



# BIGSTONE CREE NATION

## 2022 TRUST PROPOSAL APPLICATION

### PART A – Information About You

Date: January 12, 2022

The following information is essential for approval and for **BCN Trust Administration** to contact you.

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**Which Trust classification are you applying to access funding?**

(Check off only one Trust Fund category, with amount requested for that category)

Please note that all application submissions need to be in by

January 17, 2022 at 11:5p pm, no exceptions.

(It is recommended to submit all proposals 5 business days prior to deadline)

BCN Trust  Off-Reserve Members  Calling Lake  Chipewyan Lake  Wabasca/Desmarais

| Team Member     | Position on Team | Roles and Responsibilities   | Signing Authority                   |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Priscilla Auger | PSEC             | Coordinator, Review, Process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Doreen Calliou  | COO              | Review, Process, Approve     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Tracy Cardinal  | Counsellor       | Review, Process              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|                 |                  |                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Part B – Information About Your Project

#### **IMPORTANT**

Please note that this form is required for formal reviews of the project by the Trustees and Chief & Council and from time-to-time, Bigstone Cree Nation Members. It is also necessary if the Accountable Body is requested to make decisions that materially affect the project, including changes or modifications to the original plan. It is the responsibility of the Project Director to complete the form, assisted by the Project Team or Society/Committee.

#### **Executive Summary**

**Title of your proposal:** University & College Prep/Academic Upgrading Sponsorship Program

**Project Start Date:** August 2022 **Expected end date:** June 30, 2023



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### Executive Summary

BCNEA is requesting funds to sponsor Bigstone members who are interested in pursuing a higher education who do not have the educational background to enter their program of their choice. Many members living on reserve have difficulties finding funding to return to school to complete their upgrading (Grade 8-10), and there are very few options available to on-reserve members with regard to funding. Due to budget restrictions and ISC guidelines within the BCNEA Post Secondary Program, many do not meet the eligibility requirements to qualify for BCNEA sponsorship. This would enable Bigstone Education Authority to provide funding for members who require Academic Upgrading in order to pursue a higher education.

### Description

Due to the lack of funding for members who need to complete academic upgrading in order to enter post secondary education/trades or career programs, the University/College Prep Academic Upgrading Sponsorship Program:

- BCN members will have the ability to enter into accredited educational institutions to complete their academic upgrading, this will allow students to get the full college experience.
- Obtain a certificate/diploma/degree to gain employment within the nation
- Be given the support from Bigstone Education Authority during their education journey.
- Obtain pre-requisites to enter into degree programs/trades of their choosing, offering our members a wide range of educational opportunities.
- Upon successful completion, students have the eligibility to apply to the Post-Secondary Sponsorship Program which will make them a Priority #1 continuing student.

### Goals of your proposal

The goal of the UCEP/Academic Upgrading Sponsorship Program is to enable Bigstone Education Authority to provide sponsorship for members who require Academic Upgrading to enter into their career choice. The lack of funding available to members living on reserve for Academic Upgrading is minimal; and because of this lack of funding and education, they are unable to enter a career program at any College/University.

1. Submit Trust Fund Proposal - Budget \$250,000.00 specifically for UCEP/Academic Upgrading.
2. Set a flat rate for Training Allowance for all students.
3. If we issue a flat rate, we will be able to fund more students.
  - a. Set limitations with regard to eligibility:
4. Must complete application package and submit ALL supporting documents before the June 15th deadline and meet the following eligibility requirements.
  - a. Set age limit for Academic/UCEP applicants (i.e. must be over the age of 20)
  - b. Must be out of school for a minimum of 1 year
  - c. Has applied and been denied funding from another funding source.
  - d. UCEP courses must be pre-requisites for their career choice (program)
  - e. Must be enrolled in a minimum of 3-5 credit courses for Full Time status
5. UCEP/Academic students eligible for following only:
  - a. Tuition & Books
  - b. Training Allowance (Flat rate for all)

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you use to change the world..."

