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## *POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL BURSARY*

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### Objectives:

- To publicly honor two (2) Post-Secondary school students who have made significant contribution in the area of Academic Excellence and Community Leadership and Development.
- Students must meet the criteria as specified by the Saugeen Education Committee.

To distribute \$2,000 once *per* bursary or as directed by the Saugeen Education

- Committee.
- To encourage Saugeen's youth through the positive education experiences.
- Students may apply for both bursaries, but can only be awarded one per academic career.

***\* Please note: Previous award recipients may re-apply for the alternative award; however, priority will be given to those applicants who have not yet received recognition for their academic excellence.***

*The two (2) awards have been broken down into the following two (2) categories.*

### **1. Roy Wesley Memorial Post-Secondary Bursary for Academic Excellence**

Must demonstrate through attestation letters, marks and proof of B+ average.

#### **Criteria for Academic Scholarship**

- Must be a band member of Saugeen First Nation.
- Successfully completed one (1) full year of their Post-Secondary studies with a minimum B+ average or higher.
- Must be enrolled in a recognized college or university (Candidate DOES NOT have to be returning to school in the upcoming post-secondary school year.)
- Recent letter of recommendation from a teacher, professor, or academic advisor from the current year, demonstrating academic achievement.

### **2. James Mason Award for Excellence in Community Leadership and Community Development**

Must provide proof of involvement in extra-curricular and/or, traditional teachings at school or in the community.

#### **Criteria for Leadership/Extra-curricular Scholarship**

- Must be a band member of Saugeen First Nation.
- Successfully completed one (1) full year of their Post-Secondary studies.
- Student has shown leadership abilities at school or in the community.
- Must be enrolled in a recognized college or university (Candidate DOES NOT have to be returning to school in the upcoming post-secondary school year.)
- Recent letter of recommendation from a community leader or program leader (not a close relative) demonstrating community involvement must accompany the application.



**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS Friday, June 5, 2026 @ 4:30PM**

**Submit application by paper copy to SFN Education Department or email**

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### **AWARDS APPLICATION**

Award applying to:

- o Roy Wesley Memorial for Academic Excellence
- o James Mason Award for Excellence in Community Leadership & Community Development

*(If you are applying for both bursaries, please fill out a separate application for both.)*

#### **Personal Information**

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **College or University Information**

College or University graduating from: \_\_\_\_\_

Program of studies / Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Program length: \_\_\_\_\_

List degree or diploma received: \_\_\_\_\_

*In applying for either the Roy Wesley Scholarship or the James Mason Scholarship, the applicant must address how their application supports the bursary for which they are applying.*



**Short Answer Questions**

1. These scholarships recognize past excellence of former leaders. These scholarships, the Roy Wesley and the James Mason Scholarship are important building blocks in building a strong community in organization and development. How do you exemplify the character and belief system of the leader for which you are applying? Could you confirm why you should be considered as a recipient for either award? Please provide examples.

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2. Indigenous communities continue to grow in numbers and there is much demand for services in all aspects of community services. What community supports and services sustained you in reaching excellence in academia or in leadership and community development skills?

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3. Describe how winning this bursary will contribute to your future career goals and aspirations? Are you intending to further your education in community and leadership development? How is your selection of courses assisting you in this regard?

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4. Describe how you intend to use your educational attainment in contributing to a positive and progressive community and a positive place to live and work?

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5. You are a recent graduate and a new positive role model for community youth, describe and suggest motivating techniques to encourage students to stay in school.

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6. Describe your involvement and activities that you have participated in with the indigenous services provided at your institution. Describe how indigenous services assisted you in meeting assignments, juggle family, work and community responsibilities, while still being involved in extra-curricular activities and taking on a leadership role.

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7. Who influenced you to pursue a post-secondary diploma or degree and your particular area of study? Who was your role model and how did this person contribute to your success?

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8. This scholarship is to recognize academic achievement and or community leadership and organization. Is it your intention to return to Saugeen to seek employment and to apply your training? What are the employment opportunities that exist at Saugeen that would use your skill and talent?

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9. What college or university curriculum/programs would you recommend that could contribute to a synergism between indigenous and western knowledge? How would you invite the implementation of cultural practices within your school or workplace that could affect positive working environment? Is this type of training being offered at your college/university?

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10. Imagine you are presenting to a group of students who were considering a post-secondary diploma or degree. What words of encouragement would you offer? Would you include traditional teaching and knowing as a way of survival? How have you used your aboriginal ways in succeeding in your area of expertise? In an essay, which you will attach, reflect on these issues and how you have changed since leaving home, discuss how your finances affected your life at school? Your experience over time at school? Describe your feelings, your despair, and your enjoyment learning to live independently. Did you seek out urban aboriginal services, what kind of friends did you make and did you seek out aboriginal elders and teachers to help you find your place in the urban setting?

Provide a minimum of 500 words to describe your personal set of obstacles and how you manage to rise above them and find your success.



CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETED POST-SECONDARY BURSARY APPLICATION:

- Copy of Status card
- Copy of current grades
- Letter of Recommendation
- Completed Application (Parts 1 – 10)

I hereby give my consent for the use of any part of this application form to the Saugeen First Nation Education department.

Yes / No

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE SAUGEEN EDUCATION COMMITTEE ARE FINAL. ALL BURSARY RECIPIENTS ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THIS BURSARY ONE TIME. **APPLICANTS PACKAGE MUST HAVE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION LISTED IN THE CRITERIA FOR EACH SPECIFIC BURSARY.**