

Check One:

- First-time Applicant
- Renewal Applicant

SIN #: _____

Check Area of Study:

- Engineering
- Geology
- Accounting
- Other Education leading to a professional designation
Please specify: _____

Personal Data:

(Please print or type)

Name: _____

Home Address: _____
Number / Street / City / Postal Code

Home phone: _____ **Cell phone:** _____
Area code / Number *Area code / Number*

Email Address: _____

D.O.B: _____
Year / Month / Day

- Band Status:** Skeetchestn Indian Band (attach copy of status card)
 Tk'emlups te Secwepemc (attach copy of status card)

Education:

Name of High School: _____

Name of Accredited post-secondary Institution you will be attending: _____
(Please provide copy of acceptance letter or if acceptance letter is outdated, provide current course registration)

Field of Study: _____

Applications *MUST* be submitted by Tues., August 29, 2017 4:00 noon – please refer to page 4 of this document for Important Dates. Late or incomplete applications will not be processed.

1. Objective

To encourage academic excellence and the pursuit of higher education within the communities of Skeetchestn & Tk'emlups te Secwepemc.

2. Value and Duration of the Scholarships

\$3,500 CAD - New Gold, New Afton Mine will award one scholarship per year to a band member from each of Skeetchestn & Tk'emlups te Secwepemc.

Each recipient may qualify each year, but only to a maximum of 4 consecutive academic years e.g. if a recipient is taking a three year degree program prior to studies for a first professional degree such as law, medicine, education etc., the scholarship recipient may qualify for each year of the first degree plus the consecutive year towards the professional degree but only to a maximum of four consecutive academic years. Anything beyond 4 years, will be considered on a case by case basis, however preference will be given to students who have reapplied and haven't reached the maximum 4 year limit for scholarship.

3. Type of Scholarship

Applicable towards full-time studies for new or previous applicants who are enrolled at an accredited post-secondary institution. Program must be for a minimum of 3 years.

4. Requirement for Eligibility

- a) Status member of either Skeetchestn or Tk'emlups te Secwepemc Indian Band.
- b) 18 years or older, the year of scholarship application.
- c) Academic
 - Eligible applicants must maintain a cumulative average of 70% or higher.
 - Undergraduate program (bachelor's); graduate program (masters or doctorate).
 - Non-academic courses such as career or personal development related courses will not be considered
- d) Application form and Supporting Documents – eligible applicants must provide:
 - A duly completed application form.
 - An official transcript of the last three semesters of available marks – for the period prior to the application date (Student is responsible for costs associated with obtaining transcripts).
 - A transcript will be considered acceptable only if it is presented in a sealed envelope, on the official paper of the institution and it bears the appropriate signature and/or seal of the institution.
 - Two signed reference letters with references' original signatures (eg. Instructor, employer, education manager, etc). These recommendations should outline your accomplishments and demonstrate your ability to succeed.
 - A 250 word essay which provides a description of yourself, your ability to succeed and your plans for the future. Please include any volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities, and how education will benefit you, your family and your community (separate sheet of paper). This includes renewal applicants.
 - List of awards or recognition you may have received? List those achievements specifically related to your area of academic interest.

5. Field of Study / Program Requirements

- Preference given to students enrolled in Engineering, Geology, Environmental, Accounting or Business that will lead to a professional designation, however, there are no restrictions on the program of study or discipline.
- Program must be of a minimum of 3 year duration.

6. Eligible Institutions

Accredited Canadian and American educational institutions which have recognized degree-granting powers, or their affiliates (e.g. universities and colleges).

7. Selection of Scholarship Winners

- a) Selection of winners is at the discretion of the Joint Implementation Committee (which is comprised of a representative appointed by each Band, along with two New Gold representatives).
- b) Evaluation criteria
 - All requirements for eligibility must be met
 - Academic performance
 - Quality of personal summary, ability to succeed
 - Quality and relevance of the reference letters
 - Volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities
- c) The committee exercises no influence in the selection of the scholarship recipients in the adjudication process.
- d) Final selection will be completed and successful candidates will be notified via email.

