

VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION



YOUTH ENHANCEMENT FUND POLICY

AMENDED July 28, 2011

PURPOSE:

The Youth Enhancement Fund (YEF) of \$25,000 was created by the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation General Assembly in 2006 with the intent of providing recreational support to Vuntut Gwitchin youth residing in Old Crow and in Whitehorse who are engaging in sporting events, training, conferences and recreation.

The YEF was created to encourage youth under the age of 25 to become more physically active with the intent of increasing healthier living standards amongst our youth. This fund is not intended to provide financial support for cultural activities already funded by the Vuntut Gwitchin Government or Chief Zzeh Gittlit School.

The purpose of the YEF is to assist children and youth who are unable to participate in sport or recreational activities due to their families' financial hardship.

WHAT IS THE YOUTH ENHANCEMENT FUND:

The YEF is a special fund administered by a committee established by the Vuntut Gwitchin Chief and Council in collaboration with the Health and Social Director.

The YEF helps families with cost of registration fees, supplies, and sporting equipment that supports a specific registered sport. The YEF will also consider application that supports music lessons of any form.

ELIGIBILITY:

All beneficiaries of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation that are residing in Canada and meet the criteria of income listed below are eligible to apply for this fund.

Eligible applicants:

- Family supported by one income under \$55,000
- Family supported by dual income under \$85,000

- If you do not meet the criteria above but are able to support a claim of financial hardship, please submit your application and any supporting documents which will be reviewed and assessed at the discretion of the Committee.

ELIGIBLE CRITERIA FOR FUNDING:

- INDIVIDUAL: Up to \$650.00 per year
- GROUP OF 4 to 9: Up to \$1200.00
- GROUP OVER 9: Up to \$1700.00

ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES:

RECREATIONAL/ATHLETIC TRAINING OR SKILL DEVELOPMENT

YEF will focus on physical training, sport development and professional instructional training.

MUSIC

YEF will pay for music lessons or special equipment needed for professional music lessons.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

YEF will pay for registration and travel associated with cultural activities such as Gwitchin bi-annual gatherings or youth conferences that provide a demonstrated asset to our youth.

HOW TO APPLY

Fill out the application form attached with full details on the program you are looking to get funding for. Example: name of organization, cost of program or activity and contact information.

You must register to the organization itself and be approved for funding before attending the program/activity.

Payment will be sent directly to the organization providing the service or if you choose to pay the organization directly you may provide original receipts with your application for repayment.

Send application to:

Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation
Health and Social Services Department
P.O. Box 94
Old Crow, YT Y0B 1N0

- Applications require a 14-day processing period from the time it is received with all correct information submitted.
- Applicants will be notified by phone once their application has been approved.
- Applicants may submit anytime throughout the year.
- For more information call VGFN Health and Social Services at 966-3261.