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## First Nations Category

Fondation du maire de Montréal pour la jeunesse  
(Mayor's Foundation for Youth)

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## WHAT IS IT ?

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**Mayor's Foundation for Youth** is providing project grant awards and technical assistance for young low-income Montrealers who want to set up their own business or cultural project.

## CULTURAL GRANTS: First Nations Category

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As part of its program aiming to encourage the development of cultural projects among First Nations youth, the Mayor's Foundation for Youth, in partnership with the ministry Affaires municipales et de la Métropole (Municipal Affairs and Greater Montreal Ministry) and the Fonds de solidarité FTQ (Solidarity Fund), is organising competitions in partnership with organizations representing First Nations communities.

The Foundation has joined with Land InSights and KANIEN'KEHAKA ONKWAWÉN:NA RAOTITIOHKWA, the cultural centre in Kahnawake to open a category specifically aimed at young people from Canadian First Nations who live in Montreal or Kahnawake.

## Aims:

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- . Promote a spirit of cultural enterprise among First Nations youth living in Montreal or Kahnawake
- . Help young people of Canadian First Nations origin living in Montreal or Kahnawake carry out their culture projects
- . Promote firms with a positive social impact and outreach in their communities
- . Enable young people to achieve their potential

## Contributions:

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- . \$5000 grant offered by Mayor's Foundation for Youth. After a social contract have been signed, the grant will be awarded in two equal payments, each amounting to a sum of \$2500
- . Technical support, networking activities and counsel to grant awardees ensured by Mayor's Foundation for Youth
- . Technical support in drafting and presenting portfolios to the jury is available at Land InSights, Kanien'kehaka Onkwawén:na Raotitiohkwa and the Mayor's Foundation for Youth, for applicants whose eligibility has been established. (Mayor's Foundation for Youth will only provide orientation and advice)
- . Awards ceremony organised by Land InSights, association for the promotion of aboriginal culture

## Timetable:

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- . Deadline to submit your grant application: **April 25th 2003**
- . Deadline to submit your portfolio: **May 20th 2003**
- . Evaluation of portfolios: **May 2003**
- . Awards Ceremony: **June 20th 2003**

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## Eligibility Criteria:

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- . Have a cultural project of an entrepreneurial nature that can be carried out through a specific artistic process. All projects involving visual arts, performing arts, literature, handicrafts, video or new media are eligible. Your project can be a new activity or complementary to an activity already underway.
- . Be a member of a Canadian First Nation
- . Canadian citizenship
- . Be between 18 and 35 years of age inclusively
- . Have a personal income below or equal to the low-income cut-off
- . Have been a resident of Montreal Island or the Mohawk territory of Kahnawake for at least 6 months.

Note: Training projects, foreign exchange projects, overseas tours or projects involving the production of teaching materials are not eligible.

## Evaluation Criteria

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- . State of development achieved in artists or craftpersons' creative process
- . Artists' characteristics (talent, skills, motivation and outlook for the future)
- . State of development in production or promotional processes
- . Originality of project
- . Feasibility of project
- . Personal Evaluation

## Evaluation Committee

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The project evaluation committee will be made up of persons chosen by Mayor's Foundation for Youth and Land InSights, Society for the understanding of Native culture, and Kanien'kehaka Onkwawén:na Raotitiohkwa

## Documents to be submitted

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### Phase 1 - Eligibility

- . Brief description of project
- . Proof of residency (bill or lease)
- . Proof of age
- . Proof of Canadian citizenship
- . Proof of income
- . Credit file (Equifax or Transunion)
- . Completed registration form
- . Sworn personal balance sheet
- . Recommendation from your First Nation's Council or your Inuit municipality, or another Aboriginal organisation (i.e.: Montreal Native Friendship Centre, Avataq Cultural Institute, Quebec Native Women's Association, Makivik Corporation, Centre for Native Studies, Montreal First Nations and Inuit Human Resources Centre, APNQL, Cultural Center, etc.)

### Phase 2 - Portfolio for jury

. Once the eligibility of the project and the applicants has been established a complete portfolio must be compiled. If necessary, this will be done with the assistance of Land InSights, Kanien'kehaka Onkwawén:na Raotitiohkwa in Kahnawake, or Mayor's Foundation for Youth.

**Nota Bene:** First Nations Cultural Category is exclusively reserved to First Nations youth living in Montreal or Kahnawake. However only First Nations youth living in Montreal may apply to the larger competitions in the Entrepreneurship section or in the Cultural of the Mayor's Foundation for Youth : [www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/fondation/](http://www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/fondation/)