"Education is the passport to the future for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today..."

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest..."



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"Change is  
the end result of all true learning..."  
"Develop a passion for learning..."

### **Target Timelines and outcomes for each Quarter (provide a brief summary):**

#### **July-September**

Review of all completed applications, selection, and acceptance letters will be sent out to students by August. Administration of all payments to schools as well as allowances for students. Student visits will begin by the end of September. Complete quarterly report as per Trust proposal requirements.

#### **October-December**

School payments, student check-ins, student visits will be conducted October/November. Continue with reimbursements or payments as required by the schools or students. Request for Fall marks for all students. Complete quarterly report as per Trust proposal requirements.

#### **January-March**

New semesters usually begin and a new set of check-ins will be done with students. Payments to schools/students as required. Requesting finalized marks for Fall term. Complete quarterly report as per Trust proposal requirements.

#### **April-June**

Finalizing reporting for program, requesting student final marks, new application process begins, accepting applications until Jun 15, 2023.

### **Result:**

#### **Evaluation Plan:**

As the Post-Secondary Counsellor for Bigstone Education Authority, I will review applications, provide educational and career counselling. I will assist the applicant in doing research for their career choice, help locate schools that will help them achieve their short term and long-term goals. I will also advocate on their behalf with the colleges/universities.

Recognizing that the students face unique barriers when it comes to education. "Given the educational history of Indigenous people of Canada relating to residential schools and colonial context that we live under, there are a lot of barriers to indigenous peoples getting Post Secondary education."

### **List the resources needed for the project:**

The UCEP/Academic Upgrading program was created to give BCN members living Off Reserve a chance to pursue a higher level of education. There is currently a lack of funding for members who are required to do several years Academic Upgrading before they are able to meet the requirements to enter their career/trades programs. With the capability to provide funding to BCN members, we are able to get them closer to their educational goals.

During the 2012-21 Academic Year we were able to sponsor 12 BCN members in their pursuit of their goals. Many of the applicants needed lower level of upgrading, starting from Grade 8 to 11 Level. Many of the students were sponsored will require additional years of funding; several will be referred to BCNEA Post-Secondary Sponsorship program for their final year of Upgrading.



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Several visits were made to the students to ensure they received the proper support and made use of all available resources at each school. Students were also required to keep regular contact with the PSEC and to submit grades as they became available. A few of the students failed a course or did not meet the GPA requirement to continue to high course level; as a result, had to retake a course. Course retakes were approved by the Director; after reviewing each file and talking to each student.

Furthermore, to be able to sponsor more students in their pursuit of higher education, we had to change the amount of Training Allowance issued to students; and we offered an incentive for continuing students who would be starting their Winter term.

Should Fall students receive 70% GPA in their course work, I will increase their TA for Winter term.

Program will be administered within the Bigstone Education Authority office by Priscilla Auger and Tracy Cardinal. Chester Auger (CEO) and Doreen Calliou (COO) are included in the selection process. Once selections are made, students are notified and final registrations are done by students and assistance is given if they request it. All financial requests and payments are finalized and sent for final approval to our CEO or COO. All paperwork is sent to our financial department for processing.

### Project End Evaluation by the Administrator:

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Indicate below which category your proposal request fall under:

- Community Development \*\*
- Health Care
- Education and Training
- Elder Care
- Infrastructure improvement
- Preserving culture and language
- Community activities
- Economic development
- Cultural enrichment
- Protection of aboriginal identity and Treaty Right

\*\*If you have chosen *Community Development*, which additional categories does your proposal request fall under?

- Improve health and well-being (emotional, physical, mental, spiritual)
- Benefits from improving awareness of culture, traditions, identity
- Networking-building relationships with the community and outside the community
- Creating temporary jobs



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- Occupational training and development of infrastructure
- Opportunity for creating greater economic independence

What research and/or studies have you/your team completed to determine the requirements of membership or the community, that this proposal will provide?

