



MOHAWKS OF AKWESASNE *Community Settlement Trust*

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applications.akwtrust@gmail.com

2026 Trust Scholarship Application Form and Checklist

APPLICATION CHECKLIST – please ensure that you include and consider the following in your application submission:

- Use only the “2026 Trust Scholarship Application Form”
(versions from prior years will not be accepted);
- Fully completed and signed “**Application Form**” (pgs. 4-8);
- Essay (500 - 600 words);
- Recent signed** letter of recommendation (signature **cannot be typed, must be wet or digital/electronic signature i.e. Adobe e-sign**)
- Copy of letter of acceptance for the fall semester if you are entering your first year;
- Copy of your official transcript or report card; and
- Completed Membership Confirmation Form **signed by the Applicant (DO NOT submit to Office of Vital Statistics)**.
- Submit your application before the deadline of **Friday, June 26, 2026 at 4:00pm EST**

Applications with missing information or signatures and late applications will not be considered.

2026 Trust Scholarship Application Instructions

The Trustees of the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust are pleased to announce that they will be granting Scholarships of \$3,500 for full-time students and \$1,750 for part-time students for a number of Akwesasronon who are attending Universities, Colleges or Technical Institutes. For Mohawk Language learners who are attending a recognized full time language program eligible for \$3,500.

Who can apply for the Scholarship?

Any Akwesasronon member who is pursuing a full-time or part-time post-secondary degree. You are considered to be a **full-time student** if you regularly attend a college, university, **or other educational institution (i.e., trade school, full time or part time or full time Mohawk language course)** in a program at a post-secondary school level (whether in Canada or not); and during a particular semester, you are taking at least 12 credits (four classes or more). **Part-time** would refer to you taking between 6 and 11 credits (generally two to three classes). Please contact the Trustees if you have any questions regarding your specific situation.

A letter of confirmation of admission (for students going into their first year), a copy of an official transcript/report card and copy of a completed Membership Confirmation form (see attached) signed by the Applicant are required, along with all other documents noted in the checklist provided. Please note that Members who were awarded a scholarship from the Trust in 2025 **are eligible** to apply for the 2026 scholarship.

DO NOT submit the Membership Confirmation form to the Office the Vital Statistics (“OVS”) – the Trust will send all Membership Confirmation forms all at once to the OVS.

What is the deadline for submitting an application?

The deadline is **Friday, June 26, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. EST**. Applications will only be accepted via email at **applications.akwtrust@gmail.com** in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx), Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) or JPEG (.jpg) format. Include “2026 Trust Scholarship Application” in the subject line of your email.

Application Information Session – June 11, 2026 6-7pm

An optional information session will be held by Zoom to review the funding process, application, and to answer any questions you may have. Please email **applications.akwtrust@gmail.com** for the link to the meeting.



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APPLICATION ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

Eligible Akwesasronon students must submit an application that includes an essay (500 minimum and 600 maximum words), please choose one of the three subjects below:

1. The Trust is a potential source of funding for your future. How will your field of study and future profession help provide a collective benefit to Akwesasronon?
2. How has the Trust contribution helped you to achieve your goals?
3. How has the past or present of Akwesasronon inspired you to go into your field of study or to pursue your career?

For Information purposes we have included the following;

Trust Vision: To fulfill the obligations of the funds pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and to create and promote health, safety, well-being and economic development for Akwesasronon while preserving and revitalizing the language and cultural heritage of the community of Akwesasne.

Trust Mission: To provide funding to assist Akwesasronon in promoting their relationship with the land, traditional knowledge/language, culture and traditions, community health and wellness and economic development through activities that enhance the cohesiveness of Akwesasne as one community.

