



# **STRONG ROOTS**

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

## **CHRISTOPHER THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FALL 2022**

Our dear friend, the late Christopher Thompson (1979-2018), was a founding board member of Strong Roots Charitable Foundation, spearheaded the Buy Local Akwesasne movement, and championed community economic development. To honor Chris' legacy, Strong Roots will award \$1,000 scholarships to two high school graduates or rising undergraduates who have demonstrated leadership and motivation to enrich our community of Akwesasne.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Must provide proof of enrollment with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe or Mohawks of Akwesasne, or citizenship from the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs
- Must be a full-time student in good standing enrolled at an accredited college or university (U.S. or Canada)

### **EVALUATION**

Students will be evaluated on exhibition of leadership, community involvement, and their responses to three essay questions. All applications must include three letters of recommendation.

### **CRITERIA**

- Maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Attending an accredited college or university as a full-time student in Fall 2022
- Have demonstrated character, personal merit, and motivation to enrich the community.

### **APPLICATION**

A complete application, including all required documents, must be received no later than **September 21, 2022** for consideration for the 2022-2023 academic year. Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

To submit your completed application and supporting documents by mail please send to:

Strong Roots Charitable Foundation  
Attn: Scholarship Committee-Chessie Thomas-White  
76 Geronimo Lane  
Akwesasne NY 13655

To submit electronically, please send all required materials in one PDF document to:  
[Administrator@Strongroot.org](mailto:Administrator@Strongroot.org)



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### **PERSONAL DATA**

*(Please print or type)*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

GENDER: *(circle one)* M F Other

PERMANENT ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

### **EDUCATION**

Name of College/University & Location (City/State):

\_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification as of Fall 2022 (circle one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

### **LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

On a separate sheet of paper please list any leadership roles you have held and community service time you have completed over the last two years. Be specific and include dates as well as names of all organizations involved.



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### **SHORT ANSWER ESSAYS**

Answer the following questions in no more than 250 words each. Responses must be typewritten and double-spaced.

#### **Question #1**

What drives you, ignites your passion, and keeps you motivated?

#### **Question #2**

What do you believe is Akwesasne's greatest asset and why?

#### **Question #3**

How will you use the skills and knowledge you gather from your post-secondary experience to empower and enrich the lives of others?



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### CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED INFORMATION

- Complete application form
- Official secondary or post-secondary transcript
- Proof of enrollment in secondary or post-secondary college or university
- Proof of enrollment (SRMT/MCA) or citizenship (MNCC)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Essay responses
- Hi-resolution color photo

All items must be submitted at the time of application.

Incomplete submissions or applications received after **September 21, 2022** will not be considered.

### PERSONAL STATEMENT AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I certify that all information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and that I, personally, have completed this application and the personal essay. I understand that if I am selected, I will provide proof of enrollment in college/university at the beginning of the Fall 2022 term and submit an office copy of my transcript at the end of the term to the Strong Roots scholarship coordinator. I further agree and release information in this application to be shared with the Strong Roots Charitable Foundation and media for publicity purposes. I further agree that I will attend events as an ambassador of the Strong Roots Charitable Foundation when available.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_