

Education

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 higher education and educating our neighbours so they will become more tolerant of our beliefs.

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 accomplishments and highlights of our education program:

- ✧ student support/tutoring services
- ✧ daycare, youth centre
- ✧ language classes
- ✧ partnership development with local businesses and organizations
- ✧ provincial school board representation
- ✧ after school activities
- ✧ Schools Plus Program

In May, the Schools Plus program at the Gold River Health Centre was honoured to have a visit from the Governor General of Canada, David Johnston. After a welcome by Chief Deborah Robinson the children performed a dance and proudly showcased their accomplishments.

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 assistance) 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 2014 -2015 academic year the Acadia First Nation Post Secondary Education Program is able to provide assistance to 28 full-time and 5 part-time band members.

The demand for post secondary assistance continues to grow beyond the funds allocated (\$406,851.00) from Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey through Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. This increasing demand is the result 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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