Disclaimer: By completing your application, you agree that excerpts of your essay can be used by Trustee in Trust related communications. Your essay content must be original. Trustees will not accept essays created using Artificial Intelligence such as ChatGPT, Grammarly, EssayFlow, etc.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

If you have questions, email applications.akwtrust@gmail.com, or contact one of the Trustees:

Katelynn Delormier (Chairperson)	katelynn.delormier@akwesasnetrust.com
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Marie Seymour	marie.seymour@akwesasnetrust.com
Pat Oakes	pat.oakes@akwesasnetrust.com
Patti Adiaconitei	Patricia.adiaconitei@akwesasnetrust.com
Ronald Swamp	ronald.swamp@akwesasnetrust.com

DO NOT contact the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne with questions regarding the scholarship application process. All questions should be directed to applications.akwtrust@gmail.com.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by email. A list of the recipients will also be posted on the Trust's Facebook page, Trust Website, akwesasnetrust.com, and other public locations.

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PERSONAL AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

(City/Town/Village)

(Province/State)

(Postal Code/Zip Code)

Telephone number: _____

Email Address: _____

University, College or Technical Institute attending (including City, Province/State):

Are you enrolled in full or part time program: (full time) (part time)

What is your course of study?

What is the length of your program in years? _____

Which year of the program are you entering? _____

What job/career/occupation do you hope to have when you graduate?

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Please note, Trustee decisions are **FINAL** and not open to dispute.



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

COMPLETION OF THIS SECTION IS MANDATORY.

List any financial assistance you are or will receive (post-secondary funding, bursaries, scholarships, stipends, etc.) including amounts. Please be as accurate as possible. For Mohawk Language Learners, just use one column as your year is not broken into semesters.

Receiving other funding doesn't disqualify you from the Trust scholarship fund.

Source of funding for year	Sep. 1 - Dec. 31,2026	Jan. 1 - Jun. 30, 2027	Total
AMBE			
SRMT			
OSAP			
Indspire			
Other Sources:			
Other Sources:			
Other Sources:			

Total: \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

Expenses	Sep. 1 - Dec. 31,2026	Jan. 1 - Jun. 30,2027	Total
Tuition			
Textbooks			
Academic supplies			
Accommodations			
Food			
Transportation			
Health programs/ insurance (if applicable)			
Other (identify)			
i.			
ii.			
iii.			

Total: \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____



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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS

Provide a **recently signed** letter of recommendation from someone who knows you well, such as: Grand Chief & Council, Community administrator, Community education office, College or University guidance officer, Professor/Instructor, former employer, etc. Please ensure this letter is **physically signed** by the individual providing the recommendation, ***and that the signature is not typed***.

***Parents and relatives are NOT allowed to write letters of recommendation for applicants. Letters must be current, letters from previous years are not acceptable.**

ESSAY SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

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CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I certify that I am the author of the material I am submitting to the Akwesasne Community Trustees. The Akwesasne Community Trustees may reproduce, distribute, publish, display, and otherwise use the material for any purpose in any form and in any media.

Name:

Date:

Applicant's Signature (wet or digital, do not type)



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MEMBERSHIP CONFIRMATION FORM

For the individual applying for a scholarship from the Trust, **please complete only Part 1 of this form**, including your name, date of birth and **physical signature (wet or digital)**. Submit this form in your application.

DO NOT submit this form to the Office of Vital Statistics – the Trust will send all Membership Confirmation Forms to the OVS on behalf of applicants.

PART 1 - CONTACT PERSON INFORMATION

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Registry Number: _____

By signing this section, I confirm I am the person applying for a scholarship from the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust. The Trustees will need additional membership information as listed in Part 2 before acceptability of proposal can be determined. When complete, please forward this form to the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust.

Applicant's Signature (wet or digital, do not type): _____

PART 2 –STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP (to be completed by OVS and NOT by the Applicant)

- Member under Akwesasne Membership Code
- Probationary member under the Akwesasne Membership Code
Expiration date of Probation Period: _____
- Not a member under Akwesasne Membership Code

Manager/Membership Officer
Office of Vital Statistics

Date