



## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A LEE AWARD?

If you are a student of Canadian Indigenous ancestry and want to stay in school, you may be eligible for a bursary.

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

Each year, bursaries are given to students who:

- are of Indigenous 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 by visiting the

**Miziwe Biik Development Coporation**  
website at:

**[www.mbdc.ca](http://www.mbdc.ca)**

For enquiries contact:

Linda Martin, Office Manager  
Miziwe Biik Development Corporation

Tel: 416.591.2310 ext. 2277

Email: [linda.martin@mbdc.ca](mailto:linda.martin@mbdc.ca)

# LEE AWARDS Bursary Program for Indigenous High School Students



Miziwe Biik Development Coporation  
167 Gerrard Street East  
Toronto ON M5A 2E4

**[www.mbdc.ca](http://www.mbdc.ca)**

Miziwe Biik Development Coporation

# LEE AWARDS

## Bursary Program

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

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Be of Canadian Indigenous 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 Indigenous Community
- A set of transcripts of past grades and transcripts from the first semester (September - December)

**The deadline for receiving applications is Friday March 13, 2020.**

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

# HISTORY OF LEE AWARDS

The Lee Awards program for Indigenous high school students was established by the children of the late Louise and Walter Lee.



2019 Lee Awards Recipients

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.



Lee Awards Reception / Celebration

In 1989, their four children set up the Lee Awards to both honour their parents and



2018 Lee Awards Recipients

to assist Indigenous students. Statistics show that almost 44% of Indigenous Canadians have not completed high school compared to 23% of non-Indigenous Canadians. It was the family's hope that the recognition and financial support provided by the Lee Awards would motivate young Indigenous students to complete high school.

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

Critical role of Education in Reconciliation – and the 4 key questions to ask:

*“Where do I come from, where am I going, why am I here, and most importantly, who am I?”*

Hon. Justice Senator Murray Sinclair

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