



## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A LEE AWARD?

If you are a student of Canadian Aboriginal ancestry and want to stay in school, you may be eligible for a bursary of up to \$500

The aim of the Lee Awards is to encourage promising Native students to continue their education.

Each year, bursaries are given out to students who are:

- of Aboriginal ancestry (Status or Non-Status, Metis, or Inuit)
- attend a high school program in the Greater Toronto Area
- are committed to staying in school
- are involved in their community.

Applications may be obtained at your school, by contacting Miziwe Biik or by going online at:

[www.miziwebiik.com](http://www.miziwebiik.com)

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# LEE AWARDS Bursary Program for Aboriginal High School Students



A joint initiative of

Miziwe Biik Employment and Training and  
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## LEE AWARDS Bursary Program

For Canadian Aboriginal High School Students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

Bursaries will range from  
\$150 to \$500

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Be of Canadian Aboriginal ancestry: Status and Non-Status, Métis, or Inuit.
- Be attending a high school study program
- Be living in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)

### Application Review:

- All applications will be assessed by a Review Panel;
- Evaluations will be based on a combination of academic merit and community involvement.

### Required Attachments:

- At least one (1) Letter Of Reference from a Teacher or Guidance Counsellor
- One (1) Letter from a Member of the Toronto Aboriginal Community
- A set of transcripts of past grades and transcripts from the first semester (September - December)

The deadline for receiving applications is Friday February 17, 2017.

Awards will be presented at a special event in May. For the exact date of the Awards Night, check our website at: [www.miziwebiik.com](http://www.miziwebiik.com)

## HISTORY of the Lee Awards

The Lee Awards program for Aboriginal high school students was established by the children of the late Louise and Walter Lee. Born just after 1900, both Louise and Walter taught in Ontario high schools and practiced a quiet generosity. They believed that all human beings belong to one family.

In 1989, their four children set up the Lee Awards for Aboriginal students both to honour their parents and to assist Aboriginal students. Statistics show that almost 44% of Aboriginal Canadians have not completed high school compared to 23% of non-Aboriginal Canadians. It was the family's hope that the recognition and financial support provided by the Lee Awards would motivate young Aboriginal students to complete high school.

In 2010, the Lee family asked Miziwe Biik to assume administration of the Lee Awards Program.

Recipients of the Lee Awards are selected based on a demonstrated commitment to school and the community.



## LEE AWARDS DONATION FORM

Donations to the Lee Awards Program are made through Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training (MBAET). MBAET is a registered not-for-profit, charitable organization. A receipt for income tax purposes will be provided for donations of ten dollars and over.

Donations to the Lee Awards directly support Aboriginal high school students through the bursary program.

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Email: .....

Donation: \$ .....

There are three ways to make donations to the Lee Awards.

- 1) by cheque or money order made payable to Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training;
- 2) by cash donation in person; do not send by mail;
- 3) by credit card; this requires going online to [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org):

<http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=s84386>

In the payment section, enter "Lee Awards" in the Message/instructions.

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