

# Jordan's Principle Scholarship

## *For First Nations Students Studying Children's Holistic Health or Wellbeing*

Presented by The First Nations Child and Family Caring Society

### **ABOUT JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE**

Jordan River Anderson of Norway House Cree Nation is the founder of Jordan's Principle. Jordan was born in Winnipeg on October 22, 1999 and spent over two years in hospital before he was ready to live in a family home. Unfortunately, the governments of Canada and Manitoba argued over the costs of Jordan's at home care because of Jordan's First Nations status so Jordan could not leave the hospital. Jordan waited for over two years while governments argued before he sadly passed away at age 5 in the hospital never having spent a day in a family home.

Jordan's Principle says that First Nations children should be able to access the government services they need when they need them without any additional red tape related to their First Nations status. It passed unanimously in the House of Commons on December 12, 2007 but the Canadian government failed to implement it. In 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ordered Canada to cease its discriminatory approach to Jordan's Principle by applying it to all First Nations children on and off reserve and across all public services. Thousands of children have now received services due to Jordan's Principle.

### **SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

This scholarship will be paid to the successful applicant by the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society. The scholarship is open to First Nations students studying children's holistic health or wellbeing at a Canadian post-secondary institution. Students must be enrolled full-time (as defined by their school) and must have at least two semesters of school left.

In addition, applications will require the following:

- Confirmation of First Nations identity.
- Confirmation of full-time registration at a Canadian post-secondary institution in a program relevant to children's holistic health or wellbeing. The student must be returning to study for at least two semesters.
- Demonstrated commitment to First Nations children's health and community service.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Jordan River Anderson and Jordan's Principle.
- Demonstrated academic commitment and achievement.
- Financial need will be considered.

This is a one-time award not renewable to past recipients.



## **APPLICATION PROCESS AND KEY DATES**

Applicants must complete the form online or submit the complete application package by **11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on April 30, 2025** to:

Jordan's Principle selection committee  
First Nations Child and Family Caring Society  
350 Sparks Street, Suite 202, Ottawa ON K1R 7S8  
or [info@fncaringsociety.com](mailto:info@fncaringsociety.com)

**Please note that only complete application packages will be accepted.**

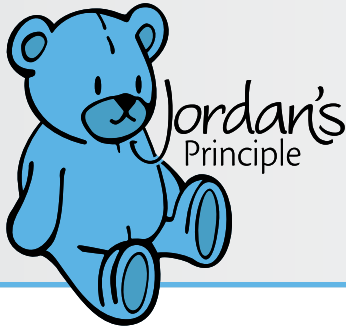
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## **APPLICATION PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

1. Complete application form.
2. A detailed cover letter outlining your knowledge of Jordan's Principle, why Jordan's Principle is important, and how your education and personal and/or professional experience prepare you for a career in children's holistic health and wellbeing.
3. Confirmation of First Nations identity (letter from a First Nation acknowledging applicant's membership or copy of status card).
4. Two letters of recommendation that speak directly and specifically as to how the applicant meets the eligibility criteria.
5. Copy of high school/post-secondary transcript for most recently completed year of education. The transcript must include at least two semesters.
6. Confirmation of registration in a program relevant to children's holistic health or wellbeing at a Canadian post-secondary institution (e.g., enrolment letter issued by the post-secondary institution).
7. Unofficial transcripts and confirmation of registration will be accepted for the application (we are not able to accept screen shots of student portals). If you are selected, the scholarship is conditional on providing official transcripts and official proof of enrolment.

**While we are grateful for all applications, we will only contact the successful applicant.**

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APPLICATION FORM

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## APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME

FIRST NATIONS AFFILIATION

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION WHERE APPLICANT IS ENROLLED

PROGRAM APPLICANT IS ENROLLED IN

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

PROV/TERR

POSTAL CODE

HOME PHONE

MOBILE PHONE

EMAIL

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The following documents are included in the award nomination package:

Completed application form

Cover letter

Confirmation of First Nations identity

Confirmation of enrolment in a Canadian post-secondary institution program focused on children's holistic health or wellbeing

Copy of official transcript from most recent year of academic study

2 letters of support

## COMPLETE THE FORM ONLINE OR SEND COMPLETE PACKAGE TO:

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**Deadline for nominations is April 30, 2025 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

