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**STUDENTS ON ICE EXPEDITION
ARCTIC EXPEDITION 2019
July 23 – August 7**

Mi'kmaq Youth Application
for
**AFN Nova Scotia and Newfoundland & Students on Ice
Mi'kmaq Scholarship**

DEADLINE = March 31, 2019
Submit this form to: afnnsnl@gmail.com

IMPORTANT

Welcome to the Students on Ice Expedition 2019 Application Form for Mi'kmaq students from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. You may type directly into this word document, or print it out and complete by hand. If completing by hand, please PRINT so that it is readable.

This form takes at least 30 minutes to complete. You will also need additional time to write your responses to the essay questions.

We recommend that you write and edit your short essay responses first, before inserting into the form below.

Questions?? If you have any questions about the application form, please contact Shannon Monk, with Regional Chief Morley Googoo's office. Please call or text 613-331-2494 or email skmonkpayne@gmail.com

Good luck!

What is Students on Ice (SOI)?

SOI is an award-winning and globally unique educational program. Since 1999, we have taken more than 2,500 students, educators, elders, scientists, artists, musicians and leaders from 52 countries around the world on educational expeditions to the Arctic and the Antarctic.

We believe the Polar Regions are the world's greatest classrooms. They are the cornerstones of

the global ecosystem and tremendous platforms for education in history, culture, science, political, social and environmental issues. We believe in the power of connecting youth to nature and fostering within them an appreciation for the planet, themselves and each other. Further, through place-based learning, cross-cultural discussions and workshops students also form connections with fellow students and expert staff who help to shape, inspire and support their goals and initiatives.

Indigenous youth and educators from the North and beyond are an integral part of every SOI expedition, helping us to explore and understand the places we visit. Annually, more than 30 per cent of expedition participants call the North home. SOI expeditions catalyze interest in, awareness of and appreciation for Inuit culture and traditional homelands amongst and across participants.

** Please ensure that you have browsed [the SOI website https://studentsonice.com/](https://studentsonice.com/) for information on Students on Ice and for details on the upcoming expedition.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following Eligibility Criteria for their participation to be considered:

- 1. We are accepting applications from *Mi'kmaq students from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, between the ages of 14 and 24.***
2. Student must be enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary institution (or be home-schooled) at the time of application. High school students must be 14-18 years old at the time of application. We accept graduate students in addition to university and college students, up to the age of 24.
3. Student must demonstrate an interest in the Polar Regions, and must understand that this is an educational expedition, not a vacation experience. All students must be committed to participate fully in all aspects of the mandatory education program and research activities prior to and during the expedition.
4. Successful applicants must agree to participate in and complete any pre-expedition preparations and/or post-expedition assignments as directed by the Expedition Managers.
5. Student must demonstrate some or all of the following qualities: strong academic ability and/or passion for learning; leadership qualities and/or potential to develop these qualities; active involvement in the community; and a desire to make a difference.
6. Successful applicants must accept the responsibility to act as an ambassador for their communities and educational institutions.
7. Applicants must possess a passport or are able to complete the process of obtaining a passport.

Expedition Fee

The Expedition Fee for the 2019 Arctic Expedition will be \$13,500 CAD or \$10,900 USD, plus travel to and from the gateway city of Ottawa, Ontario.

Please note: This is a sponsored partnership initiative by the Assembly of First Nation Regional Chief's office for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. If you are chosen to represent your community, your fees will be fully covered through a scholarship!

Scholarships

15 scholarships are available to Mi'kmaq students (primarily high school) from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. After you submit your application, you will be entered into the scholarship pool. One student will be chosen to represent each Mi'kmaq community in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Selections will be made by May, 2019.

The Scholarship selection committee will be considering the following criteria when evaluating applications: Motivation to participate; desire to learn; leadership potential; community involvement; "Heart", as determined by passion and empathy; and vision and commitment towards creating change.

Application Process

Please follow these steps to ensure that your application is complete and received in good order:

1. Please ensure that you meet all of the eligibility criteria and read all instructions carefully.
2. Complete this Word Document application form. If typing in word, please save as a separate document (preferably PDF) with your name - example: Joe Smith AFN SOI March 31, 2019
3. Be sure to complete all essay questions, and provide contact information for two references. (More info on references is included below.)
4. Submit this form to afnnsnl@gmail.com
5. Please be patient while we process your application. **The application deadline to apply for a Mi'kmaq scholarship for the 2019 Arctic Expedition is March 31, 2019 at 11:59pm Atlantic.** Scholarship applicants will be contacted to confirm participation status by May 2019. Unfortunately, due to the high volume of applications, we are not able to provide feedback on your application.
6. *Please note that a deposit is not required for scholarship applicants, and your participation is dependent on the scholarship selection process. However, it is very important and respectful to commit to this experience if you are selected. You may decline to participate; if so, simply inform us of your decision at the time of the offer.

