



# Matawa Education AND Rotary Club Bursary



Matawa First Nations Management

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

Bowmanville Rotary Club

## Criteria

- The Bursary fund is for Matawa First Nations Community Members attending Elementary, Secondary, Post- secondary, Training, Apprenticeship, Adult Education, or Trades programs.
- Applicants are to complete the attached form and attach required documentation.
- **Only successful applicants will be notified.**

**DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS  
DUE NO LATER THAN:**

**May 1, 2026  
by 4:30 p.m.**

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

Matawa First Nations Management is a Tribal Council with a membership of nine (9) Ojibwe and Cree First Nations communities in the Nishnawbe Aski Nation territory. The First Nation communities served are Aroland, Constance Lake, Eabametoong, Long Lake #58, Ginoogaming, Neskantaga, Nibinamik, Marten Falls and Webequie.

### MATAWA FIRST NATIONS MANAGEMENT MISSION

Matawa First Nations are committed to supporting each other and focusing their collective efforts on core strategic priorities. By working together as a regional community, we will use our combined knowledge and resources in order to champion the social and economic vitality of our First Nations and invest in community and people building.

### THE MATAWA EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The role of the Matawa Education Department is to support educational initiatives that promote educational excellence and positively impact the quality of education in Matawa First Nations' schools and to its students. Supporting Matawa First Nations' education authorities while networking with Aboriginal organizations, Indigenous Services Canada, the Provincial Ministry of Education, and Post Secondary, Secondary, and Elementary Institutions is an important responsibility of the Matawa Education Department.

### BOWMANVILLE ROTARY CLUB

The Bowmanville Rotary Club, located in the community of Bowmanville in Southern Ontario, provides financial assistance for awards and bursaries to encourage Matawa First Nations' students in their educational endeavours. Through their support of this bursary program, the Bowmanville Rotary Club is fostering a climate of academic excellence and the chance for Matawa First Nations' students to follow their dreams. Leadership, initiative, perseverance, and community involvement are qualities being instilled with this bursary program.



# Elementary/Secondary Awards Categories

## OPEN TO ALL MATAWA FIRST NATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

These awards promote creativity in reading, writing, oral language, and media literacy. All successful recipients will have their work displayed at the award ceremony as well as published in the Rotary Recipient Booklet. **Submissions can be made in Ojibwe, Cree, Oji-Cree, or English.**

### JUNIOR + SENIOR KINDERGARTEN \$500.00

The class will choose ONE of the following:

- write and illustrate a legend or narrative in book form
- use multimedia to capture a class: play, song, puppet show, dance, interview, photo album, slide show, movie, etc...
- create a board game or card game

For the JK - SK entries, signed parental consent forms are required to enable Matawa Education department to publish and distribute the story to all Matawa communities.

*Required items to be included with submission:*

- Application and consent form(s)
- Class submission
- Recent class picture

### GRADES 1 + 2 \$500.00

The class will choose ONE of the following:

- write and illustrate a legend or a narrative
- use multimedia to capture a class: play, song, puppet show, dance, interview, photo album, slide show, movie, etc...
- create a board game or card game

For the Gr 1 and 2 entries, signed parental consent forms are required to enable Matawa Education department to publish and distribute the story to all Matawa communities.

*Required items to be included with submission:*

- Application and consent form(s)
- Class submission
- Recent class picture

### GRADES 3 - 5

**1st place recipient - iPad**

**2nd place recipient - AirPods Pros**

The student will write or use multimedia to create ONE of the following:

- a narrative based on a community legend
- a poem or song that is culturally relevant
- a recount of an accomplishment

The top two (2) entries will be published in our bursary booklet.

*Required items to be included with submission:*

- Application and consent form
- Student submission
- Recent picture of student

### GRADES 6 - 8

**1st place recipient - iPad**

**2nd place recipient - AirPods Pros**

The student will write or use multimedia to create ONE of the following:

- a 200 word persuasive essay OR a 5 - 7 minute video interview based on a current issue in a community or in the region
- a 200 word autobiography highlighting athletics, cultural activities, or leadership opportunities that have been taken
- an ORIGINAL creative writing, or multimedia piece

The top two (2) entries will be published in our bursary booklet.

*Required items to be included with submission:*

- Application and consent form
- Student submission
- Recent picture of student



# Elementary/Secondary Awards Categories

## OPEN TO ALL MATAWA FIRST NATION INTERMEDIATE GRADES AND SECONDARY STUDENTS AS SPECIFIED IN EACH CATEGORY

*These awards promote youth leadership and personal achievement.*

### LANGUAGE + CULTURE (GRADES 7 - 12) \$500

Entries must be fictional stories from the community, and written in syllabics or roman orthography, OR captured as an oral telling and spoken in Ojibwe, Cree, or Oji-Cree using multimedia

- 2 or more pages for written
- 5 - 10 minutes for multimedia

*Required items to be included with submission:*

- *Application and consent form*
- *Recent picture of the student*

### CREATIVE WRITING (GRADES 9 - 12) \$500

Applicants will submit an ORIGINAL creative writing piece that has not, in any part, been copied from any source.

