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OPG RECOGNIZES TWO EXCEPTIONAL INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

2018 John Wesley Beaver scholarship winners announced

Toronto – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is proud to announce Elizabeth Brant and Aaron Jones as the 2018 recipients of the OPG John Wesley Beaver (JWB) Memorial Student Awards. The JWB Student Awards reflect OPG’s commitment to supporting Indigenous youth in their field of post-secondary studies.

Elizabeth Brant, a member of Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte located in the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory west of Napanee, is in the second year of the Environmental Technician program at Loyalist College. Fellow award recipient Aaron Jones, a member of the Garden River First Nation near Sault Ste. Marie in northwest Ontario, is studying Natural Environment Technology at Sault College.

“Congratulations to both Elizabeth and Aaron for their continued academic success,” said Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, and Minister of Indigenous Affairs. “Your community involvement, academic excellence, commitment to the environment and hard work is a shining example to follow and a sign of a bright future ahead.”

“These awards highlight Ontario Power Generation’s commitment to supporting Indigenous youth pursuing higher education,” said Jeff Lyash, OPG President and CEO. “On behalf of Ontario Power Generation, I congratulate both Elizabeth and Aaron on their exceptional academic achievements and commitment to their communities.”

The John Wesley Beaver Awards is one of three scholarships sponsored by OPG for Indigenous students. John Wesley Beaver graduated as an electrical engineer from Queen's University and worked at Ontario Hydro for 23 years, beginning in 1949. Since 1997, OPG awards two scholarships in Beaver’s memory, valued at up to \$5,000 for Ontario residents who are First Nations, Inuit or Métis, and enrolled in a full-time post-secondary institution in Ontario.

OPG has a strong commitment to developing and maintaining mutually beneficial working relationships with Indigenous communities in Ontario. The company is working with more than 50 Indigenous communities helping create opportunities, training and jobs.

[Learn more](#) about Ontario Power Generation scholarships offered to Indigenous students.

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