



MATH AND SCIENCE AWARDS PROGRAM

1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Department of Economic Development and Transportation recognizes that a solid foundation in math and science provides an opportunity for Nunavummiut to pursue interest and careers in math, science and technology. The Department has initiated the ***Math and Science Awards Program*** to encourage and motivate students to excel in these areas

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the ***Math and Science Award Program*** is to motivate and reward students in the fields of math, science and technology.

3. DEFINITIONS

Grant: A grant is an unconditional transfer payment made to the recipient for which the government will not receive any goods or services.

Qualifying School: is a school within the Territory of Nunavut that teaches grades eight (8), ten (10) and/or twelve (12).

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligibility for grants under the ***Math and Science Award Program*** is restricted to students in Nunavut schools that are enrolled in grade eight (8), ten (10) or twelve (12).

5. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Eligible schools must submit a completed Math and Science Awards Program Application Form for each recipient. The application form will require the signature of the principal and must be submitted four (4) weeks prior to the school's graduation. It will include:

- Relevant school information.
- The recipient's personal information and qualifications.

Eligible students will have to demonstrate some or all of the following:

- A good level of understanding in math and/or science,
 - Good work habits and school attendance,
 - A genuine interest, motivation and dedication to learning math and/or science, and
 - Significant growth or improvement in math and/or science.
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6. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

CONTRIBUTION

The ***Math and Science Awards Program*** will provide \$800 annually per community to be distributed as follows:

- The grade eight (8) recipient will be awarded \$175,
- The grade (10) recipient will be awarded \$275, and
- The grade (12) recipient will be awarded \$350

The awards are intended to be presented during the graduation ceremony and will be accompanied by a letter of congratulations from the Minister of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

The Department of Economic Development and Transportation will issue a lump sum payment in the form of a cheque.

7. PROVISIONS

AUTHORITY and ACCOUNTABILITY

- All provisions contained in the *Financial Administration Act* and the Government of Nunavut's Financial Administration Manual shall apply to the financial administration of all contributions issued by the Department of Economic Development and Transportation.
- The Executive Council shall approve program provisions and any exceptions to this policy.

The Minister of Economic Development and Transportation may:

- Delegate authority to approve contribution agreements to the Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

The Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Transportation may:

- Delegate authority to the Assistant Deputy Minister, or a lead Senior Department official to approve and manage these agreements.
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8. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- The Minister will table annually in the Legislative Assembly a summary report for all grants awarded by the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. The report will include the amount of each grant and the community benefiting from the grant.
- The Department of Economic Development and Transportation will monitor the overall effectiveness of the Math and Science Awards Program.
- This policy will be reviewed and evaluated by the Department on an annual basis.

9. PREROGATIVE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Nothing in this policy shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Executive Council to make decisions, or take actions respecting the Department of Economic Development and Transportation's grants outside the provisions of this policy.

10. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The *Math and Science Awards Program* is in effect from the date of signature until March 31, 2009.

Original Signed by: _____

Premier, and Chairman of the Executive Council
