

Dear Sponsor of the Indspire's Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships, and Awards program:

My name is Shane Gordon and I am from Inuvik, NT, Canada. I am an Inuvialuit status or Inuit. I am married just over 10 years. My wife and I have 4 children together.

I have a YouTube Channel called Alaskan Assassin. I enjoy recording and editing videos.

I am studying at Yukon College. I am in the Business Administration Program and I am in my third-year studying. I am hoping to receive my diploma in 2020.

This support will enable to set aside some money for next semester and put it towards books and other living expenses for my family. I will be able to have a cushion to fall back onto if anything unexpected happens that will affect my finances.

The line of work I am interested in is working with the government of Northwest Territories in the department of Finance. I was able to work with the department in the summer of 2019. I gained valuable experience that will help me find more opportunities to provide for my family in a much better way.

I do plan on starting my own business. I have a couple ideas I would like to try. In my community of Inuvik, NT, there are restaurants, but they have all the same menu. One of the staple items on the menu is chicken fingers and fries. This is a good guilty pleasure fast food item, but I would like to start a business where I bring the food to their homes and I cook it.

I would like to provide a menu that is unique and different. It is essentially a date night at home for couples. I will have my own cookware and dishes that I will bring to the home and cook for the couple.

My other idea is videography. I would like to record special events like weddings or graduations. I will record the event and also edit the videos. I believe this will provide a unique experience to my community. Not many people record their events. There are photography businesses, but a video can be just as special and possibly more.

I would like to study more. Yukon College is turning into Yukon University. They are offering a degree program for Business Administration. But my funding stops when school stops. So, I cannot afford to live in the apartment on campus during the summer.

It is also becoming very taxing on my family to go back and forth from Whitehorse to Inuvik and back to Whitehorse over the summer.

We do not have our own place to live over the summer and so we are “forced” to live with my parents in Inuvik. It is very hard to not have our own space. Once we are back in Whitehorse it is better, but we would like to settle down.

So, we are planning to move to Whitehorse eventually and if we do, I will attempt to get the degree in Business from Yukon University. I love my teachers and the atmosphere I am in.

I am very grateful and honoured to be chosen for this support. I appreciate it very much!!! It is a huge help and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. My family also thanks you. This support improves their lives just as much as mine.

Thank-you,

Shane Gordon.