

Ogemawahj Tribal Training and Employment Resources

(OTTER)

Hugh “Buzzy” Big Canoe Youth Entrepreneurship Program



Program Objective:

To continue with the spirit of Hugh Big Canoe’s dedication to assist Youth understand and enter into business and to provide an assistive mechanism for the purposes of starting a new business or expand an existing business for Youth between the ages of 15 – 29 on an annual basis.

Criteria:

- Individual must be nominated from someone who is from the OTC First Nation membership;
- Individual nominated must be between the ages of 15-29;
- Application must be accompanied by a Letter of Support stating how the nominee demonstrates qualities of a role model such as leadership, the ability to communicate, dedication and perseverance;
- The business must be operated, at a minimum , between April and September;
- Nominee must have demonstrated role model qualities;
- Nominee must be willing to attend the OTC AGM; and
- Nominee may be requested to consider being a part of a role model program for other OTC First Nation Youth.

Timeline of Program:

- Call for Nominations will be announced to the communities the last day in February each year.
- Nominations and applications are due the last day March.
- Selection of a candidate will occur April.
- The successful nominee will receive funding in May.
- The business will be operated over the summer months with a final report/presentation to be provided at the OTC AGM.

Selection Process:

The Panel will review the outline of the business, a budget that includes operating costs and how the funds will be used, and the nomination letter.

Financial Assistance:

Funds distributed to a maximum of \$2,500.00

Funds can be used to offset costs of running and operating a business other than direct payment to the selected participant in lieu of wages. Specific area of interest include service costs such as bookkeeping, development of a business/marketing plan, marketing costs and capital purchases.



HUGH “BUZZY” BIG CANOE YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION FORM

SECTION 1 – APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:		Date of Birth:	
Address:			
City:		Prov:	
		Postal Code:	
Telephone #:		Email:	
Website:			

BUSINESS INFORMATION:

Business Name:		Date Business established:			
Is your business Registered?	Yes	No	Incorporated?	Yes	No
Is your business a:	Sole Proprietor		Partnership		
If your business is a partnership, provide details on your partner's expertise.					

Which industry sector is your business in?

Briefly describe the type of products or services your business offers.

Describe how you would use the funds and provide a breakdown of costs.

SECTION 2 – YOUR BUSINESS’S STRATEGIC POSITION

Explain what makes you the best candidate for the Hugh “Buzzy” Big Canoe Youth Entrepreneurship Program (main accomplishments, special challenges, etc.)

Explain what makes your strategy/product/business unique and sets you apart from the competition, if applicable: (any or all three of these aspects)

SECTION 3 – VISION

What are your plans for your business’s future?

Describe your plans and the strategies you will use to achieve your goals.

SECTION 4 – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Describe how you are involved in your community:

SECTION 5 – ROLE MODEL

Describe what makes you a great role model for Aboriginal Youth (list accomplishments, qualities, etc.):

SECTION 6 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please send any additional documents you consider useful to complete the nomination form.

Please check off the documents you are attaching:

Business Profile

Business Plan

Business Brochure

Financial/Bank Statement

Other

Specify:

Please provide copies of any professional development, degrees, diplomas or certificates obtained.

SECTION 7 – REFERENCES

BUSINESS REFERENCE:

Name of Company:			
Name of Contact:			
Address:			
Telephone:		Email:	

COMMUNITY MEMBER REFERENCE:

Name:			
Occupation:			
Address:			
Telephone:		Email:	

I give my permission to contact the above noted references for the purpose of this application.

Signature

Date

Please submit completed applications with a Letter of Support to:

Andrea Edgar, Employment & Training Coordinator
Ogemawahj Tribal Council
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Email: aedgar@ogemawahj.on.ca