

About the Bursary

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 Indigenous 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 recognized the gap between the Indigenous and the mainstream Canadian culture and realized 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 Indigenous graduates would have the same opportunities as their peers. As such, Sue established the Susan Cochran Simonsen Bursary for Indigenous students.

Introduction for Student Services

- The Susan Cochran Simonsen Bursary for Indigenous Students is open to students from **Thunder Bay and the District of Thunder Bay**. See goo.gl/q1oQvo for more details.
- Each school is asked to submit an **unlimited** number of qualified students for consideration by our Scholarship and Bursary Committee.
- **Students may not apply directly to the Foundation for this scholarship.**

Important Dates

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| • Completed Applications to Student Services: | Friday April 12, 2019 |
| • Nomination from Student Services to TBCF: | Thursday April 25, 2019 |
| • Reception Date: | Thursday June 6, 2019 |

Application Details

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

- Bursary 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.

- 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).

- Financial Need Form* – This demonstrates your financial need. Please use the form provided on the website or by your student services office.

Section 2 - Eligibility

- Applicants must be in their graduating year of secondary school.
- Applicants must demonstrate adequate academic performance.
- 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 clearly demonstrate financial need.
- Applicants must be of Indigenous ancestry-a copy of Status Card must be included

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, Arial, Size 16
- Name of Student (Under Title): Centered, Arial, size 12

Normal Text (everything between the header and footer)

- Font Type: Arial
- Font Size: 11
- Line Spacing: single (0 pts before and after text)

Section 4 – Application Requirements (for Student)

- All nomination packages must be submitted by the applicant to Student Services by **Friday April 12, 2019**.

Section 5 – Application Requirements (for Student Services)

Original (1)	Copies (3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Application Form (including original signature) <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Activities Form <input type="checkbox"/> Extracurricular Activities Form <input type="checkbox"/> Work Experience Form <input type="checkbox"/> Reference Letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Essay <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Needs Form <input type="checkbox"/> Bound with paper clip <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Status Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Application Form <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Activities Form <input type="checkbox"/> Extracurricular Activities Form <input type="checkbox"/> Work Experience Form <input type="checkbox"/> Reference Letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Essay

- All nomination packages must be received at the Community Foundation by **Thursday, April 25, 2019** from the school.
- Late applications will not be accepted. Unsigned or incomplete application packages will be disqualified.

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 in school, community activities and work experience	40%
Reference letter	10%
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 Indigenous ancestry (if required). The award is paid in one installment in **December of 2019**.
- Successful recipients 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