

2023 ONA BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE APPLICATION: SYILX SIYA AWARDS

What is the ONA Building a Better Future Initiative?

The Building a Better Future Initiative provides financial support to eligible Syilx Okanagan Nation members. This scholarship, bursary and awards initiative recognizes student perseverance and achievement to encourage our members to continue their educational pursuits.

These scholarships, bursaries and awards are for students starting or continuing a post-secondary program in the fall of 2023.

Important!

Read the terms carefully before completing your application and relevant supporting documentation. *Students are welcome to apply for multiple awards – see other available awards on our website.*

Who is Eligible to Apply?

SYILX SIYA BURSARY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You must be attached by ancestry, identity, and community to the Syilx Okanagan Nation
- You must have graduated high school in the 2022-2023 school year

Important Dates

- **Syilx Siya Bursary Application Deadline:** application packages must be received by 11:59 pm on June 4, 2023
- **Award Announcement:** Late June 2023
- **Payments:** July 2023

Application package requirements

- Students must ensure all application requirements are met before applying (See Checklist)
- Students are responsible to ensure that all information is up-to-date and included in the submission package.
- Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Include all attachments in one email. We will send you an email notification when your application has been received.

Email to:

Tara Montgomery: tmontgomery@syilx.org

Syilx Siya Awards - \$3000

The Syilx Siya Bursary is awarded to 3 Syilx Okanagan high school graduates who have demonstrated a willingness to dream big for themselves, their Nation, their community, and/or their family. Award recipients will have educational goals and the drive to make them happen!

\$1000 High School Graduate Bursary (3 available)

Open to students who graduate high school within the 2022/23 school year.

- Provide thoughtful, planned, and fully developed essay (written or video) responses.

Sponsors:

EMB

Formed in 2014, EMB Management Ltd. ("EMB") offers project development, project delivery, engineering, construction management and construction inspection services to utility and infrastructure clients across Western Canada. To help support Syilx Okanagan Nation members in furthering their education, EMB introduced \$10,000 in awards in 2022 as a component of our Building a Better Future Initiative. For the Syilx Siya Bursary, EMB has donated \$2000 towards two of the three Syilx Siya awards available.

HI Traxx Contracting and Lance McLean

Hi Traxx Contracting and Lance McLean have donated \$1000 towards one of the three Syilx Siya awards available.

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SYILX SIYA BURSARY APPLICATION FORM PART ONE

The information provided in the application will be used for the purposes of administering, awarding, and promoting the Building a Better Future Initiative. You may be contacted about future employment, training, or financial support opportunities.

Personal Information

Name:			
Email:		Phone:	
Mailing Address:			
City:		Postal Code:	
Syilx Okanagan Nation Affiliation:			
High School:		Grad Date:	

Checklist

- Completed Application Form
- Copy of your status card or letter from member community confirming syilx Okanagan ancestry
- Personal Narrative (see questions below)
- Short Essay
- Unofficial transcripts from your most recent studies
- 2 reference letters – **one** needs to speak to your community involvement, and **one** to why you are deserving of the award

By signing, I agree to the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) collecting, processing, and disclosing my information and contacting me with opportunities related to employment, training, scholarships, and bursaries. I agree to ONA using my name and photo in external and internal communications including websites and social media. I understand that the information I have provided is subject to verification and audit.

Student signature:		Date:	
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Consent of parent or guardian for applicants under the age of 18: The parent or guardian of the person named above, consent to the above-named student applying for the ONA Building a Better Future Award and to the disclosure of personal information for use during this application process.

Print Name:		Address:	
Parent or guardian signature:		Date:	

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SYILX SIYA BURSARY APPLICATION FORM PART TWO

Personal Narrative

Your responses in this application to the questions below will inform the selection committee about your experiences, perspectives, community involvement, accomplishments, and goals. Please note: if you choose to submit a video it must be attached to your application email.

Personal Essay:

We invite you to respond to the statements below in 400-500 words or a 2-3 minute video:

1. Introduce yourself! Where you are from? What are your goals? What is your dream job?
2. Tell us how you want to achieve your dreams and goals? For example: What makes you unique? What skills will help you to be successful? Where does your passion come from?
3. Tell us how you are involved with your Nation, community, and/or family?
4. What role does your Syilx culture have in achieving your educational goals?

Short Essay:

The Syilx Siya bursaries are awarded to high school graduates who demonstrate grit and perseverance. We invite you to respond to the statements below in a *short essay*:

We face many challenges in life. Tell us about a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or hardship. How did it affect you and how will you use this experience to build from in the future?

1. Share with us how you show up for your community and/or Nation. ** Community can be in whatever sense the word community means to you**

