



## Ogemawahj Tribal Training and Employment Resources (OTTER)

### Hugh “Buzzy” Big Canoe Youth Entrepreneurship Program

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#### **Program Objective:**

To continue with the spirit of Hugh Big Canoe’s dedication to helping Youth understand and enter into business and to provide an assistive mechanism for the purposes of starting a new business or expanding an existing business for Youth between the ages of 15 to 29 on an annual basis.

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#### **Criteria:**

- Individual must be nominated from someone who is from the OTC First Nation membership;
  - Individual nominated must be between the ages of 15–29;
  - Application must be accompanied by a Letter of Support stating how the nominee demonstrates qualities of a role model such as leadership, the ability to communicate, dedication and perseverance;
  - The business must be operated, at a minimum, between April and September;
  - Nominee must have demonstrated role model qualities;
  - Nominee must be willing to attend the OTC AGM; and
  - Nominee may be requested to consider being a part of a role model program for other OTC First Nation Youth.
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#### **Timeline of Program:**

- Call for Nominations will be announced to the communities the last day in February each year.
- Nominations and applications are due the last day of March.
- Selection of a candidate will occur in April.
- The successful nominee will receive funding in May.

- The business will be operated over the summer months with a final report/presentation to be provided at the OTC AGM.
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**Selection Process:**

The Panel will review the outline of the business, a budget that includes operating costs and how the funds will be used, and the nomination letter.

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**Financial Assistance:**

Funds distributed to a maximum of \$2,500.00

Funds can be used to offset costs of running and operating a business other than direct payment to the selected participant in lieu of wages. Specific areas of interest include service costs such as bookkeeping, development of a business/marketing plan, marketing costs and capital purchases.

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