

(4) BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

Blueprint for the Future (BFF) is a series of one-day career fairs that give First Nations, Inuit and Métis high school students valuable resources and information on career opportunities, while promoting education as being key to labour market participation. At BFF, First Nations, Inuit & Métis high school students learn about a range of job options in a venue where they can meet and speak with some of Canada's top corporate and business leaders.

NAAF Departments

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT

Corporate Development is the fundraising arm of NAAF. Sponsorships are sought in both the public and corporate sectors. Mutually beneficial relationships are developed and maintained with sponsors by keeping them informed of the Foundation's activities and events and ensuring that NAAF is represented at sponsor events.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications department manages the public image of NAAF by creating and issuing press releases, advertising, and producing visual, audio, electronic, and print materials. Communications acts as the liaison between the Foundation and all sponsors, performers, Aboriginal organizations, and government groups attending the Awards.

FINANCE

The Finance & Operations department provides all financial and operational support to the Foundation by administering payables, receivables, tax receipts, payroll, internal and external reporting, and other finance analysis and support as required. General information technology support, supply purchases, and liaison functions are performed by Departmental staff.

Financial Supporters

NAAF acknowledges the generous support of the federal government and many corporate and individual supporters. This ongoing support assists NAAF in making the dreams of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples become a reality.

Visit our website at www.naaf.ca to learn more about NAAF and its other initiatives.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION



Overview of the Foundation

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The Foundation

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF) is a nationally registered non-profit organization devoted to excellence and providing the tools necessary for First Nations, Inuit & Métis youth to achieve brighter futures. NAAF encourages and empowers First Nations, Inuit & Métis youth by providing them with important career planning information, by connecting them with industry and by providing financial support for post-secondary studies in a broad array of disciplines. NAAF also celebrates First Nations, Inuit and Métis success with the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards, showing all of Canada the accomplishments of our Peoples.

NAAF Programs

NAAF's commitment to encourage achievement and recognize excellence in the First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities continues through its four major programs.

(1) NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The National Aboriginal Achievement Awards (NAAA) is Canada's largest and most influential annual showcase of First Nations, Inuit and Métis achievement. Each year, the NAAA celebrates the accomplishments of 14 recipients who are honoured in a dazzling gala that features First Nations, Inuit and Métis entertainers. The awards show is later broadcast nationally as a television special on Global and APTN. The NAAA instills pride in the First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities and provides role models for our youth.

Please consider nominating an achiever from your community. Contact Andre Morriveau at 1.800.329.9780 ext. 242 for more details or visit the NAAF website at www.naaf.ca for more information.

(2) EDUCATION PROGRAM

NAAF's goal is to help students realize their dreams and aspirations to build brighter futures. This is accomplished by providing bursary and scholarship awards to help them acquire the knowledge, skills, education and training needed to move forward to fully participate in the Canadian economy.

NAAF offers financial awards to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students through four major programs:

- The Fine Arts Bursary Awards Program – Annual application deadline is May 1st.
- The Post-Secondary Education Bursary Awards Program – Annual application deadline is June 1st.
- The Aboriginal Health Careers Program – Annual application deadline is June 1st.
- The Oil & Gas Aboriginal Trades & Technology Bursary Awards Program – This is a new program to be implemented in 2007-2008. Check the NAAF website for details regarding Deadline Dates for application.

All applicants who need assistance in completing their application forms or those who wish to discuss their plans for higher education are encouraged to contact Rachel Hill in the Education Department at 1.800.329.9780, or 519-445-3020 or by email at rhill@naaf.ca.

(3) TAKING PULSE

Taking Pulse joins with industry to present career options in specific growth sectors through a series of short documentaries and supporting curriculum materials with the aim of recruiting First Nations, Inuit & Métis youth and assisting them to obtain rewarding and productive careers.

Industry in the Classroom - The first Taking Pulse program developed was Industry in the Classroom, an interactive and informative classroom session that connects First Nations, Inuit and Métis youth with information about career opportunities in growth industries. Modules include: Railway in the Classroom, Health Careers in the Classroom, The Circle of Justice, Transportation in the Classroom and Inuit Health Careers. This year we are projecting the development of Energy, Broadcasting and Trades modules.

Rivers to Success - This unique and collaborative multi-option concept was created to inspire, motivate and facilitate the return to school or work of First Nations, Inuit & Métis at-risk youth. The key focus is on connecting youth to existing services at the local, regional and national levels, reflective of the views and input of First Nations, Inuit and Métis provincial, territorial and federal governments.