

Atuqtuarvik Corporation Celebrates its 2025 Scholarship Recipients

The Board of Directors and Staff of Atuqtuarvik Corporation are pleased to announce and award six scholarships to recipients for 2025.



20th Anniversary Scholarships: The Atuqtuarvik Corporation 20th Anniversary Scholarships were created in 2020 to celebrate Atuqtuarvik Corporation's milestone. These two scholarships are for \$2,500 each. We are pleased to award these scholarships to:



Ayla Uvilluk, Cambridge Bay

Ayla is pursuing a Bachelor of Social Work at the Nunavut Arctic College in Cambridge Bay. Her passion is in supporting and empowering individuals and families in her community and across the north. She believes that social work is a pathway to creating systematic change while supporting individuals, families and communities in meaningful and culturally safe ways.



Katelyn MacLean, Coral Harbour

Katelyn is starting her 4-year educational journey to get her Master's degree in Indigenous People's Education at the University of Alberta. She recently earned her Master's in Policy Studies at the University of Alberta. During her learning journey, she realized that it was her responsibility to succeed as the only Inuk in the classroom. Her goal is to become an educational policy analyst, focusing on the urgent need to make education in Nunavut more equitable, inclusive, and Inuit-centered as decisions about Inuit education is made without Inuit voices at the table.

Nunavut Sivuniksavut Alumni Scholarships: The two \$2,500 Atuqtuarvik Corporation's Nunavut Sivuniksavut Alumni Scholarships were created to recognize the Nunavut Sivuniksavut (NS) program and to provide support to graduating students who are pursuing post-secondary education. This year's recipients are:



Sula Nutarak, Pond Inlet

Sula graduated from the first year Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program in 2016 and is now entering her fourth year of the Nunavut Teachers Education Program through Nunavut Arctic College in Iqaluit, Nunavut. She is planning to teach Inuktitut and culture to students in Pond Inlet, where she will create classrooms in which children feel proud to speak their language, hear stories from elders and learn about the land. Sula hopes to strengthen students' sense of belonging and identity, which she believes is just as important as academic success.



Maria Kayasark, Kugaaruk

Maria graduated from the first year Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program in 2018 and is now in the second year of the Nunavut Teachers Education Program through the Nunavut Arctic College in Kugaaruk, Nunavut. Her short-term goal is to become a teacher in Nunavut where her presence as an Inuk teacher will help promote cultural pride and identity among students, while building their confidence, and contribute to the local work force as teachers have a high turnover rate in smaller communities. Her long-term goal is to help shape an education system that is built by and for Inuit.

Atuqtuarvik Corporation John Hickes Business Scholarship: Was created in 2018 to honour John's leadership in business. This scholarship awards \$5000 to a student who is pursuing post-secondary studies in business. Congratulations to:



Kailee Karlik, Rankin Inlet

Kailee is currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Business Administration at Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador. She recently earned her Office Management Diploma at the Assiniboine Community College. She sees education as not only a personal goal but a pathway to contribute to the future generations of Inuit communities. Kailee plans to open a café that will serve as a safe place for community gatherings, hosting events, and supporting those in need through donations and outreach.



Brady Tucktoo, Rankin Inlet

Brady is enrolled in his second year of the Apprentice Plumber program at Northwestern Polytechnic in Alberta. He envisions earning his red seal certification and continuing his education in entrepreneurship to start his own business in Nunavut. He would like to train and mentor future students to fill the need of more tradespeople in Nunavut.

Atuqtuarvik Corporation is proud to support Ayla, Katelyn, Sula, Maria, Kailee, and Brady in achieving their post-secondary goals!