- 300 or more words

*Required items to be included with submission:*

- *Application and consent form*
- *Recent picture of the student*

### MULTIMEDIA (GRADES 9 - 12) \$500

Applicants are encouraged to consider the question, ***“What motivates you in high school?”*** and convey their answer through a medium of their choosing (examples: audio, visual, electronic). A written explanation must accompany the entry, as the judges will be evaluating the written explanation as well.

- 200 words or more for the written portion

*Required items to be included with submission:*

- *Application and consent form*
- *Recent picture of the student*

### MATAWA EDUCATION CENTRE AWARD \$500

Students at the Matawa Education and Care Centre who demonstrate hard work and perseverance through leadership or achievement in academics, athletics, work, cultural activities, or lifestyle choices are eligible.

Applicants will submit an essay describing how they have demonstrated the requirements of the award

- 300 or more words
- include your: name, home community, grade, age, school, educational goals, achievements, etc...
- may also include optional supporting documents such as: newspaper articles, transcript, certificates of recognition, etc...

*Required items to be included with submission:*

- *Application and consent form*
- *Recent picture of the student*



# Post-secondary Awards Categories

## OPEN TO ALL MATAWA FIRST NATIONS POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

Two \$1000 Bursaries will be awarded in this category – one for college and one for university students.

### COLLEGE BURSARY \$1000

Applicants at the post-secondary level may apply for this bursary on a yearly basis. Students who demonstrate determination, commitment and achievement in their chosen career path are encouraged to apply.

### UNIVERSITY BURSARY \$1000

Applicants at the post-secondary level may apply for this bursary on a yearly basis. Students who demonstrate determination, commitment and achievement in their chosen career path are encouraged to apply.

### CONTINUING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BURSARY

*(amount of the award will fluctuate with each year based on the bursary return)*

Applicants at the post-secondary level may apply for the continuing education bursary on a yearly basis. Students must have successfully completed their year of studies with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Proof of registration to a maximum of a 4-year program and an official transcript will be required before this bursary is granted. This scholarship is renewable for up to 3 years provided that the student:

- maintains a 3.0 GPA,
- is registered for a full course load, and
- submits a completed reapplication form the following year.

### EXCELLENCE AWARD

- 3.50 GPA or Higher
- Depending on available funding

*Required items to be included with submission:*

- *Application and consent form*
- *Written documentation of how your program has assisted you in pursuing your career goals and helped you make some positive contributions to your home and community (750 words).*

*Please include:*

- *An introduction with your name, home community, institution, program and year, and any other pertinent information about yourself.*
- *Educational and personal goals.*
- *Career plans.*
- *A letter of recommendation from a current instructor or professor.*
- *Optional supporting documents: newspaper articles, transcript or other samples, certificates of recognition.*
- *A recent picture of yourself.*



# Training, Apprenticeship and Trades Award Categories

**OPEN TO ALL MATAWA FIRST NATION TRAINING, APPRENTICESHIP, ADULT EDUCATION, AND TRADES STUDENTS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN A PROGRAM THAT IS MORE THAN 6 WEEKS IN DURATION, INCLUDES ADULT EDUCATION.**

A \$1000 Bursary will be awarded in this category for one student that is enrolled in a training, adult education, apprenticeship or trades program that is 6 weeks or more in duration. Applicants in these programs may apply for this bursary on a yearly basis.

## **TRAINING, APPRENTICESHIP, AND TRADES \$1000**

The goal of this bursary is to assist and support Matawa First Nation students in achieving their personal employment, training and educational aspirations.

Applicants who demonstrate determination, commitment and achievement in their chosen career path are encouraged to apply.

*Required items to be included with submission:*

- *Application and consent form*
- *Written documentation of how your program has assisted you in pursuing your career goals and helped you make some positive contributions to your home and community (750 words).*

*Please include:*

- *An introduction with your name, home community, institution, program and year, and any other pertinent information about yourself.*
- *Career plans and personal goals*
- *Educational and personal goals.*
- *Career plans.*
- *A letter of recommendation from a current instructor or professor.*
- *A copy of your certification.*
- *Optional supporting documents: newspaper articles, transcript or other samples, certificates of recognition.*
- *A recent picture of yourself.*



# Application

## APPLICATION FORM *(Please submit all required documentation)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Name/First Nation: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONSENT FORM

*I certify that all information on documents submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am a recipient of an award, my picture and biographical information may be used by the Matawa First Nations Management Education Department for promotional and/or publicity purposes only. Original entries for the Matawa Education and Rotary Club Bursary will not be returned to applicants.*

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Signature of parent if under 18 years:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

Matawa First Nations – Education Department  
200 Lillie Street N.  
Thunder Bay, Ontario  
P7C 5Y2

Submissions can also be emailed to: [postsecondary@matawaeducation.ca](mailto:postsecondary@matawaeducation.ca)

Submissions can also be faxed to: (807)768-3301 with attention to: Post-Secondary Program

For further information please contact the Education Department  
1.888.283.9747 | t. 807.768.3300 | f. 807.768.3301

