

Acadia First Nation 2012 Education Report

1. Mission Statement

To protect the rights of education and ensure education for all our people for generations to come, wherever they reside. We accomplish this by effectively managing our resources, developing appropriate laws and policies, encouraging our children to value the choices offered by high quality education and educating our neighbours so they will be more tolerant of our beliefs.

2. Education Demography:

There are 60 students on the band's elementary/secondary nominal roll for 2012 - 2013. All these students attend provincial schools. There are 27 students on the 2012 - 2013 post secondary education nominal roll.

3. Some partners in education are:

Atlantic Canada's First Nations Help Desk
Dadavan
Micmac Family & Children's Services
Mi'kmaq Employment & Training Secretariat
Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey
South Shore Regional School Board
Tri-County Regional School Board

4. Accomplishments and Highlights:

- > After school activities
- > Daycare, Youth Centre
- > End of school year student awards ceremonies
- > Language program for pre-schoolers
- > Schools Plus Program (Gold River Health Centre)
- > Participation in cultural awareness/events
- > Partnership development with local businesses and organizations
- > Provincial school board representation
- > Student support/tutoring services

Education

Elementary/Secondary

- Each year, throughout various areas of the Acadia First Nation community, our elementary and secondary students are recognized for their academic achievements. Our scholars are recipients of monetary awards, prizes, books and/or medals.
- Some initiatives that our education program has been able to provide: tutoring, language classes and after school activities.

Post Secondary

- The primary objective of the Acadia First Nation Post Secondary Education Program is to assist eligible registered band members gain access to post secondary education.
- The program is intended to provide financial assistance (within available resources) to eligible registered band members. This can include assistance for: tuition, books, direct costs associated with attending full time (living allowance) and tutorial assistance.
- Priority guidelines are used in deciding who will be funded. These guidelines are set by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and adopted by Acadia First Nation.
- For the 2012 - 2013 academic year the Acadia First Nation Post Secondary Education Program is able to provide assistance to 27 band members.
- The demand for post secondary assistance continues to grow beyond the funds allocated annually (\$304,858.00) from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. This increasing demand is the results of (1) increased tuition costs and (2) increasing numbers of eligible applicants.

Post Secondary applications are available from the Acadia First Nation Education Director. The deadline for applications is June 15 of each calendar year.

Graduate Scholarships

- Acadia First Nation has three \$1000.00 scholarships available for post secondary studies. Must be an eligible registered band member, graduating grade 12 and

continuing on in post secondary studies. For more information/application form contact the Education Director.

School Board Representation

South Shore Regional School Board (Queens and Lunenburg Counties) -
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