

# Ralph Akiwenzie Scholarship

## Terms of Reference and Guidelines

### OVERVIEW

This scholarship is named for former Chief Ralph Akiwenzie, he was an educator and a leader. Ralph Akiwenzie dedicated his life to the community of Neyaashiinigmiiing, and preserving the Ojibway language.

You are eligible if the following applies to you:

- ☐ You are a Band member of Chippewas of Nawash. Please provide a copy of your status card, both sides.
- ☐ You have met the college and/or university entry requirements, and are applying to any Canadian college or university, and are working towards your diploma, undergraduate degree, Master's, PhD or Native Language Course/Diploma.

The scholarship award can be up to \$3,000 or 80% of the costs, whichever is less, and is renewable annually, based on reasonable progress toward the completion of your program of study. You **MUST** apply each year. If you were a successful candidate in the past, you must submit your receipt(s) with your application when you re-apply.

**PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION:** Provide as much detail as possible on the application, and remember that the one-page essay attachment is crucial if you are to be considered for a Ralph Akiwenzie Scholarship. Those judging your application can only know you through the information you provide to them. Ensure you have all required information and attachments by reviewing the application checklist. You are welcome to send photographs or additional certificates or other information if you wish; however, you must understand that they cannot be returned to you.

Gather all of the required attachments and send together as one application package rather than separately, making sure to include all of the following:

**Completed Application Form**

**Official Latest School Transcript**

**One-Page Essay Attachment with your Achievements, Aspirations and Personal Support**

**One Letter of Reference**

**SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION:** Applications can be submitted by mail to Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education, 6 Harbour Road, NEYAASHIINIGMIING ON N0H 2T0 519-534-0882; OR by email to [nawashed.postsec@gbtel.ca](mailto:nawashed.postsec@gbtel.ca). **Applications must be received by June 30, 2025.**

You may want to call the office before the deadline to make sure your application has arrived and is complete.

## **Awarding of the Scholarship**

The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education office is only responsible for administering the application process. This means that we accept the applications, and distribute copies of the applications to all members of the Ralph Akiwenzie Scholarship Selection Committee. The Ralph Akiwenzie Scholarship Selection Committee manages the review and selection process, and is an independent committee comprised of, two Board trustees, two Board staff and a minimum of one community member.

The selection committee will base its decision on:

- Achievements (how you got where you are today)
- Aspirations, educational and other (where you want to get to)
- Plans (how you intend to get there)

Successful applicants are notified by telephone and or email, by July 31, 2025.