



STRONG ROOTS

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

CHRISTOPHER THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2023

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 2023
- 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 **August 6, 2023** for consideration for the 2023-2024 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
76 Geronimo Lane
Akwesasne NY 13655

To submit electronically, please send all required materials in one PDF document to:
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 2023 (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 August 6, 2023 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 2023 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: _____