

**YUKON FISH AND WILDLIFE  
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Shirley Ford  
Chair, Yukon Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Trust  
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Dear Shirley:

***Re: Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board Award - Sharing the Land  
Scholarship***

The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board (YFWMB) successfully awarded this year's Sharing the Land Scholarship in October and our recipients were Kaitlen Obstfeld and Tonya Makletzoff. The process for deciding the successful applicant included advertising the scholarship in the local gazettes with the following message:

*The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board is proud to offer a scholarship to a student interesting in continuing the connection between people and the land through their educational goals. Each year, \$1000 will be awarded to a Yukon resident pursuing post-secondary training. We request applicants to submit a two-page essay outlining what significance the Yukon's wilderness holds for you and what you hope to do to continue sharing the land with fish and wildlife in the future through your educational goals. For example, you may wish to pursue a Science degree so you can conduct wildlife research. Or perhaps you may want to obtain an Arts degree and write poetry inspired by landscapes of the north. Maybe you are interested in a Business degree to develop new techniques in recycling.*

The YFWMB requested an essay and a copy of transcripts and/or a letter-verifying acceptance to a post-secondary institution. Selection was achieved through a committee consisting of three YFWMB members and the Board's Executive Director. Each member of the selection committee identified their first and second choices for essays based on their suitability to the above criteria. This primary selection was done individually; after which time each member's choices were reviewed a second time by the collective and finally, the selection

committee met via conference call and selected the final winners. This year's applicants were so good, that the Board elected to award two Scholarships, which amounted to two \$1000.00 scholarships.

The Board considered this to be our finest year of applicant's and we are certain that the spirit of the Sharing the Land Scholarship has provided some incentive and positive reinforcement to students who plan to maintain their connection to the land through their educational goals.

We look forward to administering this scholarship again in 2010 and hope this letter will effectively serve as our final report. Congratulations on your reappointment to the Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board Shirley, and should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 660-4703, or our Executive Director Graham Van Tighem at 667-5835.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hutton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Don Hutton  
Chair, YFWMB