

## ***SHELLEY INGRASSIA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2024-2025***

The Shelley Ingrassia Scholarship is in memory of a dear friend and fellow dog lover, who lost her valiant battle with cancer. Shelley was a member of the Moose Deer Point First Nations with a deep desire to see businesses flourish within her community and provide sustainable employment opportunities for all members. Canine Foundations is proud to honor the memory of this beautiful soul through the Shelley Ingrassia Scholarship.

This scholarship follows Shelley's heart by empowering Indigenous women to pursue their educational goals in the field of dog training. A successful candidate will receive free enrollment to the Canine Foundations' Training Academy through Georgian College.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be a member of a First Nation, Métis or Inuit Community.
- Citizen of Canada
- Priority given to students committed to improving economic growth and independence of Indigenous communities.
- The Scholarship is intended for an Indigenous woman, gender diverse, or Two-Spirit person
- The Scholarship is open to individuals the age of 16 years and up.
- Individuals must have their High School diploma or GED equivalent as of 2025
- Individuals should have a desire to work in the Field of Dog Training within their communities.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Please complete the application by typing or printing legibly. Only completed and signed applications will be considered. **Please submit the following items with this completed application form.**

1. Provide High school diploma or GED equivalent transcripts or a letter from an academic supporter (photocopies are acceptable). By the **May 9, 2025** application deadline
2. On a separate sheet of paper, please specify your involvement, and dates of participation, in **community service, extracurricular activities, volunteer involvement**, and any awards and honors you have received.
3. Write a 300–500-word essay outlining what inspired you to become a dog trainer and how your community will benefit from the knowledge and skills you gain through attending the Academy. Community benefits would include canine public safety and awareness, cultural inclusion of dogs towards traditional activities, community economic improvement, youth life skills development, and enhance human to canine relationships within the community.
4. Include a photocopy of your First Nation Status card, Métis Nation Citizenship card or Inuit Enrollment Card.
5. Letter of support from your Community Council, Band Office, or Indigenous Representative Organization.

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**APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Gender ☐ Female ☐ Male Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Classification for 2023-2024 ☐ High School graduate ☐ College Graduate  
☐ GED ☐ University Level

**Ethnicity**

- ☐ First Nations ☐ Métis ☐ Inuit  
☐ Other  
☐ Two or more races (all persons who identify with more than one of the above six races)

**Permanent/Home Address**

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Day Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Are you receiving other financial aid or support for the upcoming academic year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you applied for other Scholarships? ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you applied for Financial Aid? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed? ☐ Yes ☐ No Full or Part time? \_\_\_\_\_

If Employed, where: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit your completed application to:** Attn: Julie Speyer, Director

**Canine Foundations at: [cfta@caninefoundations.com](mailto:cfta@caninefoundations.com)**

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How did you hear about the Mary Free Bed Scholarship Program?

- ☐ Friend                      ☐ School Fair  
☐ Faculty                    ☐ Website  
☐ Parent                    ☐ Other: please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Expected Graduation Date from High School or other \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

List all high schools, colleges and universities attended, including current:

Name of School	Location	Dates Attended	Diploma/Certificate Received
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**AGREEMENT & TERMS OF THE SHELLEY INGRASSIA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS**

I understand that Scholarship Committee may request additional information, including a personal interview, to make a decision on my application. I agree that if this application is accepted and I receive a scholarship award, I will be bound by the terms and conditions of the award.

If I am selected for this scholarship, I agree to provide a copy of my official transcript (grades) at the end of each semester.

I certify that the statements that I have provided on this application are true and correct and are given for obtaining a Shelley Ingrassia Scholarship. I authorize Canine Foundations to verify the statements contained herein and I understand that all personal information contained on this application will be held in confidence by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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