

James Smith Cree Nation
Band Meeting
November 23, 2016

Post-Secondary Support Services Program

Enrollment:

Our sponsored enrollment currently stands at 48 members.

We currently have 32 continuing sponsored members. Out of the current 48 sponsored members. We put a total of 16 new sponsorships on the July 5, 2016 selections meeting.

In the beginning of this fiscal year at one time or another we had sponsored a total of 68 members.

Waiting List:

The waiting list I have in my office contain 57 members who are waiting for sponsorship and due to limited allocations we receive from AANDC we cannot meet the needs of the memberships.

The waiting list we've created along with what this band sees as the shortfall in the Post Sec. is ready to go to headquarters in Ottawa, whenever our political leaders head that way.

Student Institution Visits:

I have been visiting institutions and sponsorship members since the end of September.

I have been explaining post-secondary policy and what is expected of the sponsored members. Most sponsored members are doing well in their studies. A few are currently getting tutoring for classes they are struggling with but are appreciative for the extra help they need which is helping them raise their marks.

The visits are important as this gives me and the student's time to discuss the supports we have in place along with the resources we can assist with. These visits also give student's time to make recommendations to the program policy or talk about any problem areas they may be facing which may be causing hindrance in their studies.

Visits are an effective and an efficient method of making contact and showing support with members who may need it. An example of this is a first year student coming out of high school grade 12 most of these students need this type of support I've noticed because in some cases, first year students need to adjust to ways of studying which can be sometimes a little different from what they may have experienced in high school.

Selections:

Membership selections come from screening applicants according to the policy which can be found here. Web link for accessing post-secondary policy:

http://www.jamessmithcreation.com/bandoffice/PSSSP/March_27_2014_Student_Policy.pdf

Our policy has to be consistent with the National Guidelines we receive from AANDC this is a guide we have to follow in order to receive our Post-Secondary annual allocation.

National Guideline Policy web link:

<http://www.jamessmithcreenation.com/bandoffice/PSSSP/Post-Secondary%20Student%20Support%20Program%20and%20University%20and%20College%20Entrance%20Preparation%20Program%20-%20National%20Program%20Guidelines%202015-2016.pdf>

Applications:

Membership applications can be found at the following web link:

http://www.jamessmithcreenation.com/bandoffice/PSSSP/PSSSP_Application_2016.pdf

Or you can come to the band office fill an application out.

Bursaries, Scholarships and Loan Top-ups:

I also make students aware of student scholarships, bursaries and loans top-ups.

The first link I would send is "Inspire Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards" The website can be found at the following URL: <http://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/>

Second link. The National Indian Brotherhood Organization at:

http://www.nibtrust.ca/?page_id=128

I have been emailing sponsored students information on where they can apply for bursary and scholarships grants they do not have to pay back.

Top Ups. The Canada-Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loans would be the third link:

We currently have many sponsored students who are getting top-ups through this type of student loan. When students apply for the loan they have to declare what we sponsor from this end as the Post-Secondary band entity program, for instance students have to provide the totals for monthly allowances, tuitions, books, licence and fees and this is the part I have to help the students with to inform the councillor agency officer. The student loans councillor then makes the assessments from what we provide as a band sponsoring entity and what the students are eligible for from their agencies guidelines. This is where they determine if there will be a top-up as a loan aside from band sponsorship funding.

The web link below provides the information on The Application for Canada-Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loans. Website link: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/student-loans/apply-for-a-student-loan#apply>

Tuitions:

All tuitions for this fall 1st term/semester will be paid by December 1st, 2016 as the deadline date for payment is December 6, 2016 for University of Saskatchewan Students.

Graduates from the Program since April 1, 2016 up to today's date:

On May 13, 2016. **Rudy McKay** graduated with a Certificate in Welding Saskatchewan Polytechnic Institution Saskatoon.

May 16, 2016. **Amanda Moostoos** graduated with a certificate from Office Administrator program Cumberland College Tisdale.

May 16, 2016. **Cheyenne Twist** graduated with a certificate from Office Administrator program Cumberland College Tisdale.

May 20, 2016. **Caroline Joyce Brittain** graduated with a certificate in professional cooking at Saskatchewan Polytechnic Institution Prince Albert

June 3, 2016. **Austin Sanderson** Graduated with Bachelor Teaching Degree from the Indian Teachers Education Program at the University of Saskatchewan.

June 3, 2016. **Bianca (Engen) Sanderson** graduated with a DEGREE in Indigenous Social Work from The First Nations University of Canada.

June 10, 2016. **Mallory Burns** graduated with a Certificate in Early Childhood Education at Saskatchewan Polytechnic Institution Prince Albert

June 27, 2016. **Kendra McKay** graduated with her Master's Degree of Nursing Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner. University of Saskatchewan

September 1, 2016. **Beth Berg** graduated with a Degree in Bachelor of Applied Arts-Justice Studies Field. Lethbridge Alberta.

September 2, 2016. **Brayden Sauve** received his Doctor of Medicine Degree at Medical University of The Americas Massachusetts United States. These are the graduates to date.

According to my records, my projections for graduates next year should be around 10. This reflects these students doing well in their studies.

Next group of Graduates 2017:

If the next years students continue good standing with their studies we should have the following amount of graduates 10:

- 3 Bachelor's degrees in Social work
- 1 Degree in Nursing Program
- 1 Bachelor degree in Teaching
- 2 Psychology degrees
- 1 Sociology Degree
- 1 Early Learning Childcare Certificate
- 1 Hair Stylist

This graduation number for next year may change it depends on the study of the student.

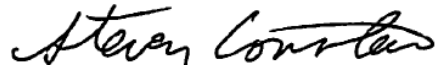
Last note:

If a current sponsored member either quits or is RTD in the future, we have a waiting list which was developed earlier in July 2016. This is where we do the selections from.

The Post-Secondary budget is currently balanced to the end of this fiscal year that's a brief description of where the program currently sits at.

This brief report on the Post-Secondary Program can also be found on the website at:

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Conrath". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'S'.

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