



BIGSTONE CREE NATION

2026 TRUST PROPOSAL APPLICATION

PART A – Information About You

Date: January 11, 2026

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 15, 2025 at 11:59 pm, no exceptions.

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

Bigstone Cree Nation Department ☒X

Members at Large/Committee ☐

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

Team Member	Position on Team	Roles and Responsibilities	Signing Authority
Chester Auger	CEO	Signing Authority	☒
Doreen Calliou	COO	Signing Authority	☒
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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: Post-Secondary College/University Application Fee

Project Start Date: September 2026

Expected end date: July 2027

Executive Summary



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In order for a Bigstone Cree Nation member to apply to any post-secondary institution, an application fee is required to finalize an application. Many members cannot afford to pay for this fee. It is this reason that members apply too late to universities, missing admission requirements which often ends in members being waitlisted. Helping to offset these costs associated with applications fees will enable more members to apply to their desired college/university institutions of choice which will increase the chances of acceptance.

Members who meet the eligibility criteria set for reimbursement of college or university application fees is as follows:

1. College or University must be an accredited school
 - a. Private schools will not be eligible.
2. Must provide a letter of request for reimbursement, along with a copy of receipt.
3. Two requests per member
4. Must submit a clear copy of status card.

Description

This project will help Bigstone Cree Nation members with the fees associated with applying to any college or university. Application fees range from \$100.00 to \$400.00 per application. Knowing that this fee is covered by the nation could potentially increase the number of high school graduates to continue with their education at a desired college or university. This could also allow adult students to return to their studies and either start or continue their educational journey.

Goals of your proposal

The overall goal is to reach out to those members with the fee's associated with applying to a college or university without any worry of the financial burden this may cause.

Target Timelines and Outcomes for each Quarter (provide a brief summary)

July-September

Review reimbursement requests and submit reimbursements to finance for processing.

October-December

Submit update and Budget

January-March

Submit update and budget

Submit report on applications and tentative budget

April-June

Submit final report and budget

Result:



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Evaluation Plan:

We expect to provide payments to those members who require assistance with application fees so that they are not limited by this expense. Project completion will be realized when funds are completely depleted.

List the resources needed for the project:

Bigstone Educations post-secondary councillor and guidance councillor will both review applications and process those that qualify for reimbursements. They will both review and submit reimbursements for payments. Reports will be submitted to BCN Trust executor with a copy of budget.

Project End Evaluation by the Administrator:

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 ☐
- 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?

The most common question asked of members from the post-secondary team is “why haven’t you applied for school?” The most common response was that there was “no money for the application fee”.

Projected Budget

How much money are you/your team requesting with this proposal? \$10,000.00



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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?

Potential Breakdown:

Application Fee:	Total Potential Students:
\$200.00	50
\$100.00	150
\$400.00	25

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

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

No report – New proposal

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.



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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.

Kim Dillon for Chester Auger
and Doreen Callison

Print Name

Signature

[Handwritten Signature] Jan. 15

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.