



JORDAN WABASSE MEMORIAL AWARDS CELEBRATING MATAWA STUDENT EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS & OUTDOOR EDUCATION



The Jordan Wabasse Memorial Awards were established during the 2017-2018 academic year by Jordan Wabasse's family, Webequie Education Authority, and the Matawa Education and Care Centre in tribute to the late Jordan Wabasse. The awards are in memory of Jordan Wabasse, a youth from Webequie First Nation, a student of the Matawa Learning Centre (now Matawa Education and Care Centre), and a dedicated hockey player and hunter whose life tragically ended far too soon in 2011.

As a result of this tragedy and six other tragedies in Thunder Bay, the Seven Youth Inquest was held in which 124 recommendations were made for improvements in education for remote First Nations youth attending high schools in Thunder Bay. As a result, 24 of those recommendations were directed to the MLC (now MECC) including this award in Jordan's honour. Therefore, with support from Jordan's family and community, our leadership, and Ontario we are happy to announce that Jordan's dedication, commitment and passion for sports and outdoor education inspires six memorial awards amounted to a \$1000 each for students who excel in Athletics or Outdoor Education.

The six memorial awards will be distributed to graduating students attending either Simon Jacob Memorial Education Centre or Keewatinook Internet High School in Webequie First Nation, Matawa Education and Care Centre in Thunder Bay, and Provincial High Schools in Thunder Bay. Students attending schools who are not in a formal Athletics or Outdoor Education program in school are encouraged to apply if they enjoy being out on the land or playing sports as Jordan so lovingly did.

The first annual Jordan Wabasse Memorial Awards celebrated graduating students from Simon Jacob Memorial Education Centre in Webequie First Nation at their graduation on June 27, 2018. June 27th is also Jordan's birthday and Jordan's mother proudly distributed the awards to the students who shared Jordan's passion for sports and hunting. Jordan Wabasse's family, Webequie Education Authority, and the Matawa Education and Care Centre look forward to celebrating the excellence of this year's 2022-2023 graduating Matawa students.

The Award:

- 6 x Jordan Wabasse Memorial Awards (\$1000 each) for graduating students from the following schools:
 - Simon Jacob Memorial Education Centre
 - Keewaytinook Internet High School
 - Matawa Education and Care Centre
 - Provincial High Schools in Thunder Bay

Eligibility Criteria:

- Member of a Matawa First Nation
 - Aroland, Constance Lake, Eabametoong, Ginoogaming, Long Lake #58, Marten Falls, Neskantaga, Nibinamik, and Webequie
- Graduating student from Simon Jacob Memorial Education Centre, Matawa Education and Care Centre or a Provincial High School in Thunder Bay

How to Apply:

Interested students must submit the following:

- ☐ Student Application Form (ensure all sections are completed)
- ☐ Teacher Evaluation Form (Athletics or Outdoor Education)
- ☐ Proof of Matawa membership (i.e. Status Card, etc)
- ☐ Photo/Video Release Signed

How to Submit Completed Applications:

- By Email - Stephanie Ritch, Youth Inquest Coordinator, sritch@matawaeducation.ca

Due Date:

- **Friday May 15, 2023**

Questions:

- Stephanie Ritch, Youth Inquest Manager, 807-630-5396 or sritch@matawaeducation.ca

Sincerely,

The Jordan Wabasse family
Webequie Education Authority
Matawa Education and Care Centre



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Student Application Form:	
Student Information:	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Gender:	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	
Matawa First Nation:	
School:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Student Biography:	
Please tell us about yourself and if you plan on pursuing post-secondary education (200 words):	

Please tell us why it is important for you to receive one of the Jordan Wabasse Memorial Awards (200 words):

Complete this section if your applying for the Jordan Wabasse Memorial Awards for **Excellence in Athletics:**

List the school and/or community sports you play:

Please describe how Sports has positively impacted your life?:

Complete this section if your applying for the Jordan Wabasse Memorial Awards for **Excellence in Outdoor Education:**

List the outdoor education/activities you do:

Please describe how Outdoor Education/Activities has positively impacted your life?:



Jordan Wabasse Memorial Awards Photo/Video Release

I _____ (full student name) give Matawa First Nations Management Education Department permission to use images of me (including any motion picture or still photographs or sound records of my voice) for any purposes in connection with promoting its activities, which may include advertising, promotion, and marketing. Matawa First Nations Management Education department may use images of me and combine such images with other images, text, audio recording and graphics without notifying me. I consent to my name and any other information provided by me to Matawa First Nations Management Education Department being displayed in connection with the appearance of my image.

I understand that:

- The publication may appear on the internet
- The publication may appear in print, electronic, or video media
- The publication may enable viewers to identify me

Important – please note:

- I understand that if my personal information (name or image) is published on the Internet, then it will be accessible to users from all over the world.
- My information could also be searched for using an identifier such as my name, and may be copied and used by any other person using the internet.
- Most importantly, I understand that once my personal information has been published on the internet, Matawa First Nations Management Education Department has no control over its subsequent use and disclosure.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Teacher/Coach Evaluation Form for Excellence in Athletics												
Name of Student Applicant:												
School Student Attends:												
Team Student Plays On:												
Name of Teacher/Coach Evaluator:												
Evaluator Role:												
# of Years Taught this Applicant:												
Evaluation of Applicant: Please use this scale when assessing the qualities required in the award criteria. If you are unaware of a specific quality or feel unqualified to answer, please circle N/A (10 = highest value; 1 = lowest value).												
Category:	Scale:											
Passionate about Sports	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Actively Participates in School Sports	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Actively Participates in Community Athletics/Sports	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Demonstrates Leadership in Sports	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Shows Compassion to Others/Inclusive of All	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Citing specific examples from the qualities above, why do you think this student is a good candidate for the Jordan Wabasse Memorial Awards for Excellence in Athletics?												
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Signature: _____ Date: _____ </div>												



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Teacher Evaluation Form for Excellence in Outdoor Education											
Name of Student Applicant:											
School Student Attends:											
Outdoor Education/Activities Student Is A Part Of:											
Name of Teacher Evaluator:											
Evaluator Role:											
# of Years Taught this Applicant:											
Evaluation of Applicant: Please use this scale when assessing the qualities required in the award criteria. If you are unaware of a specific quality or feel unqualified to answer, please circle N/A (10 = highest value; 1 = lowest value).											
Category:	Scale:										
Passionate about Outdoor Education	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Actively Participates in Outdoor Education/Activities at School	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Actively Participates in an Outdoor Activity in their Community (i.e. Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, etc)	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Demonstrates Leadership in Outdoor Education	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Shows Compassion to Others/ Inclusive of All	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Citing specific examples from the qualities above, why do you think this student is a good candidate for the Jordan Wabasse Memorial Awards for Excellence in Outdoor Education?											
Signature:						Date:					