



Thunder Bay
Chamber
of Commerce



Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Post-Secondary Entrepreneurial Spirit Award

Purpose/Objective

To recognize post-secondary students' entrepreneurial spirit in the district of Thunder Bay.

Eligible Applicants

Students must be enrolled full time in a program at a post-secondary institution in Thunder Bay and entering their graduating year.
Students must apply for the award by completing the submission criteria by the due date.

Entrepreneurial Spirit Award

- Two (2) Entrepreneurial Spirit awards will be awarded annually to students enrolled full time at a post-secondary institution in Thunder Bay.
- The students must be enrolled in their graduating year.
- \$500 each will be presented to two students who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or 70% and have demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit throughout their academic career.
- The award will be based upon the applicant's submission and judged by the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Education Committee.

Award Criteria

1. Academic Criteria:

- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or 70%
- Applicants must be enrolled in their graduating year at a post-secondary institution in Thunder Bay

2. Non-Academic Criteria: demonstration of entrepreneurial spirit could include a combination of any of the following:

- Volunteer service in the community
- Business ownership experience

- Future entrepreneurial career ambitions
- Intellectual property development (prototype development, patents, trademarks, etc.)
- Leadership positions in clubs, organizations, associations, projects, civic or municipal government
- Employment experience, Cooperative education or placement experience
- Other activities that demonstrated initiative, determination, commitment and leadership

Applicants will be required to submit letters of support from both academic and non-academic sources that demonstrate their entrepreneurial spirit. (one from each source)

The Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Education Committee will review all eligible submissions and recommend the award recipients based upon the criteria. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for approval.

Submission Requirements

Applications for the award should be submitted to the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce by January 31st. Applications will be available through the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce web site or business office. Submissions must include the following:

1. Cover Letter indicating your career ambitions after graduation and an overview of how you have been entrepreneurial throughout your academic career.
2. Completed application form
3. Current transcript from your post-secondary institution.
4. Letters of reference from academic and non-academic sources (minimum 1 each)

Award Announcement

The Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce will announce the award winner by March 1st of the calendar year following the submission deadline.