



The 6th Annual AFOA - MNP Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Awards

The Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada (AFOA) and MNP are pleased to announce the **6th Annual Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Conference Awards**. The Awards are open to Aboriginal youth in grades 11 and 12 (*maximum age 19 years old*).

AFOA represents approximately 1,500 Aboriginals involved in financial management in their communities and organizations. MNP is a leading Canadian Chartered Accountant and Management Consultant firm.

There is a great demand both within Aboriginal communities and off-reserve for Aboriginal financial management professionals. However, very few of our young people are pursuing an education in financial management after high school.

There are many opportunities for those who want to pursue this career path and there are many sources of assistance.

That is why AFOA and MNP have come together to offer the Aboriginal Youth Conference Awards in Financial Management.

Deadline for Notification of Interest - November 15, 2011

(see page 3 for fax-back form)

Deadline for Final Submissions - January 13, 2012



- **Receive cash prize of \$500**
- **Free trip to Saskatoon and tour of city highlights**
- **Four night stay at the Saskatoon Sheraton hotel**
- **Rub shoulders with Aboriginal leaders from across the country**
- **Surprise gift bag**



2011 Winner
Nicole Jacko-Metansinine
Age 19
Wasse Abin High School
Wikwemikong, Ontario



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What are the Awards?

Three young Aboriginals in grades 11 and/or 12 will be selected from across Canada to travel to Saskatoon, SK on February 13 to 17, 2012 to attend AFOA's National Conference and participate in a special Youth Program. Over 900 senior Aboriginal leaders attend the Conference.

What will happen during the five days?

The Award program includes both Conference and non-Conference activities:

- An introduction to the opportunities in Aboriginal financial management as a career through site visits to accounting firms, banks, businesses, government departments, and other organizations;
- Providing information on how to go about pursuing this career and what kind of help is available through visits to universities/colleges, professional associations, and other information sessions;
- Opportunities to meet and be mentored by Aboriginal leaders in financial management from across Canada;
- Acknowledgement at and opportunity to deliver remarks to conference delegates;
- Special youth session designed to develop leadership skills;
- Youth-friendly activities.

Winners will also receive media coverage. Winning essays published in booklet form for distribution to Conference delegates. Winners also receive cash prize and commemorative plaques.

How will the Award winners be selected?

We are asking schools to select Aboriginal students in Grades 11 and 12 who:

- have been academically successful
- want to pursue post-secondary education and/or training
- have demonstrated an interest in the areas of finance and/or management; OR
- are considering what career path to choose

What are the steps?

- 1) Student to submit a short essay (1,500 words) on the subject of: **“Good financial management practices and personal financial literacy have a direct impact on your community, your family and in your personal and professional life. Explain why it is important that a) your community is well managed financially; b) that you be financially literate and have a good command of finance; and c) that Aboriginal youth pursue a career in finance. Conclude your essay by describing how your professional aspirations will help to support financial management in your community”**
- 2) Teacher to submit a letter attesting to the student's performance and commitment
- 3) Provide the following information:
 - Student name, age, grade, and contact details
 - School name, location, and contact details
 - Teacher name and contact details

Submit to: AFOA c/o Aboriginal Link, PO Box 50058, 17-2595 Main Street, Winnipeg, MB R2V 4W3 or fax to 1-866-780-2188, or email to AFOA@GoToApply.ca by 5:00 pm EST January 13, 2012

A Selection Committee will review the Award submissions

What are the student's and his/her family's obligations?

Students and Chaperones must make a commitment to:

- Arrive in Saskatoon on the afternoon of Monday, February 13, 2012 and depart Saskatoon on Friday, February 17, 2012.
- Participate in the full planned Youth Program over the five days (more information on the program will be available as the Conference draws nearer)
- Abide by Chaperone regulations. All winners must be accompanied by a Chaperone (his/her parent or teacher or legal guardian or one approved by parent). Note: AFOA pays for all travel, hotel, and meal expenses for both students and Chaperones
- Deliver brief remarks (2-3 minutes) to conference delegates at special Youth Lunch
- After the Conference, write a brief description of the experience which will be included in the next edition of AFOA's professional journal *JAM: The Journal of Aboriginal Management*
- Family must make a commitment to provide a suitable Chaperone to accompany the student.



2011 Winner
Justin Edwards
 Age 16
 Kildonan-East Collegiate
 Winnipeg, Manitoba



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Name of School _____

Community _____

Address _____

Province/ Territory _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Teacher or Contact Name _____

Student's Name _____

Grade _____ Age _____

If you are planning on making a submission for this award, please fill out this form and fax to AFOA at: 1-866-780-2188 by November 15, 2011

DEADLINE FOR FINAL SUBMISSIONS IS 5:00 PM EST, JANUARY 13, 2012



*2011 Winner
Kiinnan Stevenson-French
Age 16
Peguis Central School
Peguis, Manitoba*



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