Achieving the Dream Through Education

**Tanya Talaga Bursary  
Application**

**DEADLINE: MAY 01, 2023, 11:59AM**

All applications are reviewed by the Achieving the Dream Through Education Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD reserves the right to require additional information if needed.

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| **Application Check List:** | |
| * Declaration * Personal Information * Education Information | * Supporting Documentation   + Applicant’s resume   + Two support letters * Budget * Bursary Impacts |
| Once completed, please send your application and all supporting documentation to the following location: | |
| **By mail:**  Attention: Brittany Kennedy  Achieving the Dream Through Education  200 Lillie Street North, Thunder Bay, Ontario  P7C 5Y2  **By email:**  [dream@matawaeducation.ca](mailto:dream@matawaeducation.ca)  Subject line: “[NAME OF APPLICATION] Student Name” | |

**bursary Information**

**PROGRAM NAME**Tanya Talaga Bursary **Award amount:**$1,500 X 1 Student

**DESCRIPTION**Tanya Talaga is an Ojibwe author and journalist with roots in Fort William First Nation in Ontario, Canada. She worked as a journalist at the Toronto Star for over twenty years and has been nominated five times for the Michener Award in public service journalism. Tanya is the acclaimed author of Seven Fallen Feathers and has donated funds from book sales to Matawa youth graduating from the Matawa Education and Care Centre.

**REQUIREMENTS**In order to be eligible for the *Tanya Talaga Bursary*, youth must meet the following requirements:

* Applicant must be a member of a Matawa First Nation.
* Applicant must be considered a 'youth'\*.
* Applicant must a graduating student from Matawa Education and Care Centre.
* Based on financial need.

**Declaration**

As part of the application process, we also collect from you the detailed information below consisting of identifying information, demographic information, information regarding your language and indigenous affiliation, your educational background and future aspirations, your work history and other activities, and your finances and income, including the finances and income of relevant family members, and other information you provide on this form. You may be asked to provide additional information to us during the application process, which we will use to verify your eligibility for our bursaries, scholarships and awards.  
  
In addition to collecting information from you using this form, we may also collect information indirectly from third parties in order to assess or verify the information that you have provided. This may be done on a random basis as part of our audit procedures, or such information may be collected by us because we have received information from you or from third parties that is relevant to your application and which leads us to believe that we need to verify certain information.  
  
We may verify your educational background and graduation record with your academic institution and will collect information from your academic institution for this purpose.  
  
We will use the information that we collect from you and from third parties in order to evaluate your application against the criteria we have set for the grant of the bursaries, scholarships, and awards that we provide and administer.  
  
We may disclose your name, gender, age, address and education-related information to our Sponsors, who may contact you in order to congratulate you on the grant of a bursary, scholarship, or award or to offer you employment or internship opportunities. We may also use the results of your educational and graduation verification to report back to our sponsors/funders.  
  
We may also use your personal information, including information you have previously provided, to perform program evaluations and conduct research into the performance of our programs, activities, and the needs of the communities we serve. The data we collect will also be used for research purposes and to increase the impact of student success and education outcomes within our programs.  
  
By participating in the application process, you consent to our collection, use and disclosure as outlined above and as outlined in the specific terms and conditions we will ask you to agree to at the end of this application.  
  
In addition, before you provide us with the personal information of third parties (such as the information we request pertaining to family members' incomes and finances), you must ensure that you have obtained their consent to provide us with this information.  
  
Achieving the Dream Through Education Charity respects your privacy. The information on this form is collected and used, and disclosed for the administration of the organization's education programs, communications and fundraising activities. By submitting this application, you agree to the collection, use and disclosure of information. For more information, please contact dream@matawaeducation.ca. \*

* Yes, I understand and agree to the terms.
* No, I decline to agree to the terms.
  + If no, would you like to share why the terms mentioned may be a concern for you? We would love to hear from you so that we can better support Matawa youth applying to the Achieving the Dream Through Education Charity.

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| Personal Information |
| First Nation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Surname: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Current/Most recent Highschool attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| Education Information | | |
| What grade are you in? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |
| Have you applied to a Post-Secondary Education pathway (College, University, Internship, Apprenticeship)? | * No | * Yes |
| If you chose 'yes,' where did you apply? List the name of the Institution/organization and the program if applicable.:   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  What is your current/most recent Highschool attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |

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| Supporting Documentation |
| **Please supply the following form and any additional information.**  **Applicant’s resume:** Include a resume that outlines your community involvement, work experience, volunteer experience, extra-curricular activities, and anything else you feel would strengthen your application.  **Two support letters:** A Support Letter can be from a Principal, Vice-Principal, Coach, Teacher, Leader, or more.  If you are unsure as to how to write a resume, you can find examples and templates on [www.matawaeducation.ca](http://www.matawaeducation.ca) under the Charity tab. You will also find Support Letter templates on the website as well. |

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| Bursary Impacts |
| What are your dreams (goals) for your future, and how would being awarded this bursary help you achieve them? |
| What area(s) do you need most help to achieve your dream (goal)? |
| If Achieving the Dream Through Education is unable to help support your dream (goal), what other supports have you found? |
| **Biography Task:** Write or record a video by answering **one** of the following questions:   1. Who is one person who inspires you to achieve your dreams (goals)? What hope for the future does this person give to you? 2. Describe a place in the world that brings you connections to your cultural identity. How does this place inspire you to achieve your dreams (goals)? 3. Who has been the biggest influence on your life? What lessons did that person, or those people teach you? 4. For future generations reading this years from now, is there any wisdom you would want to pass on to them? What would you want them to know? |

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| BUDGET (adjust as needed) |  |

**Resources:** *What financial resources do you have that will help you achieve your dream? Some examples may include:*

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| **Resources:** | **Totals:** |
| **Bank balance at the beginning of the term, including savings from work-term:** |  |
| **Parental contribution:** |  |
| **Spouse's net income: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Academic Awards:** |  |
| **Total OSAP:** |  |
| **Net part-time earnings:** |  |
| **Other income (Ontario Works, ODSP, Child Tax Benefits, etc):** |  |
| **Other funding (First Nation contributions):** |  |
| **Support Payments:** |  |
| **Gifts:** |  |
| **Investment Income:** |  |
| **Other Resources:** |  |
| **Total Resources (TR):** |  |

**Expenses:** *What expenses do you have that require you to pay? Some examples may include:*

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| **Expenses:** | **Total:** |
| **Tuition and compulsory fees** |  |
| **Books/supplies/tools/instruments** |  |
| **Transportation (local and home)** |  |
| **Rent: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Utilities: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Phone: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Food: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Personal Hygiene: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Childcare: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Clothing: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Entertainment: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Other Expenses:** |  |
| **Total Expenses:** |  |

**Financial Assistance Needed:** *Take the total Resources from above and the total Education expenses above and subtract them from each other. This will show you how much you need to achieve your dream.*

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| Total Resources subtract (-) | Total Education Expenses | = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_remaining |

I declare that the information provided on this application is accurate and a true statement of my financial position.

* No, I cannot declare the information is accurate and true.
* Yes, I declare the information is accurate and true.