Mentor

Students on Ice requires all student applicants to have a mentor in their community to assist with the application process and to help in preparation for the expedition, if accepted. If at any time we are unable to reach a student applicant, we will reach out to the mentor for assistance.

Your mentor should be someone whom you trust and you feel comfortable asking for support and guidance. It should ideally be someone whom you have regular contact with. You should discuss the expedition and its requirements with them before listing them as a mentor.

We require that a mentor provide a phone number and have regular email access. The mentor should also be fluent in English. Please provide the name and email for your community mentor below. Your mentor can be a family member.

Mentor's Name

Mentor's Relationship to Applicant

Mentor's Email Address

Mentor's Phone Number

Applicant Information

First Name

Preferred First Name

Middle Names

Last Name

Name of Mi'kmaq Community in Nova Scotia or Newfoundland

Current Address

City

Province

Postal Code

Primary phone number

Secondary phone number

Email Address

Are you under 18 at this time?

Citizenship

Date of Birth

Gender Identity (Male, Female, Other)

What languages do you speak, other than English? (French, Mi'kmaq, Other)

What is the status of your passport?

- I have a passport that is valid at least six months after the last day of travel (February 7, 2020)
- I need to renew my passport and will do so at least three months before the first day of travel (by April 23, 2019)
- I do not have a passport and will apply for one at least three months before the first day of travel (by April 23, 2019)

Health Statement

Students must be capable of moderate physical activity, such as hiking over uneven terrain. During days at sea, the possibility of rough sea conditions may lead to participants experiencing seasickness. Although we are visiting during the summer season, daily temperatures may be below freezing and all participants will be expected to participate in all daily excursions. These excursions, such as Zodiac boat cruises and shore landings, generally range from two to three hours in length.

I attest that I am in good health and capable of performing normal activities on this expedition. I further attest that I am capable of caring for myself during the expedition, and that I will not impede the progress of the expedition or the enjoyment of others aboard. I understand that this expedition will take me far from the nearest medical facility and that all expedition members must be self-sufficient. With that understanding, I certify that I have not been recently treated for, nor am I aware of any physical condition or disability that would create a hazard to myself or other members of the expedition.

Student

I Agree

General Medical Information

We are travelling to a remote place and we and our physicians must be aware of any and all medical concerns and needs in order to be prepared for medical emergencies. Please outline

any medical conditions, illnesses, and/or disabilities that require or have required the regular care of a doctor in the section below. It is VERY important that you provide as much information as possible. This information will only be shared with our expedition physicians and will otherwise be kept confidential.

Do you have any medical conditions, illnesses, disabilities and/or mental health issues (such as ADHD, depression, allergies, heart disease, emphysema, injuries, diabetes, recent surgery, etc.)? Please be thorough.

Education

In which grade/academic year are you enrolled at the time of this application?

Name of High School/College/University

Address

City

Prov/Terr/State

Postal/ZIP

Country

Contact Name (Teacher/Principal Required for High School Students)

Phone number

Fax number

Contact E-mail

More About You

Please write your response to each essay question listed below. We recommend that you write your answers in a word document, then copy and paste each answer into the corresponding

section. OR, write each question and answer out on a separate piece of paper and attach to this application. There is a 250 word limit for each answer.

1. **Why do you want to participate in a Students on Ice expedition?**
2. **What does the Arctic represent to you?**
3. **What are your interests, hobbies, and extracurricular activities?**
4. **Please share with us how you have overcome a challenge you have faced in your life.**
5. **In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge that your community faces? What are you doing to address this challenge?**
6. **How will you use your SOI experience to work towards meaningful change in your community, in your country, in the world?**

7. How did you hear about Students on Ice Expeditions?

AFN / Chief and Council/Community Former SOI participant TV/radio/print media Facebook Other Social Media Friend/family Other (please specify)

References

Two referral forms are required as part of a complete student application.

Please supply the names and contact information for two people who know you well, such as: a teacher, principal, school counsellor, employer, volunteer supervisor, or a member of your community. **These people cannot be relatives or friends of the family.** Your references will be asked to comment on some of the following: your academic abilities, character, attitudes, social adaptability and leadership qualities, and community engagement.

*****NOTE: Please provide your references with the SOI-AFN Reference Form and ensure they send in the form to afnnsnl@gmail.com by March 31, 2019**

***** Note: It is your responsibility to ensure we receive both references, otherwise your application is considered incomplete. (Please contact Shannon if you need a copy of the Reference Form.)**

Reference #1 Name

Relationship to applicant and/or professional title

Reference #1 Cell Number

Reference #1 Email

Reference #2 Name

Relationship to applicant and/or professional title

Reference #2 Cell Number

Reference #2 Email

Please note that the application deadline for scholarships is March 31st 2019

Thank you for your interest in the 2019 Students on Ice Arctic Expedition!

Successful candidates will be contacted by either email or phone. Please check that your contact information is entered correctly.

All applicants can expect to be notified of their participation status in May 2019.

Thank you in advance for your patience!