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Friends of Fred Carmichael

STUDENT AWARD

Deadline: Monday, November 16, 2026

Fred Carmichael has been an influential leader who has committed himself to the economic growth and development of Indigenous peoples in Canada's North.

Fred Carmichael grew up on the land near Aklavik. When he was a young boy, he saw his first airplane, he fell in love with the dream of flying. He worked hard to purchase his own plane and eventually became the first Indigenous person in the Northwest Territories to earn his wings as a commercial pilot.

When Fred Carmichael left the Gwich'in Tribal Council in 2008, twenty-seven businesses from across Canada recognized his efforts to provide northerners with northern training for northern jobs by contributing to this award fund. Through this award, Fred wishes to encourage students to persevere through difficulties, as he had to, in order to follow their dreams.

The fund awards students for their effort and commitment to their studies in spite of any personal challenges.

There are currently six $600 student awards available to students enrolled in Aurora College's Adult Literacy and Basic Education program and who are residents of the Beaufort-Delta or Sahtu regions.

Recipients of the student award who continue their studies in the winter semester will be eligible for a second award of $600 at the end of the term.

Eligibility

a) Must be enrolled in two or more courses in the Aurora College Adult Basic Education (ABE) or Developmental Studies program.
b) Must be physically residing in the Beaufort-Delta or Sahtu region for 12 continuous months or more.
c) A student on academic probation may or may not be eligible to receive the award.
d) Students may not receive this award more than twice.

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Priority goes to applicants **not** receiving student financial assistance from NWT SFA, ISETS, or other sources.

Application Details

Interested individuals will need to submit:

1. A completed application
2. Instructor Reference

Applications can be obtained from:

https://www.ykcf.ca/friends-of-fred-carmichael-award/

Completed applications must be received by 5:00PM on Monday, November 16, 2026.

Applications must be submitted in person, by email, or by fax.

Email: mary-ann.villeneuve@auroracollege.ca

Fax: 867-777-2850 (Attn: Mary Ann Villeneuve)

For any additional information, please contact Mary Ann Villeneuve.

Email: mary-ann.villeneuve@auroracollege.ca

Phone: 867-777-7816

Application

First Name:	Last Name:

Email:	Phone:

Address:

Are you currently receiving student funding from other sources?
(i.e. NWT SFA, ISETS, Scholarships, or Bursaries)

Yes ☐ No ☐

Proof of Residency - Applicant Statement

The Yellowknife Community Foundation administers the fund and must verify that you, the applicant, are a resident of the Beaufort-Delta or Sahtu Region and meet the following criteria:

a) You have been physically residing in a community in the Beaufort-Delta or Sahtu region for 12 continuous months or more.

b) You are enrolled in the Aurora College Adult Literacy and Basic Education or Developmental Studies program.

I, _____, hereby declare that I have been a resident of

_____ for _____ years.

Applicant Signature:	Date:

Proof of Residency - Applicant Statement

I have known _____ (applicant name) for _____ years.

Relationship to applicant: _____ (e.g. teacher, instructor, neighbour, aunt, etc.)

I declare that _____ (applicant name) has been a resident of _____ for _____ years.

Witness Name (Print):	Email or Phone"

Witness Signature:	Date:

Address:

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Application Questions

To be completed by applicant.

1. What are your career and education goals?

2. Please describe some of the challenges you faced before returning to school, challenges while attending school, and how you overcame these challenges.

3. How will your studies be a benefit to you, your family, and community?

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Instructor Reference Form

To be completed by student's instructor.

Friends of Fred Carmichael Student Award - Aurora College

Deadline: Monday, November 16, 2026

Instructor Name:	Reference For (Student Name):

Student's Community

Aklavik ☐ Colville Lake ☐ Deline ☐

Fort Good Hope ☐ Fort McPherson ☐ Inuvik ☐

Norman Wells ☐ Paulatuk ☐ Sachs Harbour ☐ Tulita ☐

Uluhaktok ☐ Tuktoyaktuk ☐ Tsiigehtchic ☐

1. **What classes or courses does this student have with you?**

2. **Please comment on the student's attendance record for this academic year.**

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3. Please describe the challenges you have seen this student work hard to overcome.

4. Please comment why, in your opinion, this student qualifies for this award based on the following criteria:
    - The amount of adversity and challenges they faced; and,
    - The strength of their commitment and perseverance.

Instructor Signature: Date:

Completed references must be received by 5:00PM on Monday, November 16, 2026.

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