

Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Scholarship for Aboriginal Canadians

Purpose: To encourage Aboriginal Canadians to pursue a career in journalism through a combination of studies at a Canadian postsecondary institution and experience in a newsroom.

The Award: A gift of \$4,000, intended to defray education costs. Scholarship recipients with appropriate experience and qualifications may also receive an offer of temporary employment or other opportunities at The Canadian Press, at the sole discretion of the scholarship provider.

It was established in 1990 in honor of Gillis Purcell, general manager of The Canadian Press, the national news agency, from 1945 to 1969. Many of the strengths and traditions of Canadian journalism had their roots in his dedication to the quality of journalism.

Eligibility: To be awarded to an Aboriginal Canadian (status or non-status Indian, Metis or Inuit) who is enrolled at a Canadian university or community college. The student must already be attending the postsecondary institution and must be either enrolled in a journalism program or actively involved with a news organization associated with the institution (such as a student newspaper or broadcast station). The scholarship is open to both French and English-speaking aboriginal Canadians.

Deadline: **November 15 of each year.**

Selection: Selection of the recipient will be made by a committee comprising Canadian Press managers and supervisors.

Requirements

1. Completed application form
2. Resumé/CV
3. Cover letter outlining in detail your aspirations for a career in journalism

NOTE: In addition to these requirements, applicants are strongly encouraged to provide samples of journalism activity they have performed, such as news story clippings and/or discs (CD/DVD) containing audio/video news reports.

The more newsroom and multimedia experience a candidate can demonstrate, the better his or her chances of being short-listed for the scholarship and possibly receiving an offer of temporary employment.

Reference letters from editors or newsroom supervisors are also strongly encouraged.

Application forms can be obtained from:

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Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

E-Mail Address:

Native Canadian Ancestry

Please explain how you meet the requirement of aboriginal Canadian ancestry (status or non-status Indian, Metis, Inuit).

Education

(a) Secondary schools and dates of attendance:

(b) At which post-secondary institution are you studying? When are you scheduled to complete the course?

- (c) Colleges, universities or other post-secondary schools; dates of attendance; major courses of study; degrees or diplomas received:

- (d) Average and class standing (if known) in most recent school year:

- (e) Outline in detail your involvement in either a journalism program or a news organization (for instance, a student newspaper or radio station) associated with the postsecondary institution:

Career Plans

Why are you interested in a career in journalism?