Every year, Bigstone Education Authority receives 30-50 Applications for Academic Upgrading; however, due to budget restrictions BCNEA is not able to sponsor all members who apply through the Post-Secondary Program. There is no full-time funding available for member living on-reserve. They can apply through Alberta Works for tuition only. Alberta Works funding for both on and off reserve has been significantly reduced for all applicants. There is a waiting list of over 100 applicants for Alberta Works

With the added funds, BCNEA will be able to assist more members in achieving higher education and having the ability to meet program requirements to enter in to their Post-Secondary program of choice

### Projected Budget

How much money are you/your team requesting with this proposal? \$250,000.00

#### Trust Fund Proposal ~ Off Reserve Members 2021

#### UCEP/Academic Upgrading

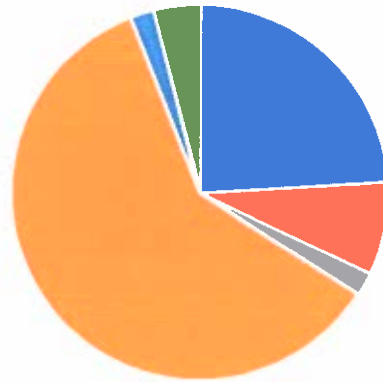
| CATEGORY              | ESTIMATED         | ACTUAL      | OVER/UNDER        |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Tuition               | 60,000.00         | 0.00        | 60,000.00         |
| Text Books            | 20,000.00         | 0.00        | 20,000.00         |
| Supplies              | 5,000.00          | 0.00        | 5,000.00          |
| Training Allowance    | 150,000.00        | 0.00        | 150,000.00        |
| Travel                | 5,000.00          | 0.00        | 5,000.00          |
| Administration        | 10,000.00         | 0.00        | 10,000.00         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>250,000.00</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>250,000.00</b> |

NOTE: Training Allowance based on 10 students at \$1500/mn for 10 months



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UCEP/Academic Upgrading



■ Tuition ■ Text Books ■ Supplies ■ Training Allowance ■ Travel ■ Administration

Have you included a Cash Flow budget?

Yes  No

If you checked off “no” please explain why you didn’t submit a Cash Flow budget?

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\*Add additional sheet as needed

Have you/your team approached any other funding agencies prior to approaching BCN Trusts?

Yes  No

If you checked off “yes”, please provide the details of the request, what amount was negotiated and what amount was approved. If the request was denied, please explain why it was denied.

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\*Add additional sheets as needed

Is the funding request from BCN Trusts to be used with any other funding source(s) or partner(s)?



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Yes  No

If you checked off “yes”, identify the funding source or partner: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the % breakdown of funding from other source(s) or partner(s)?

|       |   |       |
|-------|---|-------|
| _____ | % | _____ |
| _____ | % | _____ |
| _____ | % | _____ |

### Quarterly Report

If you/your team do not submit the first (1<sup>st</sup>) quarterly report within the first three (3) months of starting the project and subsequent quarterly reports thereafter until the conclusion of the project, your funds may be suspended indefinitely at the phase, the delinquency had been committed.

#### Definition

Quarterly means every three (3) months.

### Summary/Evaluation Report:

It is equally important to submit the final Summary/Evaluation report at the end of the project.

### IMPORTANT to KNOW

BCN Trusts will no longer tolerate negligence, procrastination and non-compliance.

1. The consequence for irresponsible acts of postponement, may be a “rejected proposal” by the Trustees and Chief & Council because of non-performance.
2. It is equally important to RETURN assets (property/equipment etc.) back to Bigstone Cree Nation when such items are purchased with BCN Trust funding, at the end, of the project.
3. Trust Administrator will conduct an Project End Evaluation Report.

When the Project Director undertakes to coordinate a project, it is his/her responsibility to comply with the requirements of the program and to ensure that his/her Team conforms.

BCN Trusts is responsible to Membership, the Trustees and to Chief & Council.

Chester Auker - CEO  
Print Name

[Signature]  
Signature

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.