THE SUSAN COCHRAN SIMONSEN BURSARY FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS
ONE (1) AWARDS AT APPROXIMATELY $900 EACH
*THE NUMBER OF AWARDS AND AMOUNT MAY CHANGE BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE

About the Susan Cochran Simonsen

When the Thunder Bay Community Foundation (TBCF) was formed in 1971, Sue Cochran Simonsen became a founding member. Sue was invited to attend the graduation ceremony at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School and gained an insight into the amazing Aboriginal culture through the stirring drumming and singing of the ceremony as well as through the pride of the parents and community as they celebrated the achievements of their young graduates. It was then that Sue fully realized the chasm between the Aboriginal culture and the mainstream Canadian culture and that for the future of Canadian Society to advance, this separation had to be understood. As a retired educator, Sue had witnessed the many doors that had opened up to young people as they became transformed by education. Sue knew that the misunderstandings between the cultures could only be breached by education on both sides. She was determined to contribute in some way so that young Aboriginal Graduates. As such, Sue established the Susan Cochran Simonsen Bursary for Aboriginal Students.

Introduction for Student Services

The Susan Cochran Simonsen Bursary for Aboriginal Students is open to students from **Thunder Bay and the District of Thunder Bay high schools**. Students must be entering an accredited Canadian college or university. See http://tbcf.org/pages/view/scholarships-and-bursaries for more details.

Each school is asked to select and nominate an **unlimited** number of qualified students for consideration by our Grants & Scholarships Committee.

Students may not apply directly to the Foundation for this bursary.

Please make FOUR (4) hole-punched, stapled copies, mail or hand-deliver application to:	Thunder Bay Community Foundation, Suite 312, 101 Syndicate Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON P7C 3V4

Important Dates

- Completed Applications to Student Services: April 21, 2017
- Nomination from Student Services to TBCF: May 1, 2017
- Reception Date: June 6, 2017 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM

Application Details

Section 1 – Check List (Please order the packages as follows)

☐ *Scholarship Application Form* – Your personal and contact information using the form provided on the website or by your student services office.

☐ *Volunteer Activities Form* - A list of your community volunteer activities and work experience using the form provided on the website or by your student services office.

☐	*Extracurricular Activities Form* – A list of your school related leadership and volunteer activities using the form provided on the website or by your student services office.
☐	*Work Experience Form* - A list of any part time or summer jobs you may have had or now have using the form provided on the website or by your student services office.
☐	*Financial Need Form* – This demonstrates your financial need. Please use the form provided on the website or by your student services office.
☐	ONE reference from an adult in the community using the criteria in the *Reference Letter Details Form.*
☐	Essay in response to the question included in this information sheet in Section 3 using the *Essay Form* or following the formatting checklist using MS Word or other applicable word processor.
☐	*High school transcript* along with this semester's mid-term marks (submitted by the guidance counsellor).

Section 2 - Eligibility

The Thunder Bay Community Foundation aboriginal bursary is open to applicants from Ontario Secondary Schools from Thunder Bay and the District of Thunder Bay.

- Applicants must be seeking full-time admission to a Canadian university or college, accredited by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.
- Applicants must demonstrate adequate academic performance.
- Applicants must be in their graduating year of secondary school.
- Applicants must clearly demonstrate financial need.
- Applicants must be of aboriginal descent:
  - First Nations – Status
  - Inuit
  - Metis
  - First Nations – Non Status

Section 3 – Essay Details

Please answer the following:

Using the formatting below, What are your educational plans after High School graduation?

Formatting Checklist

Essays should be limited to ONE (1) page and be formatted as follows (or use the form available on the website titled Essay Form):

Header

☐ Title: Centered, bolded, Bookman Old Style, Size 16
☐ Name of Student (Under Title): Centered, Bookman Old Style, size 12

Normal Text (everything between the header and footer)

☐ Font Type: Bookman Old Style
☐ Font Size: 11
☐ Line Spacing: single (0 pts before and after text)
☐ Any section headers/titles: same as above, except bolded

Section 4 – Application Requirements (for Student)

- All nomination packages must be submitted by the applicant to Student Services by **Friday, April 21, 2017** from the school.

Section 5 – Application Requirements (for Student Services)

- All application packages must be received at the Community Foundation by **Monday, May 1, 2017** from the school.
- Late applications will not be accepted. Unsigned or incomplete application packages will be disqualified.
- Please provide THREE (3) copies and ONE (1) Original of each application, stapled and 3 hole-punched. The original application should include wet/original signature. The Financial Needs Form only needs to be included with the original.

Section 6 – Selection Process

The Community Foundation evaluates applicants in the following five areas.

Item	Weight
Academic performance	Pass/Fail
Financial Need	Pass/Fail
Involvement and participation in activities and initiatives directed toward self-improvement and helping the community	30%
Reference letter	20%
Essay	50%

- Only successful applicants will receive notice from the Foundation.
- All decisions are at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees and are final.

Section 7 – Obligations of Recipients

- Before payment the applicant must submit proof of full-time registration at a Canadian post-secondary institute (as per the eligibility criteria), their Social Insurance Number and proof of aboriginal ancestry. The award is paid in one installment in **December of 2017**.
- Winners must enter university/college in the year of their application.
- Successful applicants must provide a photo for publication on the Community Foundation's website and a brief summary of his or her academic plans.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Thunder Bay Community Foundation Office at 475-7279 or visit the Foundation's website at *www.tbcf.org*