

Elder Catherine Charles Health Careers Scholarship Fund

Application Guidelines

INSTRUCTIONS

- **Read the Application Guidelines carefully before you submit your application.**
- **Submit a complete application package with all required supporting documentation.** Use the checklist below to ensure all supporting documentation is submitted, no late applications will be accepted after the deadline.
- If you have any questions, please call Anna Sanderson at the Lac La Ronge Indian Band Health Service Administration Office by telephone at (306) 425-9110, extension 235, or e-mail Anna.Sanderson@llribhs.ca
- Application Packages may be downloaded at www.llrib.org

ELDER CATHERINE CHARLES

Catherine Charles a deeply respected Elder from La Ronge joined the spirit world in November 2013. She was a humble woman who was grounded in family, community and her revered cultural heritage. She believed that physical and spiritual health are intimately bound together. Catherine was diagnosed with cancer in 1994, after which she began more extensive use of traditional medicines. She saw value in practicing the traditional ways of Indigenous healing in combination with modern medicine. In the early morning after her surgery, she saw an elderly woman planting flowers at the University Hospital's flower garden. She prayed and asked God to spare her life for another 10 years to do more community work and promised God she would offer her good character to "our people". Her life was spared more than 19 years.

Catherine's deep love and affection towards children and the community was notably shown by her commitment of time and effort to helping future generations. She was an active member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band Health Committee and Board of Directors for over 20 years. This scholarship is awarded in her honour.

BACKGROUND

Lac La Ronge Indian Band Health Services provides services directly to the communities of La Ronge, Sucker River, Hall Lake, Grandmother's Bay and Little Red River in the areas of Community Health, Home & Community Care, Dental Therapy, Addictions/Mental Health, Special Care, Medical Transportation, and Finance and Administration support. Our environment is friendly, cordial and team-oriented and our programs and services are evolving to meet the needs of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band Membership.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for the submission of this application is Friday, November 1, 2024. Fully completed application packages must contain all information and be post-marked, in the mail or dropped off at the LLRIB Health Services Jeannie Bird Clinic to the attention of the Elder Catherine Charles Health Careers Scholarship Committee or e-mailed to Anna.Sanderson@llribhs.ca by the specified deadline.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

You are eligible to apply for financial assistance if you are:

- A Lac La Ronge Indian Band member
- Completed a minimum of one year of study
- Enrolled as a full-time student at the post-secondary level in a program of study that is a minimum of two academic years at an accredited university or college and pursuing a diploma or degree.
- Studying a branch of the health sciences such as: nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, lab technology, physiotherapy, dietetics, nutrition, medicine, health administration, public health policy or another health related field.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Scholarship: **Three Individual scholarship awards** are provided in the amount of **\$1,500** and qualified individuals may only be allocated one scholarship per academic year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1) Scholarships are provided for the academic year that begins in the fall term (September) of the year of the application.
- 2) Applicants must provide the following supporting documentation with their application form:
 - Proof of Membership** – all applicants must provide a photocopy of both the front and back of the valid LLRIB Treaty card.
 - A Letter of Personal Introduction** to the Elder Catherine Charles Health Careers Scholarship Fund Committee (minimum of 500 words, maximum of 1,000 words) that includes the following:
 - Tell us about where you were born, grew up and about your family & community.
 - State your reason for choosing your field of study.
 - Demonstrate your contribution and involvement in the community. Preference will be given to individuals showing commitment to the community.
 - Letter of Reference** from an Instructor.
 - Letter of Reference** from a Community Elder.
 - Confirmation of Enrolment** – Confirmation of enrolment can be provided through a letter from the Registrar's Office or Faculty Head that clearly states you are registered as a full-time student in current year of study.
 - Original Official Transcript of your most recent marks or record of studies. Minimum average of 70%.**

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Scholarship Applicants Assessment Criteria: When assessing applications, the Scholarship Fund Committee uses the following criteria.

- Evidence of involvement and contribution to the community.
- Evidence of suitability and commitment to field of study.
- Demonstrated academic merit and performance.

NOTIFICATION

Successful applicants will be posted on the Lac La Ronge Indian Band website. All applicants will receive written notification of the Elder Catherine Charles Health Careers Scholarship Fund Committee's decision regarding their individual application.

CHECKLIST – Have you included the following in your Application Package?

- One LLRIB HS Elder Catherine Charles Health Careers Scholarship Fund Application Form fully completed and signed in the designated areas.
- Proof of Lac La Ronge Indian Band membership status. Photocopy of both sides of Status card.
- Letter of Personal Introduction (**minimum 500 words, maximum 1,000 words**).
- Letter of Reference from an Instructor.
- Letter of Reference from a Community Elder.
- Original Official Transcript (signed and stamped from the Registrar's Office) from your present or most recent academic year.
- Confirmation of enrolment as a full-time student for current year of study.

Mail all information to:

Lac La Ronge Indian Band Health Services Inc.
Attention: Elder Catherine Charles Health Careers Scholarship Committee
PO Box 1770
La Ronge, SK.
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Or drop off at:

Lac La Ronge Indian Band Health Services
Jeannie Bird Clinic
334 Wilson Charles Street
Fairchild Reserve I.R. #156

Or e-mail to:

Anna Sanderson, Executive Assistant
Anna.Sanderson@llribhs.ca

For more information, please contact Anna Sanderson, Executive Assistant at Lac La Ronge Indian Band Health Services Administration Office: (306) 425-9110, extension 235.