8. Responsibilities of Scholarship Recipients

- Return the signed First Nations Scholarship Application Form provided by New Gold, New Afton.
- Send proof of registration (eg. Acceptance Letter) from the educational institution you will be attending.
- Use the scholarship in the academic year for which it is awarded.
- Agree to photos and stories to be written up and distributed among the Skeetchestn and Tk'emlups te Secwepemc communities and in New Gold media materials.
- Students will conduct themselves in a professional manner during their education. Abuse of drug and/or alcohol may be reason for loss of scholarship.
- Student is willing to play an active role in promoting career awareness by committing to at least two public engagements per year (eg. Career fair, Elders Luncheon, General Band meeting, Youth presentation, etc.).
- As part of the Interview process, the student will participate in a tour of New Afton.
- Students requiring extra credits, related to their area of study or discipline, can contact the FN Coordinator, to request an opportunity to research within the appropriate New Gold Department.

9. Payment

- New Gold, New Afton will forward \$1,750 of the scholarship payment directly to the recipient in September. And upon receipt of an official transcript in January, reflecting the cumulative average of 70% or higher, the remaining \$1,750 will be paid to recipient.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that payment of tuition fees is made within the defined timeframe set by the educational institution regardless of the timing of the scholarship payment. Any un-presented cheque will be cancelled after 6 months.

10. Renewal of Scholarships

- Scholarship may be renewed each academic year, to a maximum of 4 years, and contingent upon passing all courses, maintaining a cumulative average of 70% or higher. Grades or marks obtained in supplementary or repeated examinations taken in the same academic year, including summer sessions, will be considered.
- A fully completed application **MUST** be submitted each year the applicant is eligible to apply.
- Applications must be received by the deadline for each academic year, up to a maximum of 4 years - **Late applications will NOT be accepted, No exceptions.**
- Scholarship recipients must maintain a full-time status as defined by the educational institution.
- Scholarship recipients must send New Gold, New Afton an official transcript at the end of each academic year (Student is responsible for costs associated with obtaining transcripts).

11. Application / Submission Procedures

Applications can be submitted via:

- Canada Post
- Courier

Applications may be submitted via Email, however, a **hard copy** of all the required documentation must be received by New Gold by Tues., August 29, 2017.

IMPORTANT: It is the applicant's responsibility for ensuring that the post office postmarks your envelope by the due date.

Send hard copy of your scholarship application package to:

- **Postal Address:**
Attn: Martha Manuel, FN Coordinator
New Gold, New Afton Mine
Box 948, Station Main
Kamloops BC V2C 5N3
- **Courier Address:**
Attn: Martha Manuel, FN Coordinator
New Gold, New Afton Mine
4050 West Trans-Canada Highway
Kamloops BC V2C 5N4

***** Please clearly mark your envelope "New Gold SSN Scholarship Application" *****

Important Dates:

Tues. Aug 29, 2017	Deadline to submit hard copy of scholarship application
Fri., Sep 22, 2017	Final selection will be completed and successful and non-successful candidates will be notified via email.
Fri., Oct 6, 2017	Payment issued, via EFT/cheque to successful candidates

CHECKLIST:

- Completed & Signed Application Form
- Official transcript (in sealed envelope from accredited institution)
- Official transcript reflects a cumulative average of 70% or higher
- School registration (eg. Acceptance Letter) or current course registration, if acceptance letter is not recent.
- Enrolled in Full-time Academic Studies, based on band requirements
- 250 Word Essay (including volunteer/community involvement).
- Status Card
- Two signed, current Letters of Reference (within year of your application)
- Eligible applicant (Skeetchestn or Tk'emlups te Secwepemc Nation)
- I understand that if I am missing any of the above criteria, I will be excluded from the selection process.

***Renewal applications** require all of the above information and must meet all criteria as outlined in this application.

If I am successful to receive the scholarship,

- I, _____ consent to New Gold Inc. publishing photographs/video footage and relevant news stories of me in New Gold corporate reports, internet website (www.newgold.com), corporate relations brochure and any other promotional material prepared by New Gold.

Or

- I prefer not to have my name or photo shared by New Gold.

Certification:

I certify that all the information included in this application is true and complete.

Signature

Date