

# Casey Holmes Jr. Memorial Entrance Award

## 2025 Application

### Purpose:

Casey Holmes Jr. was a member of the Upper Nicola Indian Band, one of the eight-member Band communities of the Syilx/Okanagan Nation Alliance. He graduated from NVIT's Environmental Resources Technology Diploma Program in 2004. Casey Jr.'s experience, both personally and professionally, shaped his knowledge of and connection to the land. He had a great love for the outdoors and embraced the 'spirit' of the land in his everyday life. He knew the importance of staying connected to the land and understood the reciprocal relationship one should have with it. Casey Jr. was an advocate for sustainable use of the land and resources for future generations.

### Eligibility:

Awarded to a graduate of the ENRT Certificate program who plans to complete the ENRT Diploma program. The student must be registered in full-time coursework in the diploma program and must have obtained a minimum 2.33 (C+) grade point average in the Certificate Program. The student must demonstrate financial need, dedication to their studies and connection to the land.

### Value:

Each year, the Holmes family will donate one (1) award of \$500 to be distributed at the annual NVIT awards ceremony. The bursary will be applied to the student's account as it is to be used for tuition, books or supplies.

### Process:

Students must complete the following application checklist:

- ☐ Complete and sign the application form.
- ☐ Fill out the budget information sheet.
- ☐ Have an NVIT instructor email a character reference letter to [awards@nvit.ca](mailto:awards@nvit.ca) describing the applicant's consistent commitment and responsibility toward his/her studies. Please ensure Casey Holmes Jr. Memorial Entrance Bursary is written in the subject line.
- ☐ Have an external community member email a character reference letter to [awards@nvit.ca](mailto:awards@nvit.ca), describing the applicant's strong positive personal attributes, independent manner and strong leadership skills. Please ensure Casey Holmes Jr. Memorial Entrance Bursary is written in the subject line.
- ☐ Write a double-spaced, 500-word essay on, "How you are connected and have a relationship with the land". (The essay must be written to the family of Casey Holmes Jr. as the intended audience.)

### Deadline:

The NVIT Registration Office must receive applications by 4:30pm on August 15, 2025. If August 15<sup>th</sup> lands on a weekend, the application will be due the last business day before the deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Please email applications to [awards@nvit.ca](mailto:awards@nvit.ca) or drop off original copies only to the front desk of either campus. Students may appeal the award decision by submitting a written letter to the awards adjudication committee attention:

Casey Holmes Jr. Memorial Entrance Bursary  
c/o Registration Office  
[awards@nvit.ca](mailto:awards@nvit.ca)



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## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last

\_\_\_\_\_  
First

\_\_\_\_\_  
Middle Initial

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Mailing Address

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

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S.I.N.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

Citizenship: ☐ Canadian

☐ Landed Immigrant

☐ International Student

Ancestry: ☐ Métis

☐ Inuit

☐ First Nations Status

☐ First Nations Non-Status

☐ Other

Marital Status: ☐ Single

☐ Common Law/Married

☐ Divorced/Separated/Widowed

# of Dependents: (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ (18 and older/senior) \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

What program are you currently enrolled in?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What year of studies are you currently enrolled in? ☐ 1<sup>st</sup> ☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> ☐ 3<sup>rd</sup> ☐ 4<sup>th</sup>

What campus do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you full or part-time? \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

Have you been working while attending school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, indicate your occupation during this educational year.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have other sources of income? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please list the other sources of income:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you still dependent on your parents' income? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you relocated for school, are you paying for two households? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### Applicant's Declaration:

I confirm, all the information I have given in my application form and budget information sheet, is correct to the best of my knowledge

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: (yyyy/mm/dd) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

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## Budget Information Sheet:

MONTHLY INCOME			TERM INCOME
Sponsor/Band Funding: Living Allowance		X 8 months	
Spousal Income		X 8 months	
Part-time Employment		X 8 months	
Income Assistance/ Disability Benefits		X 8 months	
E.I./ Training Allowance		X 8 months	
Canada Pension Plan		X 8 months	
Canada Pension Orphan's Benefit		X 8 months	
Child Support or Alimony		X 8 months	
Child Tax Benefit/Universal Benefit		X 8 months	
Childcare Subsidy		X 8 months	
<b>Sub-total:</b>			
Sponsored Tuition/Books/Supplies			
Student Loan			
Bursaries or Scholarships			
Parent/Guardian Contribution			
GST Rebate			
Other: _____			
<b>A) TOTAL INCOME</b>			

MONTHLY EXPENSES			TERM EXPENSES
Rent/Mortgage		X 8 months	
Food		X 8 months	
Utilities		X 8 months	
Phone		X 8 months	
Public Transit		X 8 months	
Vehicle Insurance		X 8 months	
Fuel Costs		X 8 months	
Loans		X 8 months	
Credit Cards		X 8 months	
Other (please describe)		X 8 months	
		X 8 months	
		X 8 months	
<b>Sub-total:</b>			
Tuition & Fees			
Textbooks & Supplies			
<b>B) TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			

Difference between Income & Expenses

(Line A - Line B)

Additional Information about your request:

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