

# *The Kathleen Blinkhorn Aboriginal Student Scholarship Fund*

# APPLICATION FORM

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## Backgrounder

In December 2009, the social housing sector lost a dedicated colleague and passionate advocate in Kathleen Blinkhorn. During her 30 year career in housing, she worked at Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA), the City of Toronto, and most recently as the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). As ADM she was very involved in the creation of Aboriginal housing programs in the GTA and across the province. To recognize the work she has done for the Aboriginal community, her children suggested the creation of the Kathleen Blinkhorn Aboriginal Scholarship Fund to be managed by ONPHA's Urban Aboriginal Housing Advisory Committee.

## Scholarship Terms of Reference

### Scholarship Amounts

- 2 - \$2500 scholarships **OR**
- 5 - \$1000 scholarships

### Eligible Uses

- Tuition
- Books
- Technology (laptop, etc.)
- Transportation

*The applicant must demonstrate need for a specific use and funding amount (\$1000 or \$2500).*

### Eligible Applicants

- Aboriginal student who currently lives in non-profit housing in Ontario
- Enrolled in a recognized college, university, or private trade school
- Full-time or part-time (minimum 60%) course load

### Application Process (See form attached)

The applicant will submit an application form that includes the following:

- They must explain how they will use the funds.
- They must reflect on their experience living in non-profit housing.
- They must reflect on their experience as a member of an Aboriginal community.
- They must explain how their educational path and / or chosen field of study will positively impact their lives.

### Evaluation Criteria

The applicant must submit a completed application form and include the following documents:

- Letter of Registration (course registration)
- Academic Transcript (optional)
- Applicant must be able to demonstrate they are Aboriginal.
- Applicant must be able to demonstrate they live in non-profit housing in Ontario.

### Evaluation Committee

- Four Members of ONPHA's Urban Aboriginal Housing Advisory Committee
- Two Members of ONPHA's Staff
- Kathleen Blinkhorn's children

### Announcement and Distribution of Funds

- After selecting the successful applicants, ONPHA will provide a cheque to the recipient.
- ONPHA will acknowledge the recipient with a poster to be displayed in Aboriginal housing and Friendship Centres.
- The recipient will also be acknowledged on the ONPHA website, in a *Quick Connections* newsletter article, and an ONPHA e-Alert.

### Conference Recognition

- If recipients are in the Niagara area, they will be invited to the Opening Plenary of the ONPHA Conference on October 28, 2011.
- If recipients are not local, they will be asked to submit a photo of themselves that will be used during the award presentation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College, University, or Trade School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of scholarship funding requested:  \$1000  \$2500

Please explain how you will use the requested funding (refer to eligible uses).

Please reflect on your experience as a tenant in non-profit housing.

Please reflect on your experience as a member of the Aboriginal community.

