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### **Taggart Group of Companies Launches Award to Support Algonquin Students**

Ottawa, ON – May 15, 2026 — The Taggart Group of Companies is proud to announce the launch of the Taggart Award for Algonquin Students, a new initiative designed to support Indigenous youth in pursuing post-secondary education, skilled trades training, and apprenticeship programs across Canada.

Rooted in a commitment to the communities where Taggart lives and works, the award aims to help remove financial barriers and create greater access to education and career opportunities for Algonquin students. The program is open to students from the 10 Algonquin communities represented by the Algonquins of Ontario.

Through the initiative, up to 12 students each year will receive awards of up to \$3,000. Recipients will be selected based on financial need, community involvement, and demonstrated commitment to their education and future goals.

“Education creates opportunity,” said Michelle Taggart, President of the Taggart Group of Companies. “We are proud to support Algonquin students as they pursue their goals and contribute to the strength and future of their communities.”

Jim Meness, Executive Director of the Algonquins of Ontario, welcomes the initiative, noting its importance for students and communities alike. “Support like this helps remove barriers and creates meaningful opportunities for our students to pursue their education and career paths. Investments in education are investments in the future of our communities.”

Applications are now open, with a deadline of June 30. Interested students can learn more and apply online at: [https:// taggartgroup.ca/taggart-award/](https://taggartgroup.ca/taggart-award/)