

Beausoleil First Nation Youth “Step Up” Award

Application Information

Please carefully read the application guidelines before completing the application form.

About the Award

The “Step Up” award was established by a Christian Island Cottager. Each year, funds are gathered from fellow cottagers and friends to assist Beausoleil First Nation Youth in their pursuit of post-secondary education, whether it be with an accredited University or College, a training or apprenticeship, an internship, a program of part-time studies or any of a number of other educational enterprises. The intent of the award, which adheres to an expansive definition of “post-secondary education”, is intended to help a broad range of graduating secondary school students take the next steps towards their future through further education.

Eligibility

Beausoleil First Nation Youth under the age of 22 who are graduating from secondary school in the current academic year, or those who have graduated and been out of school for no more than two years may apply.

Purpose of the Award

The “Step Up” award is intended to support applicants who clearly demonstrate the need for financial assistance in achieving their educational goals. Applications will be assessed in accordance with established criteria. “Step Up” awards do not have to be repaid.

Amount of the Award

Submitting an application does not guarantee that an application will receive funding. There is no set amount for the award – every applicant is assessed individually. The level of financial assistance varies according to the assessed financial need of applicants, the number of applicants, and the availability of funds for allocation.

Allocation of Awards

Applications are reviewed by an Allocations Committee composed of three individuals: two Beausoleil First Nation members assigned to the committee by the Beausoleil First Nation Education Department and one Christina Island Cottager, assigned to the award by the “Step Up” Award founder. After reviewing applications the Allocation Committee will choose the recipient(s) and determine the amount(s) to be awarded. The decisions made by the Allocations Committee are final.

Assessment Criteria:

When assessing applications, the Committee uses the following criteria.

- Demonstrated financial need
- Evidence of suitability and commitment to field of study.
- Demonstrated academic merit and performance.

Successful Award Recipients

- Awards allocated must be used for the program of study specified on the application form.
- All awards are a matter of public record and may be published by the Beausoleil First Nation Education Department and the “Step Up” Award founders.

Notification

All applicants – successful or otherwise – will receive written notification of the Committee’s decision regarding their individual application.

Application Process

Conditions:

1) Awards are provided for the academic year that begins in the fall term (September) of the 4th year of the application, or for programs, courses and other initiatives beginning no more than ten months from July 31 of the year of application.

2) Applicants will be contacted by the Beausoleil First Nation Education Department should there be questions about their application package.

3) Applicants must complete all sections of the application form.

4) Applicants must provide the following documents with their application forms:

- Official transcript indicating the student’s most recent record of studies and grades
- Letter addressed to the “Allocations Committee” (minimum 500 words, maximum 1,500 words stating:
 - a.) academic achievements, artistic accomplishments, community service, volunteerism, entrepreneurship and/or leadership
 - b.) the field of study to be pursued
 - c.) the program, course(s) or activities for which funds are being requested
 - d.) why the applicant is passionate about this field of study
 - e.) any special circumstances that the applicant thinks the Allocation Committee should give consideration in reviewing your application
- Verification of tuition & fees (from course calendar, brochure, or webpage).
- Confirmation of acceptance in an educational program, however, if this information is not available at the time the application is due, applicants must provide this documentation to the Beausoleil First Nation Education Department as soon as it becomes available.

Submitting the Application Form

- Keep a copy of your application package for your personal records.
- Application packages can be sent by mail, courier, or submitted in person to the Beausoleil First Nation Education Department, 11 O’Gema Miikan, Christian Island, On L9M-0A9

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications is July 31 of each year. Completed applications can be hand-delivered to the Beausoleil First Nation Band Office or must be postmarked on or before the deadline date to be eligible.

“Step Up” Award funds are managed by the Huronia Communities Foundation. Huronia Communities Foundation is a public foundation serving the people of Huronia. The Foundation builds permanently endowed charitable funds for the changing needs and opportunities of the community and provides grants to eligible charitable organizations in arts, culture, health, environment, sports & recreation and social service sectors.