

The Kathleen Blinkhorn Aboriginal Student Scholarship Fund

APPLICATION FORM

Backgrounder

In December 2009, the social housing sector lost a dedicated colleague and passionate advocate in Kathleen Blinkhorn. During her 30 year career in housing, she worked at Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA), the City of Toronto, and most recently as the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). As ADM she was very involved in the creation of Aboriginal housing programs in the GTA and across the province. To recognize the work she has done for the Aboriginal community, her children suggested the creation of the Kathleen Blinkhorn Aboriginal Scholarship Fund to be managed by ONPHA's Urban Aboriginal Housing Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Terms of Reference

Scholarship Amounts

- 2 - \$2500 scholarships **OR**
- 5 - \$1000 scholarships

Eligible Uses

- Tuition
- Books
- Technology (laptop, etc.)
- Transportation

The applicant must demonstrate need for a specific use and funding amount (\$1000 or \$2500).

Eligible Applicants

- Aboriginal student who currently lives in non-profit housing in Ontario
- Enrolled in a recognized college or university - full-time or part-time (60% course load)
- First, second, third and fourth year student at a post-secondary institution. Priority will be given to applicants enrolled in second, third or fourth year.

Application Process (See form attached)

The applicant will submit an application form that includes the following:

- The applicant must explain how they will use the funds.
- Reflect on their experience living in non-profit housing.
- Reflect on their experience as a member of an Aboriginal community.
- Explain how their educational path and / or chosen field of study will positively impact their lives.

Evaluation Criteria

The applicant must submit a completed application form and include the following documents:

- Letter of Registration (course registration)
- Academic Transcript (optional)
- Applicant must be able to demonstrate they are Aboriginal.
- Applicant must be able to demonstrate they live in non-profit housing in Ontario.

Evaluation Committee

- Two Members of ONPHA's Urban Aboriginal Housing Advisory Committee
- Two Members of ONPHA's Staff
- Kathleen Blinkhorn's children

Announcement and Distribution of Funds

- After selecting the successful applicants, ONPHA will provide a cheque to the recipient.
- ONPHA will acknowledge the recipient with a poster to be displayed in Aboriginal housing and Friendship Centres.
- The recipient will also be acknowledged on the ONPHA website, in a *Quick Connections* newsletter article, and an ONPHA e-Alert.

Conference Recognition

- If the recipient is local, they will be invited to the ONPHA conference November 19-21, 2010.
- If the recipient is not local, they may produce a You Tube video explaining how they will use the funding (Development of the video will not be funded by ONPHA).

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Name of College or University: _____

Year of Study: _____ Amount of scholarship funding requested: \$1000 \$2500

Please explain how you will use the requested funding (refer to eligible uses).

Please reflect on your experience as a tenant in non-profit housing.

Please reflect on your experience as a member of the Aboriginal community.

