: Individual scholarship awards are provided in the amount of \$3,000 and qualified individuals may only be allocated one scholarship per academic year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1) Scholarships are provided for the academic year that begins in the fall term (September) of the year of the application.
- 2) Applicants must provide the following supporting documentation with their application form:
 - Proof of Membership** – all applicants must provide a photocopy of both the front and back of the valid Band/Treaty card.
 - A Letter of Personal Introduction** to the NITHA Scholarship Fund Committee (minimum of 500 words, maximum of 1,000 words) that includes the following:
 - Tell us about where you were born, where you grew up and about your family & community. State your reason for choosing your field of study.
 - Demonstrate your contribution and involvement in the Aboriginal community.
 - Preference will be given to those individuals showing commitment to the community.
 - Letter of Reference** from an Instructor.
 - Letter of Reference** from a Community Member.
 - Confirmation of Enrolment** – Confirmation of enrolment can be provided through a letter from the Registrar's Office or Faculty Head that clearly states you are registered as a full-time student in current year of study.
 - Original Official Transcript of your most recent marks or record of studies.**

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Scholarship Applicants Assessment Criteria: When assessing applications, the Scholarship Fund Committee uses the following criteria.

- Evidence of involvement and contribution to a First Nations community.
- Evidence of suitability and commitment to field of study.
- Demonstrated academic merit and performance.

NOTIFICATION

A list of successful Aboriginal Health Careers applicants will be posted on the NITHA website. All applicants will receive written notification of the Scholarship Fund Committee's decision regarding their individual application.

CHECKLIST – Have you included the following in your Application Package?

- One NITHA Health Careers Scholarship Award Application Form fully completed and signed in the designated areas.
- Proof of First Nations status.
- Letter of Personal Introduction (minimum 500 words, maximum 1,000 words).
- Letter of Reference from an Instructor.
- Letter of Reference from a Community Member.
- Original Official Transcript (signed and stamped from the Registrar's Office) from your present or most recent academic program.
- Confirmation of enrolment as a full-time student for current year of study.

Mail all information to:

Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority Inc.
Attention: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 787
Prince Albert, SK.
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Or drop off at:

Chief Joseph Custer I.R. #201
2300-10th Avenue West, Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation Office Complex, Main Floor
Prince Albert, SK.
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You may otherwise contact NITHA by:

Tel: (306) 953-5000

E-mail: hbighead@nitha.com Website: www.nitha.com