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**STUDENTS ON ICE EXPEDITION
ARCTIC EXPEDITION 2019
July 23 – August 7**

REFERENCE FORM

for

**Mi'kmaq Youth Application for
AFN Nova Scotia and Newfoundland & Students on Ice
Mi'kmaq Scholarship**

DEADLINE = March 31, 2019

Submit this form to: afnnsnl@gmail.com

IMPORTANT

Welcome to the Students on Ice Expedition 2019 REFERENCE Form for Mi'kmaq students from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. You may type directly into this word document (preferred), or print it out and complete by hand. If completing by hand, please PRINT so that it is readable, and add additional paper as required to answer the questions.

Submit this form to: afnnsnl@gmail.com

Questions?? If you have any questions about this reference form, please contact Shannon Monk, with Regional Chief Morley Googoo's office. Please call or text 613-331-2494 or email skmonkpayne@gmail.com

What is Students on Ice (SOI)?

SOI is an award-winning and globally unique educational program. Since 1999, we have taken more than 2,500 students, educators, elders, scientists, artists, musicians and leaders from 52 countries around the world on educational expeditions to the Arctic and the Antarctic.

We believe the Polar Regions are the world's greatest classrooms. They are the cornerstones of the global ecosystem and tremendous platforms for education in history, culture, science, political, social and environmental issues. We believe in the power of connecting youth to

nature and fostering within them an appreciation for the planet, themselves and each other. Further, through place-based learning, cross-cultural discussions and workshops students also form connections with fellow students and expert staff who help to shape, inspire and support their goals and initiatives.

Indigenous youth and educators from the North and beyond are an integral part of every SOI expedition, helping us to explore and understand the places we visit. Annually, more than 30 per cent of expedition participants call the North home. SOI expeditions catalyze interest in, awareness of and appreciation for Inuit culture and traditional homelands amongst and across participants.

** Please ensure that you have browsed the SOI website <https://studentsonice.com/> for information on Students on Ice and for details on the upcoming expedition.

Student Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following Eligibility Criteria for their participation to be considered:

1. We are accepting applications from ***Mi'kmaq students from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, between the ages of 14 and 24.***
2. Student must be enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary institution (or be home-schooled) at the time of application. High school students must be 14-18 years old at the time of application. We accept graduate students in addition to university and college students, up to the age of 24.
3. Student must demonstrate an interest in the Polar Regions, and must understand that this is an educational expedition, not a vacation experience. All students must be committed to participate fully in all aspects of the mandatory education program and research activities prior to and during the expedition.
4. Successful applicants must agree to participate in and complete any pre-expedition preparations and/or post-expedition assignments as directed by the Expedition Managers.
5. Student must demonstrate some or all of the following qualities: strong academic ability and/or passion for learning; leadership qualities and/or potential to develop these qualities; active involvement in the community; and a desire to make a difference.
6. Successful applicants must accept the responsibility to act as an ambassador for their communities and educational institutions.
7. Applicants must possess a passport or are able to complete the process of obtaining a passport.

Expedition Fee

The Expedition Fee for the 2019 Arctic Expedition will be \$13,500 CAD or \$10,900 USD, plus travel to and from the gateway city of Ottawa, Ontario.

Scholarships

This is a sponsored partnership initiative by the Assembly of First Nation Regional Chief's office for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Applicants chosen to represent their community will have

their fees fully covered through a scholarship. 15 scholarships are available to Mi'kmaq students (primarily high school) from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. The Scholarship selection committee will be considering the following criteria when evaluating applications: Motivation to participate; desire to learn; leadership potential; community involvement; "Heart", as determined by passion and empathy; and vision and commitment towards creating change.

Deadline

The application and reference form deadline to apply for a Mi'kmaq scholarship for the 2019 Arctic Expedition is **March 31, 2019** at 11:59pm Atlantic. Thank you for taking time to complete this referral form.

Reference Information

As a reference for a potential participant it is your task to assess the qualities, characteristics, and capabilities of the student who you are recommending in terms of their ability to benefit from, and be a positive addition to, the SOI expedition team. Your appraisal of their character will help us to decide if this student will be an appropriate and enjoyable addition to the expedition team. We appreciate as much detail as possible – a typical response would be approximately one paragraph in length. Your honesty is appreciated; all information will be treated confidentially.

- Name of applicant

- Name of reference

- Address of reference

- Phone Number of reference

- Email of reference

- Reference's relationship to the applicant

- How long have you known the applicant?

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- If accepted, are you available to work with SOI and AFN to assist the applicant in their preparation, if required? (This will not impact the student's application opportunity.)
- Based on the program description above, what unique qualities does this applicant bring that you expect will make them a good fit for an SOI expedition?
- If selected, what do you think this applicant will gain from an SOI expedition?
- What are the applicant's greatest strengths and challenges?
- How would you rate the applicant in the following areas? (Place a check or X in the appropriate box)

	Superior	Above Average	Average	Needs Improvement	Unsure
Meets Expectations					
Cooperative					
Outgoing					
Team player					
Open to new situations					
Sensitive to others					
Respectful of authority					
Respected by peers					
Emotional Maturity					
Leadership Ability					

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	Superior	Above Average	Average	Needs Improvement	Unsure
Enthusiasm and Energy					
Self-Confidence					
Perseverance					
Handling Difficult Situations					
Motivation					
Handling Conflict					
Comfortable with Rules					

- Please share a story of when the applicant demonstrated any of the qualities noted above.
- Are there any issues or challenges that may affect the applicant's participation?
- Is there anything else you would like to add about the applicant?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference form.

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