

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write an essay which details your efforts to get an education. We want to know what challenges you've faced in order to pursue an education. If you're applying for this award, you've been out of school for one year (or more) and then returned. Tell us why you were out of school - were there any specific challenges at the time? What was life like during those years? We'd like to hear why you returned to school too; what made you decide to continue your education? Are there any extraordinary challenges this time around and, if so, how are you dealing with those challenges? How has your life changed since you returned to school, and what are your next steps? Note that essays should be typed, double-spaced on letter-sized stationery, and no more than five pages long.

2. Complete an application form by August 31, 2024, and send it in one of four ways:

- 1. ONLINE** www.indspire.ca/apply
- 2. EMAIL** education@indspire.ca
- 3. MAIL** Box 5, Suite 100, 50 Generations Drive, Six Nations of the Grand River, Ohsweken, Ontario N0A 1M0
- 4. FAX** 1-866-433-3159

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (all fields mandatory)

First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Address _____
 City/Town _____ Province/Territory _____ Postal Code _____
 Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____

EDUCATION (all fields mandatory)

- **CURRENT** Educational Institution _____ Since ____/____/____
(Name and Location) (Month / Year)
- **PREVIOUS** Educational Institution _____ From ____/____/____ To ____/____/____
(Name and Location) (Month / Year) (Month / Year)
- Which years were you **NOT** in an educational institution? From ____/____/____ To ____/____/____
(Month / Year) (Month / Year) Number of years not in school _____

Have you completed one year of school between January 2023 and August 2024? YES or NO (circle one)

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS (all fields mandatory)

Academic Contact: (Principal, guidance counsellor or teacher [excluding a family member] who can confirm that you have completed at least one year of studies).

Name _____ Telephone (day) (_____) _____ Email _____
(Optional)

Community Contact: (Community member, band councillor, priest or minister, or supervisor [excluding a family member] who can confirm that you are First Nation, Métis or Inuk).

Name _____ Telephone (day) (_____) _____ Email _____
(Optional)

APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST

Be sure to include the following documents when applying:

- This application form
- Essay
- School transcripts or letter from academic supporter (photocopy acceptable)
- Clear photocopy of membership card or official letter from community member

Applicant Signature* _____

Date _____

Note: All documents and information must be sent by August 31, 2024 to be eligible. Incomplete application form and/or application package may result in ineligibility for these awards.

* By signing the Application Form, the applicant agrees to comply with the rules of the Awards that are posted at www.indspire.ca/apply