

**CASINO RAMA'S  
AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE PROGRAM  
FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS**

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM  
2007/2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
INSTRUCTIONS**

Introduction

Casino Rama's "Awards for Excellence" program was developed to provide financial support to aboriginal students from Ontario who are pursuing post-secondary education (which includes an undergraduate degree).

Several awards of up to \$2,500 each will be awarded to students having completed at least one year of post-secondary education for studies at a community college or university. **There is a separate application process for students enrolled in graduate programs.** Please contact band offices, college and university awards/financial aid offices and Native Students Departments or Friendship Centres for application packages.

Who can submit an application?

The applicant must:

- be aboriginal (First Nations status and non-status, Inuit and Metis);
- be a permanent resident of Ontario (must belong to, or be affiliated with, an Ontario First Nation);
- have completed at least one (1) year of full-time study in an accredited community college or university program;
- be currently registered full-time in an accredited community college or university program.

Students may re-apply for the award year after year, whether they were a successful applicant or not. **However, successful applicants may only be granted funding a total of three (3) times during their lifelong pursuit of higher education in both undergraduate and graduate programs.**

Applications and Deadlines

Applications must include:

- official transcripts for all post-secondary studies attempted or completed in the last three (3) years (including any completed courses from fall 2007) **to be sent directly by the post-secondary institutions;**

The following three (3) documents **MUST** be enclosed with your application (if sent separately, the documents will **not** be matched up with your file).

- proof of registration for the current year of study;
- a letter of reference from a teacher, professor or academic advisor from the current semester; and
- a letter of reference from a community leader or volunteer coordinator demonstrating community involvement (not a relative)

Letters of reference may include information on applicant's character, placement, work or volunteer history and/or applicability of area of study to the First Nations community, etc.

**COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING  
DOCUMENTATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
FRIDAY JANUARY 25, 2008 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Applications must be fully completed and include all pertinent documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered. No portion of applications or supporting documentation will be returned. E-mail or faxed applications are not acceptable. If documents required to be enclosed with the application are missing, they will **not** be matched up with the applicant's file if received separately.

Selection

The Casino Rama Selection Committee will examine the applications, select the recipients and notify only the successful candidates by telephone of its decision by March 1, 2008. Funds will be mailed soon thereafter.

Evaluation Criteria

**Applicants will be selected based on exemplary academic achievement and demonstrated community involvement. Financial need will be a lesser consideration.**

How to Apply

Complete the attached application form in full. Please do not send in the instruction sheet. Please pay particular attention to which documents **must** be enclosed with the application and which documents may be sent separately.

Due to the large number of applications received, Casino Rama cannot advise individuals as to whether his/her application was received. Students should consider delivering their application in person or sending their application prepaid by courier or mail if a tracking number is required.

Please type or print clearly all required information on the form itself and include the two (2) letters of recommendation. This application may **not** be submitted by e-mail or fax.

By submitting the application, applicants receiving the Award agree to have their name, location of home community, chosen field of study, and likeness published.

Send your application by mail to:

Awards of Excellence Program  
Corporate Affairs Department  
Casino Rama  
Box 178, R.R.#6  
Rama, Ontario  
L0K 1T0

Phone: 1-800-832-PLAY  
705-329-5256 or 705-329-5341

Send your application by courier to:

Corporate Affairs Department  
Casino Rama  
5899 Rama Road  
Rama, ON  
L0K 1T0



Received on \_\_\_\_\_

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Please type or print clearly. Illegible or incomplete applications will not be considered. Please answer every question. If a specific question does not apply, enter "n/a" meaning "not applicable". Please do NOT enclose a cover page, cover letter or any extra copies of documents not specifically requested with your application.

**The following three items must be included:**

- > proof of full-time registration into the second or subsequent year of your program at an accredited community college or university for the 2007/2008 year of study (photocopy accepted);
- > an original letter of recommendation from a teacher, professor or academic advisor (no photocopies);
- > an original letter of recommendation from a community leader (not a relative) (no photocopies).

**Transcripts**

**Official transcripts for all post-secondary courses attempted or completed must be submitted directly by the post-secondary institution, for the last three years of study.**

**Part 1: General Information**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(      )

Address (including Province) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Please check one:

Status Indian  Non-Status Indian  Inuit  Métis

If you are a Status Indian, please include your Registry Number and Band Affiliation: Do not include copies of any personal identification with this application.

**Part 2: Program of Study**

Year of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Title of program: \_\_\_\_\_

Location and name of college or university: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you registered full-time?      What month and year will you graduate?

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Please list all previous post-secondary educational institutions attended, period of attendance, and degree obtained:

<u>Name of Institution</u>	<u>Period of Attendance</u>	<u>Diploma, Certificate/Degree obtained</u>

**Part 3: Other Training/Activities**

a) List any other training you have taken or certificates you have received:

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b) Please describe any activities related to your academic discipline that you have been involved with outside of normal curricula of post-secondary studies.

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**Part 4: Academic Awards**

Have you received any academic awards, scholarships or bursaries? If yes, please provide the following information: Name of award/scholarship, criteria for receiving award/scholarship, date received. Please provide supporting documentation.

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**Part 8: Financial**

Please provide information on the financial challenges faced during your current course of studies. Please provide specific details of type and amount of sponsorship funds received or expected, if any (i.e. Indian Affairs/Education Department/Band Sponsorship – all books and supplies covered each semester OR \$720.00 per month living allowance September to April).

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**Part 9: DECLARATION OF CANDIDATE**

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and accurate. I am a permanent resident of the province of Ontario. I understand, and hereby give my consent, that should my application be successful, my name, program of study, location of home community and likeness may be published.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

