

Rod Hyde Aboriginal Education Award

INTRODUCTION

Fort McKay School Principal Rod Hyde devoted over 30 years to the students and community of Fort McKay. Rod's support of education has always been front and center. He strongly believes that education is the key to a promising future. Although he has retired from teaching, it is his desire to continue promoting education, and to encourage students to develop their full potential by way of higher education. In 2006, Syncrude Canada Ltd. announced the Rod Hyde Aboriginal Education Award, in honour of Rod's commitment.

DESCRIPTION

Syncrude will provide one \$2,000 award to an Aboriginal student from the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, who is pursuing post-secondary education at a recognized post-secondary institution. The award will be provided to an Aboriginal student pursuing studies in, but not limited to, the education, sport or recreation disciplines.

AWARD CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

- The Rod Hyde Aboriginal Education Award will be provided to an Aboriginal student from the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.
- While all applicants will be eligible, preference will be given to an Aboriginal student from the community of Fort McKay.
- The award will be provided to a student pursuing studies in, but not limited to, the education, sport or recreation disciplines.
- The award will be given based on the following criteria:
 - Financial need
 - Academic achievement
 - Extracurricular and community involvement
- Students must apply for the award, and application forms will be made available to all high schools in the region, Keyano College and will be listed on Syncrude's external website.
- Students must be registered as full-time according to the institutional guidelines of their chosen school.
- Students must be enrolled in programs leading to a diploma or a degree (minimum program length two-years).
- Students must provide proof of Treaty or Metis status, or Aboriginal heritage (non-status).
- Students must maintain passing grades. If after the first semester, passing grades are not achieved, the second half of the award will not be issued.
- An award will be discontinued if passing marks are not maintained or the person does not maintain full course load attendance. However, the recipient may re-apply when studies are resumed (provided eligibility requirements are met).
- The maximum number of years a student may receive the award is one (1).
- Recipients will be considered for CO-OP or summer discipline placement opportunities with Syncrude Canada Ltd.
- One-half of the award will be paid directly to the student at the beginning of the school year (September) and the remaining half at the beginning of his/her second semester (January), providing all requirements are met.

APPLICANTS MUST:

- have lived in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the award, or formerly been a long-term resident;
- be registered as a full time student leading to a recognized degree or diploma;
- provide parental or spousal (common law included) financial information as required by our application form;
- provide your most recent transcripts from the last institute attended with your application; and
- provide proof of acceptance into accredited colleges or universities within Canada before an award can be received.



SELECTION

A selection committee comprised of Syncrude employees and community members will evaluate applications and its decision will be final.

Criteria to be used in selecting award recipients are financial need, academic performance and potential, and the appropriateness of the discipline of studies to Syncrude.

Syncrude Canada Ltd. will notify all applicants, in writing, of the results by the end of July.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send your completed application form along with the required transcripts and proof of acceptance to the address outlined below. **The deadline to apply is June 30th.** Please note that if proof of acceptance is not available at that time, then it must be produced prior to receiving the award.

For further information regarding this award program, check out our website at www.syncrude.ca or write to:

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