

Ogemawahj Tribal Training and Employment Resources

(OTTER)

Hugh “Buzzy” Big Canoe Youth Entrepreneurship Program



Program Objective:

To continue with the spirit of Hugh Big Canoe’s dedication to assist Youth understand and enter into business and to provide an assistive mechanism for the purposes of starting a new business or expand an existing business for Youth between the ages of 15 – 29 on an annual basis.

Criteria:

- Individual must be nominated from someone who is from the OTC First Nation membership;
- Individual nominated must be between the ages of 15-29;
- Application must be accompanied by a Letter of Support stating how the nominee demonstrates qualities of a role model such as leadership, the ability to communicate, dedication and perseverance;
- The business must be operated, at a minimum , between April and September;
- Nominee must have demonstrated role model qualities;
- Nominee must be willing to attend the OTC AGM; and
- Nominee may be requested to consider being a part of a role model program for other OTC First Nation Youth.

Timeline of Program:

- Call for Nominations will be announced to the communities the last day in February each year.
- Nominations and applications are due the last day March.
- Selection of a candidate will occur April.
- The successful nominee will receive funding in May.
- The business will be operated over the summer months with a final report/presentation to be provided at the OTC AGM.

Selection Process:

The Panel will review the outline of the business, a budget that includes operating costs and how the funds will be used, and the nomination letter.

Financial Assistance:

Funds distributed to a maximum of \$2,500.00

Funds can be used to offset costs of running and operating a business other than direct payment to the selected participant in lieu of wages. Specific area of interest include service costs such as bookkeeping, development of a business/marketing plan, marketing costs and capital purchases.