



Mary Thomas Memorial ECE Scholarship

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

The Mary Thomas Memorial ECE Scholarship is presented and administered by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (ACCS), and was established using initial endowment funds from the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

The goal is to recognize and reward two Aboriginal ECE students each year for the highest academic achievement in a Basic Early Childhood Education program and in a Post-Basic Early Childhood Education program at an approved educational institution and ECE program within British Columbia. Each year, ACCS will offer one scholarship in the amount of \$1500 for eligible Post-Basic ECE students, and one scholarship in the amount of \$1000 for eligible Basic ECE students.

APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms are available on our website www.acc-society.bc.ca or by calling 604.913.9128

You may submit your application form by:



E-mail: lynn@acc-society.bc.ca



Fax: 604.913.9129
Attention: Lynn McBride



Mail: BC Aboriginal Child Care Society – Mary Thomas Memorial ECE Scholarship
708 – 100 Park Royal South
West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You must meet **ALL** of these eligibility criteria in order to qualify for a scholarship:

- Be enrolled in or just graduated from an approved educational institution and Early Childhood Education (ECE) program – either Basic ECE or Post-Basic ECE Certificate or Diploma. For a detailed list of approved institutions and programs, please phone the ECE Registry at 1.888.338.6622 or refer to: http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/ece/pdfs/training_institutes_jan_09.pdf
- Be of Aboriginal ancestry: First Nation (Status, Treaty, or Non-Status Indian), Métis, or Inuit.
- Be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant, and also provide proof of BC residency (permanently living in British Columbia for six months or more at the time of application).
- Provide an official copy of your student transcript or record of grades, which establishes that you have successfully completed a Basic ECE Certificate or Diploma program or a Post-Basic ECE Certificate or Diploma program (successful completion requires a minimum 2.0 grade point average or C grade equivalent in all required courses for completion of your ECE program).
- An official copy of your student transcript or record of grades must be received by ACCS by July 31, 2010

You are not eligible if:

- You do not provide all required documentation with your application.
- You will complete your Basic ECE Certificate or Diploma or your Post-Basic ECE Certificate or Diploma after June 30, 2010 (in which case, you should apply for this scholarship in the future, during the academic year in which you complete and receive your ECE Certificate or Diploma).
- Your application and all required documentation are not *received* by ACCS on or before July 31, 2010.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION FORM

- For your personal reference and records, keep a copy of the scholarship application form you are submitting, as you may need to amend or refer to it.
- Also for your personal reference and records, keep a copy of your transcript or record of grades and all other required documentation you are submitting.
- Application forms and required documentation submitted to ACCS will not be returned to you.
- Answer all questions on the application form, and attach additional pages and/or documents if space on form is insufficient; sign and date your form and submit to ACCS on or before July 31, 2010.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- The \$1000 Basic ECE Scholarship will be awarded to the eligible applicant with the highest overall academic standing of all the eligible applicants.
- The \$1500 Post-Basic ECE Scholarship will be awarded to the eligible applicant with the highest overall academic standing of all the eligible applicants.
- These scholarships are available for full time and part time ECE students who are completing or have just completed either a Basic ECE Certificate or Diploma or a Post-Basic ECE Certificate or Diploma at an educational institution with an approved ECE program.
- Scholarship winners will be announced by ACCS on September 15, 2010. The winners will be contacted by phone or e-mail, and ACCS will also announce the winners on our website, in our e-newsletter and our newsletter, and at our Annual Provincial Training Conference.
- Cheques will be issued shortly after the announcement of the winners, and will be mailed to each winner at the address shown on her or his application form.
- A portion of the scholarship amount must be declared as income; ACCS will issue T4A slips to scholarship recipients for the 2010 taxation year on or before February 28, 2011. ACCS will mail T4A slips to each winner at the address shown on her or his application form.
- Submit only **one** application form per person (not one by mail, another by fax, and a third hand delivered).

If you have any questions and/or require any more information, please contact the Scholarship Administrator at:

Lynn McBride

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The guidelines for this program are subject to change without notice