

URBAN SPIRIT FOUNDATION

Urban Spirit Foundation is a new registered charity that is independent from ACCESS, although unified in purpose. USF envisions an urban Aboriginal community that is holistic, equitable and self-sufficient. The foundation's mission is to grant opportunities for Urban Aboriginal people on their journey to success through education and training, post secondary scholarships, and through the relief of poverty.

Urban Spirit Foundation's three core purposes are:

- To develop and deliver programs and services that provide education and training that enhance job and career opportunities for urban youth-at-risk (Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal).
- To provide post-secondary scholarships based on need and ability to persons of Aboriginal descent who are pursuing post-secondary studies in fields that will help meet the specific needs of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis peoples and communities in Canada.
- To relieve poverty among urban Aboriginal individuals and families by providing food hampers, clothing, bus passes, emergency funds and similar assistance in times of need.

Urban Spirit Foundation embraces the following core values:

RESPECT - Yourself and Each Other

HONOR - Through Dignity, Honesty and Accountability

SHARING - Our Experiences and Wisdom

KINDNESS - In our Actions

USF Announces Educational Scholarships

Urban Spirit Foundation and ACCESS have recently established seven educational scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each for urban Aboriginal people who are pursuing employment training or post secondary education. These scholarships will be spread out through Metro Vancouver through the Native Education College, the Vancouver and Surrey school boards, and BCIT.

The Urban Spirit Foundation and ACCESS are proud of this initiative which represents a vision for strengthening the individual and community capacity of urban Aboriginal people.

For further information on the Urban Spirit Foundation, please see the ACCESS website at www.accessfutures.com/urbanspiritfoundation.