



Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) and EMB Management Ltd. Announce Annual Commitment to ONA's "Building a Better Future Bursary" Program

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tkwəłniwt (Westbank), Syilx Territory: The ONA is pleased to announce that EMB Management Ltd's has committed \$10,000 annually to the ONA's Building a Better Future Bursary Program. This program assists Syilx students in pursuit of education.

This announcement demonstrates the power of supporting First Nations students. "We will build and maintain relationships with First Nations communities in whose traditional territories we operate — to devise and implement strategies to educate, train, and provide employment opportunities with EMB for member communities," Eric Larson, GM of EMB Management Ltd stated.

"It is important to remember and be reminded that education is, and has always been, an important part of Syilx culture and values. This includes fostering partnerships that support our ability to support our Syilx learners and highlight the fact that we truly believe in their lives, their future, and their educational pursuits," Pauline Terbasket, ONA Executive Director, also stated.

As such, we are currently pursuing candidates to apply for all scholarships, bursaries, and awards. For more information on how to apply, as well as other Building a Better Future funding, please visit: www.syilx.org/about-us/operations/building-a-better-future-bursary/

This year the application deadline is 3:00 pm on July 15, 2022. Recipients will be announced on July 27, 2022, at the ONA's Annual General Assembly in Revelstoke, BC.

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The Building a Better Future program provides support to eligible Syilx Okanagan Nation member students. This scholarship, bursary and awards program recognizes student achievement and encourages Syilx Okanagan Nation members to pursue post-secondary education. This program was initiated in 2009 with a partnership between Terasen Gas (now FortisBC) and has provided support to Syilx learners on an annual basis.

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