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To whom it may concern:

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AFOA and Meyers Norris Penny, LLP, are pleased to announce the 4th Annual Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Conference Awards.

The AFOA-Meyers Norris Penny LLP Aboriginal Youth Financial Managements Awards are open to First Nation youth in grades 11 and 12. Winners attend AFOA's National Conference and participate in a special Youth program designed to introduce youth to careers in Aboriginal finance and management.

There is a great demand both within First Nation communities and off-reserve for Aboriginal financial management professionals and there are many opportunities for those who want to pursue this career path and many sources of assistance. However, very few of our young people are pursuing and education in financial management after high school.

This is an exceptional opportunity for Aboriginal youth. Three young Aboriginals in grades 11 and/or 12 will be selected from across Canada to travel to Ottawa, Ontario in March 2010 to attend AFOA's National Conference and participate in a special Youth Program.

I have included Flyers and Notification of Interest which can be distributed to your provincial representatives. If you require more, I can be reach by email at fvicaire@afoa.ca or by phone 1-866-722-2362.

AFOA is committed to providing Aboriginal youth with the support and initiative to pursue a career in Aboriginal finance and management.

Yours truly,

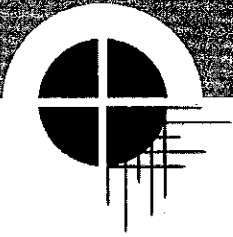
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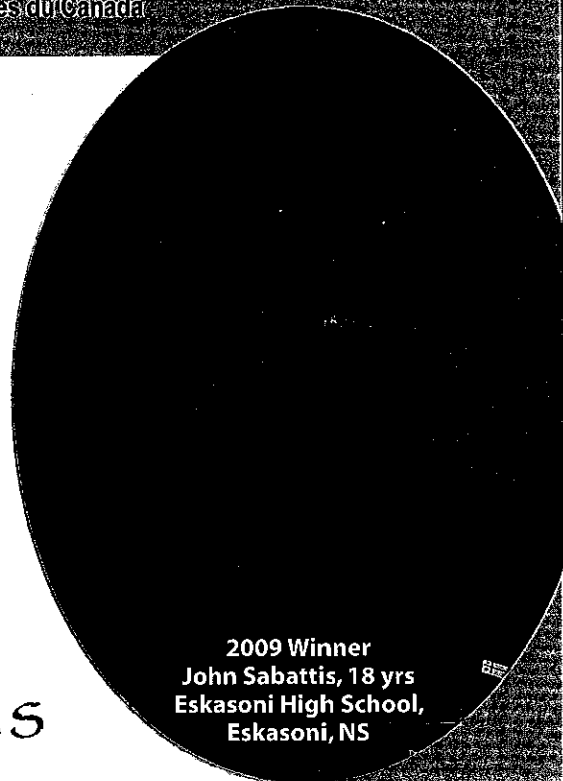


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AFOA Canada and Meyers Norris Penny LLP
present the:

4th Annual Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Conference Awards



2009 Winner
John Sabattis, 18 yrs
Eskasoni High School,
Eskasoni, NS

The Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada (AFOA) and Meyers Norris Penny LLP are pleased to announce the **4th Annual Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Conference Awards**. The Awards are open to Aboriginal youth in grades 11 and 12 (maximum age 19 years old).

AFOA represents approximately 1,300 Aboriginals involved in financial management in their communities and organizations. Meyers Norris Penny LLP is a leading Canadian Chartered Accountant and Management Consultant firm.

There is a great demand both within Aboriginal communities and off-reserve for Aboriginal financial management professionals. However, very few of our young people are pursuing an education in financial management after high school.

There are many opportunities for those who want to pursue this career path and there are many sources of assistance.

That is why AFOA and Meyers Norris Penny LLP have come together to offer the Aboriginal Youth Conference Awards in Financial Management.

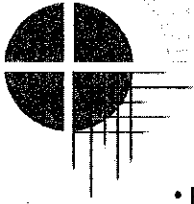
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What are the Awards?

Three young Aboriginals in grades 11 and/or 12 will be selected from across Canada to travel to Ottawa, Ontario on March 1 to March 5, 2010, to attend AFOA's National Conference and participate in a special Youth Program. Over 900 senior Aboriginal leaders attend the Conference.



What will happen during the five days?

The Award program includes both Conference and non-Conference activities:

- An introduction to the opportunities in Aboriginal financial management as a career through site visits to accounting firms, banks, businesses, government departments, and other organizations;
- Providing information on how to go about pursuing this career and what kind of help is available through visits to universities/colleges, professional associations, and other information sessions;
- Opportunities to meet and be mentored by Aboriginal leaders in financial management from across Canada;
- Acknowledgement at and opportunity to deliver remarks to conference delegates;
- Special youth session designed to develop leadership skills;
- Youth-friendly activities.

Winners will also receive media coverage. Winning essays published in booklet form for distribution to Conference delegates. Winners also receive cash prize and commemorative plaques.

How will the Award winners be selected?

We are asking schools to select Aboriginal students in Grades 11 and 12 who:

- have been academically successful
- want to pursue post-secondary education and/or training
- have demonstrated an interest in the areas of finance and/or management; OR
- are considering what career path to choose

What are the steps?

- 1) Student to submit a short essay (1,500 words) on the subject of: "What are the success stories in my community, and if I was in a leadership role, what would be my plan of action to build on that success?"
- 2) Teacher to submit a letter attesting to the student's performance and commitment
- 3) Provide the following information:
 - Student name, age, grade, and contact details
 - School name, location, and contact details
 - Teacher name and contact details

Submit to: AFOA c/o Aboriginal Link, P.O. Box 50058, 17-2595 Main St., Winnipeg, MB R2V 4W3 or fax to 1-866-780-2188, or email to AFOA@GoToApply.ca by 5:00 pm EST January 8, 2010

A Selection Committee will review the Award submissions

What are the student's and his/her family's obligations?

Students and Chaperones must make a commitment to:

- Arrive in Ottawa on the afternoon of March 1, 2010 and depart Ottawa on Friday, March 5, 2010
- Participate in the full planned Youth Program over the five days (more information on the program will be available as the Conference draws nearer)
- Abide by Chaperone regulations. All winners must be accompanied by a Chaperone (his/her parent or teacher or legal guardian or one approved by parent). Note: AFOA pays for all travel, hotel, and meal expenses for both students and Chaperones
- Deliver brief remarks (2-3 minutes) to conference delegates at special Youth Lunch
- After the Conference, write a brief description of the experience which will be included in the next edition of AFOA's professional journal *JAM: The Journal of Aboriginal Management*

Family must make a commitment to:

- Provide a suitable Chaperone to accompany the student

