Victor Thunderchild Legacy Scholarship - \$2000 per person Sponsored by Friends, Family and Colleagues of Victor Thunderchild

Background (Who was Victor Thunderchild)

As a long time educator, Victor was well known regionally and nationally. Hailing from Thunderchild First Nation, he spent many years ensuring that First Nations and Métis students walking through the doors of Carlton Comprehensive Public High School in Prince Albert, SK., were heard, seen, advocated for and protected. He will forever be remembered by generations of students as their champion.

He recognized the students' potential and gave them the tools to succeed. As a traditional man, he knew that empowering the next generation was fundamental to their success and cultural survival.

We're all so honored to have known him, and as he's made his journey home, we know that he will live on in the thousands of lives he mentored, cared for, and empowered. When we have powerful individuals working and ensuring that our children are educated but still maintain their culture, language and identity, it's a great loss when we lose them. He mentored and inspired so many of our youth, and now he has left a void with his passing.

"My husband made an important decision 30 years ago when he graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with an Education degree. He decided he was going to work in an urban school. He said that someone needed to be there for our Indigenous kids, so he was at Carlton Comprehensive Public High School for 29 years of his life. He was an incredible, brave person, breaking systemic racism and discrimination barriers and he always had to prove himself but he never gave up." - Violet Thunderchild

Scholarship Criteria

- <u>Three</u> grade 12 graduates from Saskatchewan Rivers School Division (having graduated within 2 years)
- First Nations, Metis or Inuit Ancestry
- Post-Secondary Acceptance
- Possess Victor's qualities of:
 - Leadership,
 - overcoming adversity
 - champion of culture
 - Community involvement
 - support of others ally
 - Honesty & Integrity

Application Requirements

- <u>Must</u> complete the **Google Form** below with a <u>video</u> or <u>piece of writing</u> that describes how student candidate emulates Victor's qualities above.
- Must include at least 2 reference letters (ex. Coach, elder, mentor, teacher, etc.)
- But may also include images, videos, art work, essay or others.
- Post-secondary acceptance letter.
- Proof of Metis Ancestry (if applicable)

Application can be found on Instagram @vthunderchildlegacy and must be received via google form "2024 Victor Thunderchild Legacy Scholarship" (<u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cMAyXg835xyUeWS1Gj34ltxmCjrOyBm2SX1Yj4RwAmY/edit?ts=622f70de</u>) no later than 3pm on May 29th. Recipients will be notified by June 21st.

If you encounter technical difficulties or have any questions, please direct them to; <u>VThunderchildLegacy@gmail.com</u>