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ANNOUNCEMENT - ONION LAKE EDUCATION TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS – WINTER 2026

The Onion Lake Education Trust Fund (“OLETF”) Board of Trustees is very pleased to announce the recipients of the WINTER Semester 2026 OLETF Scholarships for Onion Lake post-secondary students.

The OLETF was established by Onion Lake Chief and Council to assist, recognize and encourage post-secondary students through incentives, scholarships and awards now and in the future. Chief Henry Lewis stated “The OLETF will help support and celebrate our outstanding students who will guarantee the Onion Lake Cree Nation and its members a positive and promising tomorrow”.

OLETF attracted a record of applications for the WINTER 2026 Semester. The Board of Trustees wish to provide its sincere thanks to all its corporate and individual partners that make the scholarships possible through their generous support.

Cenovus Energy Scholarships: \$2,200 awarded to Zara Carter; \$1,600 awarded to Sabrina Lewis

Inter Pipeline Discovery Award Scholarship: \$2,200 awarded to Taden Horse

IPC Canada Scholarships: \$2,100 awarded to Delia Harper; \$1,600 awarded to Thomas Chief

MNP LLP Scholarship: \$2,000 awarded to Leann Pahtayken

OLETF Scholarships: \$2,200 awarded to Jaeli Bruno, Lauren Martell, Gunner Nelson and Elias Waskewitch; \$2,000 awarded to Dane Dillon, Arianne Lewis and Eleanor Sparvier; \$1,700 awarded to Katelyne Janvier, Tayza Lewis and Brooklyn Sparvier; \$1,100 awarded to Teresa Wolfe

Onion Lake Energy Scholarships: \$3,000 awarded to Vera Cardinal, Jaxon Carter, Gabrielle Harper, Amberley Harper (Cunningham), Kyla Lindsay and Daine Nelson; \$2,200 awarded to Sharonna Cook; \$1,700 awarded to Craig Cook, Joleigh Cook, Joshua Dillon, Sasha Dillon, Makayla Gowan, Drew Jimmy and Jeremy Wolfe; \$1,200 awarded to Tamara Belly, Jovee Bull, Mathias Cardinal-Harper, Meahka Checkosis, Sonja Checkosis, Jarica Cook, Gladys Cooke, Trennan Fox, Cheyenne Harper, Layla Harper, Skye Harper, Wanita Harper, Mylynn Lewis, Noah Lewis, Diaz Littlewolfe, Alyssa McLeod, Reanna Opissinow, Bailey Pahtayken, Dion Pahtayken, Egan Pahtayken, Sharlize Pahtayken, Riley Perillat, Zoey Pollard, Zelda Quinney, Frances Quinney-Miketon, Alanna Skeenum, Sarah Stanley, Oneida Trottier, Chester Whitstone and Leoann Whitstone; \$1,100 awarded to Preston Dillon

Strathcona Resources Ltd. Scholarships: \$3,000 awarded to Kiara Nighthtraveller, Beau Trottier, Asia Whitstone and Destiny Whitstone; \$2,200 awarded to Valerie Benajamin-Chocan, Sarah Chief and Thereon Chief; \$1,600 awarded to Angela Waskewitch

Since the beginning of the OLETF in 2017, the Board of Trustees have supported, encouraged and financially assisted Onion Lake Cree Nation post-secondary students with 768 scholarships with a total value of \$1,007,500.

The Chair of OLETF, Matthew Fox on behalf of the Board, stated “Congratulations to all recipients and thank you to our sponsors! OLETF will be posting information in relation to applications for scholarships available for Onion Lake students for the FALL Semester 2026. OLETF takes great pride in the ongoing success of the Nation’s post-secondary students and the Board is hopeful it will raise additional funds through our generous corporate sponsors to assist all eligible and deserving students”.

Board of Trustees: Matthew Fox, Ivan Harper, Leona Carter, Reinetta Morningchild & Ellie Carter

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