

Dehcho First Nations Memorial Awards & Scholarships were established in 1995 by the Dehcho First Nation Leadership. It was the vision then, and continues today, that Dehcho Dene descendants confidently pursue post-secondary education. The Dehcho First Nation's goal is for our Dehcho descendants to take advantage of post-secondary education and achieve equitable representation in post-secondary institutions.

These Memorial Awards and Scholarships provides support for advancement of Dehcho Dene. The goals for Dehcho descendants are self-reliance, self-determination and well-being. This goal is achieved by supporting the education and training of our Dehcho descendants in post-secondary education. It is the hope these individuals will come home to the Dehcho to help build capacity and lead our First Nation into a healthy future.

Dehcho First Nation Leadership believes education should enable our members to confidently live and work in both Dene and western worlds, blending the traditional values of our people with the modern realities of the present. Thus, the memorial awards were established to honour and remember respected Dehcho community members and Elders. Their legacy will live on through these annual memorial awards to remind us of their hard work, commitment, vision and teachings for the advancement of Dehcho Dene, culture and way of life.

Dene Zhatie embodies our culture and identity forming a central foundation that can be enhanced and strengthened through life-long learning. The Dehcho Leadership believes that the Dehcho Dene can maintain the Dene world view within a western society in order to be successful in both worlds. To this end, the Dehcho Dene require the support and encouragement that will be provided by the Dehcho First Nations Memorial Awards and Scholarships.

The Dehcho Leadership strongly supports quality education and a healthy future for all Dehcho Dene descendants.

DEHCHO FIRST NATION MEMORIAL AWARDS

Phoebe Nahanni Memorial Award - \$12,000 awarded annually over a three or four year period (recipients choice) to a Dehcho Dene descendant who pursues a Master Degree or Doctorate Degree in Natural Sciences, Law and/or Political Science

Mary Cazon Memorial Award - \$3,000 awarded annually to two Dehcho Dene post-secondary students pursuing studies in Environmental Sciences, Health & Wellness and/or Naturopathy

Mitch Landry (Corbeau) Memorial Award - \$3,000 awarded annually to two Dehcho Dene post-secondary students pursuing studies in Environment & Resource Management, Humanities/Social Sciences, Aboriginal Languages and/or Linguistics

Albertine Rohd Memorial Award - \$3,000 awarded annually to two Dehcho Dene post-secondary students pursuing studies in Native Studies, Women/Gender Studies, Political Science and/or Education

DEHCHO FIRST NATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Dene Traditional Knowledge Scholarship - \$1,000 awarded annually for any land based skill courses of (3-6months) duration

Open / General Studies Scholarship - \$2,000 awarded annually for related certificate, diploma or degree programs

Early Childhood Education Scholarship - \$2,000 awarded annually for Early Childhood Education Program and/or any related diploma/degree program

Teacher Education Scholarship - \$2,000 awarded annually for Teacher Education Program and/or any Education diploma or degree

Medical Scholarship - \$2,000 awarded annually for medical related diploma programs and/or degrees

Business Scholarship - \$2,000 awarded annually for business for any diploma programs and/or degrees

Engineering / Computer Science Scholarship - \$2,000 awarded annually for engineering/computer science related certificate, diploma and/or degrees

Fine Arts / Performing Arts Scholarship - \$2,000 awarded annually for fine arts/performing & visual arts related certificate, diploma and/or degree program

Social Work Scholarship - \$2,000 awarded annually for social work related any certificate, diploma and/or degree program

Aboriginal Language / Linguistics Scholarship - \$2,000 awarded annually for aboriginal language related certificate, diploma and/or degree program

Aboriginal Governance / Leadership Scholarship - \$2,000 awarded annually for aboriginal leadership related certificate, diploma and/or degree program

Short-Term Scholarship - \$1,000 awarded annually for short term courses (3 months – 6 months)

Scholarship deadline - July 31 annually