



2026/2027

## Northwest Territories Tourism Academic Scholarship Program Advancing the Tourism Profession in the NWT

Northwest Territories Tourism (NWTT) is a not-for-profit organization, and the official Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for the NWT. Our mission is to market the Territory as a premier destination and highlight the magnitude of tourism operators and experiences available to travellers on a local, national, and international level. In addition to our marketing efforts, we also serve as advocates for roughly 200 Northern businesses. Our combined efforts help amplify the NWT's presence in the global market and reinforce the strength of our local tourism industry.

In August 2026, NWTT will award two successful candidates with the following scholarships:

- **NWT Tourism Scholarship for AME/Pilot Training - \$5,000:** Awarded to a qualified Northern student participating in accredited AME / Pilot Training in the 2026/2027 academic year
- **NWT Tourism Scholarship for Tourism, Hospitality, and related fields - \$3,000:** Awarded to a qualified Northern student attending a post-secondary institution in an accredited Tourism and Hospitality program, or program related to tourism, during the 2026/2027 academic year.

The recipients will be selected based on previous and intended contributions to their community.

### Purpose

To encourage the pursuit of excellence in the Tourism Industry in the Northwest Territories.

### Criteria

NWT Tourism invites applications from any potential recipient who meets the below criteria

1. You are a resident of the Northwest Territories.
2. You have been accepted by or are enrolled in a recognized post-secondary institution on a full-time basis with a full course load in an accredited tourism, hospitality, or aviation (flight training or Aircraft Maintenance Engineer) program, or a program geared to the field of tourism; and
3. You plan to return to work in the NWT after the completion of your studies.

Preference will be given to first-time recipients. Those who fail to complete training for which a scholarship was previously awarded are ineligible for future awards.

Successful applicants consent to publication of their name and image for public communications regarding the NWT Tourism Scholarship programs and 2026 Award by NWTT and their applicable partners

### Applications

Applications must include all of the following required components to be considered for evaluation:

- A cover letter identifying the program in which you're enrolled, your personal and career goals, your community involvement, and your commitment to return to the NWT to work.
- A copy of your acceptance letter to a postsecondary institution, or tourism related program, and your most recent school transcripts.
- A letter of reference from a non-family member.
- Proof of NWT residency (a copy of your health care card, driver's license, or GI card is required).
- Self-identification as Indigenous, if applicable.
- A signed copy of the application form on page 3.

Applications missing the above information will not be reviewed for consideration.

Submit your application by **Friday July 31st, 2026, at 5:00pm (MT)** via e-mail to [brandon@spectacularnwt.com](mailto:brandon@spectacularnwt.com).

The successful recipients will be selected from all valid applications in August.

For further information, please contact **Brandon Lucier**, Office Administrator at the NWT Tourism office at 867.873.5007 or [brandon@spectacularnwt.com](mailto:brandon@spectacularnwt.com).



## NWT Tourism 2026 Scholarship Application Form

### Personal Information

First Name		Last Name	
Mailing Address		Permanent Address (if different)	
City / Town	Territory/Province	City / Town	Territory/Province
Phone		Email	
When did you graduate from high school?			

### Program of Study

Which postsecondary school or program will you attend?	Which program are you enrolled in?
What are your career objectives in tourism or aviation? (Please expand on this in your cover letter.)	

## Please Verify

I have enclosed:

- A cover letter identifying the program in which I'm enrolled, my personal and my career goals, my community involvement, and my desire to return to the Northwest Territories to work;
- A copy of my acceptance letter to a post-secondary school or program and my most recent school transcripts;
- At least one letter of reference from non-family members; and
- My proof of residency (NWT health care card, NWT driver's license, or NWT GI card).

**In signing and submitting this application, should I be the successful candidate, I hereby give my consent to NWT Tourism to use my name and photo for communications regarding the NWT Tourism Program and 2026 Award.**

**The information provided in my application and supporting documentation for the NWT Tourism 2026 Scholarship Program is true and complete.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_