



Dear Friends and Partners:

There is less than one week before the submission deadline for applications for the *BC First Nations Public Service Scholarship*. We have included information on this opportunity and ask that you share with your networks so that no one that could benefit from the support misses the application deadline.

The First Nations Public Service Secretariat (FNPSS), in partnership with the Local Government Management Association of BC (LGMA BC), was pleased to announce for the first time this year that the *BC First Nations Public Service Scholarship* is available for applications. The scholarship is open to Indigenous applicants who are working in a non-elected role in any BC First Nation government and are enrolled in an accredited post-secondary course or program.

The scholarship aims to support capacity development and the courage to excel, by providing support for Indigenous professionals to access training related to the administration or management of public services in their First Nation government. The scholarship is valid for one year in the amount of up to \$1,500 and will be provided to the successful candidate(s) as a voucher to the specified post-secondary institution upon proof of registration.

Applications for the scholarship are due by 4:30 PM September 30. Click here to review the application criteria along with other LGMA Scholarships that First Nations are eligible for as well: <https://www.lgma.ca/bc-first-nations-public-service-scholarship6e232f10>

We thank all those that donated to the fund to make this first year of awards possible and thank you in advance for sharing this information and encouraging deserving public servants in our communities to apply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jehan Casey".

Jehan Casey
Director, FNPSS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Taylor".

Nancy Taylor
Executive Director, LGMABC



About the Scholarship and Donating to the Scholarship Fund

FNPS and the LGMA have had a longstanding partnership to collaborate on training and professional development to strengthen and enhance the professional capacity of their respective members so that they may better serve their communities.

The BC First Nations Public Service Scholarship was established in 2019 in celebration of the Local Government Management Association's 100th anniversary. The Association pledged in 2015 to establish a BC First Nations Public Service Scholarship Fund. Together, LGMA BC and FNPS worked to raise funds in order to launch the scholarship in 2020. We hope to continue to raise money to support the scholarship fund to offer a greater number of scholarships and/or higher award amounts in coming years. If you, or your organization wish to donate to the fund, please visit: <https://www.vancouverfoundation.ca/lgmabc>. Donations can be tax deductible.

About the First Nations Public Service Secretariat (FNPS)

The First Nations Public Service Secretariat's (FNPS) mission is to strengthen and enhance capacity in First Nations communities and organizations, on an individual, organization, and Nation level. The primary purpose of FNPS is to create and implement a collective plan to support BC First Nation communities and organizations across the core public service sectors as they pursue excellence in their own governments and administrations.

About Local Government Management Association of BC

Since 1919 the LGMA has supported excellence in local government by providing high quality, practical training and resources; encouraging the development of professional networking and connections; and facilitating the exchange of ideas and best practices among senior managers working in BC's local government. LGMA welcomes opportunities to partner with First Nations governments to build better understanding between First Nations and local government administrations.