



*The wisdom of our ancestors guides us*  
**SD85 - INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS**

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To: Port Hardy Secondary, North Island Secondary, Eke Me-Xi Students  
From: Irene Isaac, District Principal & Dee Nickerson, Secretary Indigenous Programs  
Date: 18 February 2025

Gilakas'la,

School District 85, Vancouver Island North, and the First Nations Education Council (FNEC) are pleased to present the following awards to students of Indigenous Ancestry graduating in 2025 in honour and celebration of education in our district.

The purpose of the '*Indigenous Achievement Award*' is to encourage students who are in their senior year of high school to achieve in their studies and to continue their education beyond high school.

The purpose of the '*Indigenous Citizenship Bursary*' is to encourage students who are in their senior year of high school to continue to serve as a role model by contributing to their communities and families.

Awards will be presented to grade 12 students of Indigenous Ancestry who demonstrate an overall commitment to education and to their future goals. **One Scholarship and one Bursary award will be available to each Secondary School.**

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***APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA***

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***Indigenous Achievement Scholarship Award - \$500 per award***

The successful recipient of this award will demonstrate high standards in academic achievement and exhibit strong leadership qualities.

***Indigenous Citizenship Bursary Award - \$ 500 per award***

The successful recipient of this award will demonstrate a commitment to contributing to their family and to their community (i.e. volunteer work). As well as being a role model, the student will demonstrate their personal strengths, knowledge and abilities including noteworthy accomplishments.

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**APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:**

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- Cover letter specific to the above criteria; describe academic achievement standards, leadership qualities and reference your affiliation to Indigenous, Metis, or Inuit ancestry.
  - 2 letters of reference
  - Resume
  - Transcripts
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**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

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March 14, 2025

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**APPLY TO:**

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Applicants will submit their application to Port Hardy Secondary School office (with all of their other applications packages) on or before the March 14<sup>th</sup> deadline.

***Only complete applications will be considered.***

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