



Acadia First Nation

Education Report

Annual General Meeting

October 28, 2017

In Acadia we embrace the uniqueness of individuals and strive to provide every student with opportunities to grow, develop and succeed as an independent learner through meaningful learning life experiences in respect to our heritage. We envision our children developing as balanced individuals spiritually, emotionally, physically and intellectually.

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 laws and policies, encouraging our children to value choices offered by high quality education and educating our neighbours so they will be more tolerant of our beliefs.

Education Demography

There are 65 students on the band's elementary/secondary nominal roll for 2017 – 2018. All students attend provincial schools. There are 33 students on the 2017 – 2018 post secondary education nominal roll.

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/highlights of our education program:

- after school programs/activities
- daycare/youth centre
- field trips
- Mi'kmaw language program
- School Plus program
- participation in cultural awareness/events
- provincial school board representation
- annual youth moose hunt
- student support/tutoring services
- physical activity initiatives

Post Secondary

The primary objective of the Acadia First Nation Post Secondary 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 band members. This can include assistance for tuition, books, direct costs associated with attending full-time (living assistance) and tutorial assistance.

For the 2017 – 2018 academic year the Acadia First Nation Post Secondary program is able to provide assistance to 27 full-time and 6 part-time band members.

The demand for post secondary assistance continues to grow beyond the funds allocated (\$439,692.00) for 2017 – 2018 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 Assistance 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 four \$1,000.00 scholarships available for post secondary studies. Student 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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