

**Dr. Sharon D. Mclvor Scholarship
for Advancing Aboriginal Women's Equality
2021 Application**



Purpose:

The Conayt Friendship Society encourages students to use their college education to promote equality rights for Aboriginal women in any field; such as, community, governance, social work, art, creative writing, and business development. In addition to focusing on their own future, Conayt Friendship Society wants to fund students who make a personal contribution to their community and to the community of Aboriginal women and girls.

Eligibility:

Awarded to a full-time Aboriginal Canadian student in a 100% course-load, who has completed a post-secondary diploma or associate degree program, who achieves academic excellence by obtaining a minimum 3.0 grade point average. The student must promote advancing women's equality rights as demonstrated by published writings, speeches, and/or advocacy on behalf of Aboriginal women and girls.

Criteria:

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 instructor, in a signed/sealed envelope, describing how the student has worked and continues working for Aboriginal women's equality rights in his/her home community, at NVIT and/or in the Nicola Valley.
- 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.
- Complete and submit a 500-word essay on the student's efforts and contribution to Aboriginal women's equality.
- Complete and submit a limit of **two** items: a combination of previously-marked essays from the student's college classes or newspaper articles or editorials demonstrating his/her effort for advancing Aboriginal women's equality rights.

Value:

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

Deadline:

The deadline to submit the application for the Dr. Sharon D. Mclvor Scholarship for Advancing Aboriginal Women's Equality is 4:30pm, April 30th. If April 30th lands on a weekend, the application is due the last business day before the deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Students may appeal the award decision by submitting a written letter to the award adjudication committee attention:

Dr. Sharon D. Mclvor Scholarship for Advancing Aboriginal Women's Equality
c/o Registration Office
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
4155 Belshaw Street Merritt, BC V1K 1R1



Please keep the front page for your own informational purposes.

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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 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 **two personal character reference letters** as follows:
 1. The first letter will be written by an instructor, describing how you have worked and continue working for Aboriginal women's equality rights in your home community, at NVIT and/or in the Nicola Valley. The letter must be sealed and signed across the seal by the instructor.
 2. The second letter will be written by an external community member, describing the type of community service you do in your own community, in Merritt, the Nicola Valley or at Conayt Friendship Society. The letter must be sealed and signed across the seal by the instructor.
- 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 efforts and contribution to Aboriginal women's equality
 - It must include a title page marked with the title of the award and submission date
 - The intended audience is the Board of Directors of Conayt Friendship Society and its membership
- Submit a combination of **two documents** demonstrating your effort for advancing Aboriginal women's equality rights. Accepted documentation is as follows:
 - previously-marked essays from your college classes
 - newspaper articles or editorials

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) _____/_____/_____