

Victor York Community Service Scholarship 2017-2018



Purpose:

Victor York served at four terms as Chief of the Lower Nicola Indian Band (LNIB). In his first term, Mr. York's Council built the Shulus Community Arena and the Lower Nicola Band School to promote sports and education among Aboriginal and reserve youth. In that period, he successfully lobbied the BC government and the LNIB was awarded a casino to be built at Joeyaska, Indian Reserve. Mr. York is a founding Member of the Conayt Friendship Centre and served on its Board of Directors for many years. In addition to operating many programs and services for the urban Aboriginal people of Merritt and the Nicola Valley, the Conayt Friendship Centre also operates 44 housing units for low income Aboriginal families.

Eligibility:

Awarded to a full-time Canadian student, from the Merritt campus, in a 100% course load, who is either Aboriginal or provides services to Aboriginals. The student will have completed a post-secondary diploma or associate degree, maintaining a minimum 3.0 grade point average. The student must have performed 150 hours of community service to better the lives of Aboriginal people, setting an example for young Aboriginal children and youth, and providing assistance to Aboriginal elders.

Value:

Each year, the Conayt Friendship Society will donate one (1) award of \$1000 to be distributed at the annual NVIT awards ceremony.

Process:

Students must complete the following application process.

- Complete and sign the application form.
- Submit official NVIT transcripts.
- Submit a personal character reference, written by an external community member, in a signed/sealed envelope, describing the type of community service the student does in his/her own community, in Merritt, the Nicola Valley or at Conayt Friendship Society. (i.e., food bank, Conayt Friendship Society, youth group, First Nations, etc.)
- Complete and submit a 500-word essay on the student's history of community service.
- Submit a letter on company letterhead, showing proof of having performed 150 hours of community service, bettering the lives of Aboriginal people, setting an example for young Aboriginal children and youth, and providing assistance to Aboriginal elders.

Deadline:

The deadline to submit the application for the Victor York Community Service Scholarship is April 30, 2018 by 4:30pm to the Registration Office. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Students may appeal the award decision by submitting a written letter to the award adjudication committee attention:

Associate Registrar
Registration Office
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
4155 Belshaw Street Merritt, BC V1K 1R1



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Please ensure all information has been entered; incomplete applications will not be accepted.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Mailing Address _____

(____) _____ - _____ / / /
Telephone Student ID Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

_____ - _____ - _____ _____
S.I.N. Email

Are you a Canadian Citizen? Yes No

Are you of Aboriginal Ancestry? Yes No

Please describe your Aboriginal Ancestry: Inuit Métis First Nations (Status or Non-Status)
 Other: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

What program are you currently enrolled in? _____

Are you registered at the Merritt campus? Yes No

Are you registered in a 100% course load? Yes No

What is your current grade point average? _____ (i.e., 3.33 = B+)

Will you graduate this year? Yes No If not, why? _____

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STUDENT CHECKLIST

Students must complete this checklist:

- Complete and sign the application form
- Submit official NVIT transcripts
- Submit a **personal character reference letter** as follows:
 - The letter will be written by an external community member
 - Describe the type of community service you do in your own community, in Merritt, or in the Nicola Valley. (i.e., food bank, Conayt Friendship Society, youth group, First Nations, etc.)
 - The letter must be sealed and signed across the seal by the community member.
- Complete a **personal essay** as follows:
 - It must be between 500-600 words
 - It must be typed-written and double-spaced
 - It must describe your history of community service
 - It must include a title page marked with the title of the award and submission date
 - Write, with the intended audience in mind, the Board of Directors of Conayt Friendship Society and its membership
- Submit a letter on company letterhead, showing proof of having performed 150 hours of community service, bettering the lives of Aboriginal people, setting an example for young Aboriginal children and youth, and providing assistance to Aboriginal elders.

STUDENT DECLARATION

Applicant's Declaration:

I confirm, all the information I have given in both my application form and my personal commitment form, is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: (yyyy/mm/dd) _____/_____/_____