



AFS Diversity Scholarship

Aboriginal Canadian to Mexico

The Diversity Scholarship

AFS Interculture Canada will grant a complete scholarship (valued up to \$10,800) to an Aboriginal Canadian to study in Mexico for one year (for students aged 15 to 18), or to volunteer for 5 months (for adults) through the AFS exchange program.

General information and regulations

The winner will use the grant to cover his or her participation fees and personal expenses.

Scholarship Criteria

- ☀ To be admissible for the AFS year-long study program, or 5 month community service program to Mexico for a departure in August 2009.
- ☀ To be an Aboriginal Canadian (see details below).

Instructions

Please make sure you hand in all of the required documents, otherwise your application could not be presented to the Selection Committee.

- ☀ Complete the form on page 3 and send it along with the documents listed below to the following address:

AFS Interculture Canada
Diversity Scholarship
1425 René-Lévesque West, suite 1100
Montreal, QC
H3G 1T7

You must include:

- ☀ A letter explaining why you should receive the scholarship (about 1 page).
- ☀ A copy of proof of Indian Status in Canada, community affiliation documentation or another aboriginal identity card specific to your ancestry.
- ☀ A copy of your birth certificate.
- ☀ An essay that describes your community involvement or your connection with your roots, culture, traditions, etc.
- ☀ One or two letters to support your application for the scholarship, explaining why you should receive it. The letters should be one-page long and be written by an adult such as your teacher (if you're a student), a member of your family, a coach, a community leader, an employer, etc.
- ☀ Any other pertinent document, letter or information that might influence the decision of the Selection Committee.

The scholarship will be granted according to these criteria:

- ☀The general quality of the application
- ☀The financial need
- ☀The motivation of the candidate

The commitment of AFS Interculture Canada:

- Grant the selected participant a scholarship that will cover the expenses related to the transportation, study and hosting fees for the one-year program.

The commitment of the winner of the scholarship:

The winner of the scholarship will submit three short essays in English (translations are acceptable), not to exceed two pages, double spaced.

- The first essay, to be handed upon receipt of the scholarship, consists of a brief biography of the scholarshipholder and a statement of what it means to him or her to be selected to participate in the AFS Diversity Scholarship Program.
- The second text, to be handed in January 2010, is a report on the participant's experiences in Mexico.
- The third text, to be handed upon the scholarship holder's return to Canada (and no later than 30 days after the return) is a report on the impact of the program on the scholarship holder's life.

The scholar allows AFS to publish these essays in its print, Internet, audio and video materials. - The scholar allows AFS to take a picture of him or her upon his or her acceptance of the scholarship, and during his or her stay in Mexico. The scholar allows AFS to publish these photos in its print, Internet, audio and video materials.

The selection committee will determine the winner of the scholarship in May 2009.

The winner will be announced during the week following the nomination. For any question please contact Stephanie Girouard, AFS Program Development Manager, at stephanie.girouard@afs.org or 1-800-362-7248 ext. 222



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APPLICATION FORM

Name and Surname		Gender	
Address		City	
		Postal Code	
Province/Territory		Nation/community	
Telephone (day)		Email	
Mobile phone		Birth date	

Signature of candidate

Date

By signing this form, the candidate agrees to comply with the commitment of the winner of the scholarship.

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