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## GRADUATION AWARDS POLICY

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### 1. PREAMBLE

The successful pursuit of education and training is extremely important. This ensures continued supply of learned human resources that will enhance and sustain our First Nation. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that resources are allocated to award the educational success of our membership.

### 2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this policy are to set a reward system for students attaining academic success.

### 3. BUDGET

The Education Department shall budget each year for financial assistance to be granted to qualified students during an academic year. This shall be based on projected increase in nominal rolls. The budgeted amount shall be allocated as follows:

- ☐ Funding to be allocated from Casino Rama at the discretion of Chief and Council as there is no funding available from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada to cover such costs.
- ☐ Fort William First Nation shall issue a graduation award to band members graduates. Each Award can be received by a student once in a lifetime only. The maximum a student can receive is as follows:
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    - o \$100.00 for graduating from Grade 8;
    - o \$200.00 for graduating from Grade 12;
    - o \$500.00 for certificate program (program must be minimum 8 months and full time, and from a recognized College/University) If the student continues on to a diploma program the \$500 will be deducted from any future awards. E.g. a College diploma will result in a \$500 award, and university degree will result in \$1,000 award.
    - o \$1,000.00 for Graduating from a recognized College;
    - o \$1,500.00 for Graduating from a recognized University.

In addition to the limits above, the Education Department, will issue award dollars to Elementary and Secondary Students at graduation ceremonies. These awards will be requested by the school from which the student is graduating.



These amounts will be in keeping with the amounts listed above. A maximum of 2 awards per school will be approved. The student must be a registered member of FWFN.

- ☐ Graduation awards must be awarded in the current fiscal year. Due to budgeting FWFN cannot reach back to prior years.
- ☐ These amounts are to be received only once in each category for their entire educational career. Awards can not exceed amount set out in Section 3 above.

#### 4. CONDITIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The conditions stipulated hereunder shall apply with regard to qualification for awards:

- ☐ All Chief and Council approved band member in elementary, secondary, and post-secondary institutions irrespective of gender, age, creed, disability or place of residence can apply for financial assistance;
- ☐ Post-Secondary student must supply a diploma in order to receive this award;
- ☐ Assistance amounts are payable in Canadian dollars, financial exchange rate will not be taken into consideration;
- ☐ A student shall receive this funding only once per academic level. Post-Secondary award not to exceed \$1,500.00.

#### 5. ADVERTISEMENT/ACCESSIBILITY

This policy shall be posted on the Fort William First Nation web site ([www.fwfn.com](http://www.fwfn.com)). This policy will be available for viewing at the Fort William First Nation Band Office. The purpose of this advertisement is to ensure that:

- ☐ All eligible students are afforded an equal opportunity to apply regardless of where the student resides;
- ☐ That the purpose and amount of financial assistance is clear to all applicants.

#### 7. FUNDING CANCELLATION

Funding to be allocated at the discretion of Chief and Council, from Casino Rama, as there is no funding available from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada to cover such costs.