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Technical Professional Studies Scholarship Policy

PREAMBLE

The Department of Community and Government Services recognizes the challenges the government has to achieve the implementation of Article 23 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA) especially in the technical and professional designation positions. This scholarship program will attract more students into these areas and give Inuit Beneficiaries and Northerners opportunity to pursue studies in these fields of study.

PRINCIPLES

This policy is based on the following principle:

To motivate and reward students in the field of engineering, informatics, community planning, business studies, college programs of firefighting, training, prevention and land administration.

APPLICATION

This policy shall apply to any eligible student. To be eligible for the scholarship you must:

- (a) Be a Canadian citizen or have permanent resident Status (Landed Immigrant)
- (b) Be a resident of Nunavut for at least one year and intend to maintain residency
- (c) Be enrolled in a program that is at least 20 weeks in length at a designated postsecondary or technical institution
- (d) Enrolled as a full time student and be working towards a degree, diploma or certificate.
- (e) Preference will be given to Nunavut Land Claim Beneficiaries

DEFINITIONS

<u>Grant</u>

A grant is an unconditional transfer payment made to the recipient for which the government will not receive goods or services.



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Qualifying Colleges, Universities or Technical Schools

Accredited educational institutions with training programmes in the fields of engineering, informatics, community planning, business studies, and college programs of firefighting, training, prevention and land administration.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. The Minister
 - (a) The Minister of Community and Government Services may delegate authority to approve contribution agreements to the Deputy Minister of Community and Government Services.
- 2. The Deputy Minister
 - (b) The Deputy Minister of Community and Government Services may delegate authority to the Assistant Deputy Minister, or a lead Senior Departmental official to approve and manage these agreements.
- 3. The Executive Council
 - (c) The Executive Council shall approve program provisions and any exceptions to this policy.
- 4. <u>Selection Committee</u>
 - (d) The Community and Government Services Internal Staff Training Committee will review the applications and approve the applications.

PROVISIONS

1. Eligibility

Eligibility for grants under the Technical Professional Studies Scholarship program is restricted to students from Nunavut enrolled and accepted at Universities, Colleges and/or Technical Schools to pursue the studies identified in section 2 ('Assessment Criteria'). The maximum amounts per student are as outlined in section 3 below ('Financial Conditions') up to a maximum of 4 years while the student is actively enrolled in an eligible program of study.



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(a) To preserve the intent of the NLCA these are the Categories of eligibility established in priority order;

i) Category One

Applicants who are beneficiaries under the terms of the NLCA and are normally resident in Nunavut.

ii) Category Two

Applicants who are beneficiaries under the terms of the NLCA but who are not presently resident in Nunavut due to short or long term relocations of their family to locations outside the Nunavut Territory but intend to return to Nunavut to work.

iii) Category Three

Applicants who are NOT beneficiaries under the terms of the NLCA but who live and continue to maintain residency within Nunavut.

2. Assessment Criteria

- (a) Students must submit a completed *Technical Professional Studies Scholarship Application* form each year.
- (b) The application package will include registration confirmation, a letter from or the signature of the host college, university or technical school Registrar on the application form;
- (c) One page paper regarding why you qualify to get this scholarship;
- (d) Provide a copy of the Nunavut Land Claim Beneficiary identification card, and/or Nunavut Health Care card.

3. Financial Conditions

The Technical Professional Studies Scholarship will provide totalling \$80,000 annually to be distributed as follows per accepted student;

- 1st Year @ \$2,500
- 2nd Year @ \$3,000
- 3rd Year @ \$4,000
- 4th Year @ \$5,000

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4. Monitoring and Evaluation

The Department of Community and Government Services will monitor and evaluate the program every year for its effectiveness.

5. The Financial Administration Act

All provisions contained in the Financial Administration Act and the Government of Nunavut's Financial Administration Manual shall apply to the financial administration of all contributions issued by the Department of Community and Government Services.

PEROGATIVE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Nothing in this policy shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Executive Council to make a decision, or take actions respecting the Department of Community and Government Services' grants outside the provisions of this policy.

SUNSET CLAUSE

This policy shall be in effect from the date of the signature until March 31, 2020.