



STS Provincial Support of Chapter Plans to Celebrate Older Persons and/or Truth and Reconciliation Activities

STS Provincial Chapter utilization of last year's 50th Anniversary Grant was a resounding success, and the STS Provincial Executive has identified two possible themes for this year's Special Project Grant. The themes will be "Celebrating Older Persons" or "Truth and Reconciliation". The Provincial Executive has authorized a grant application process, similar to the 50th Anniversary Grant application process, to support and kickstart Chapter plans in recognizing and / or celebrating these themes.

Purpose:

- To encourage and assist Chapters to plan and carry out activities to Celebrate Older Persons or to recognize the importance of Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous people and communities
- To support the engagement of members in local Chapters and Chapter activities
- To encourage Chapters to reach out and build connections in the wider community
- To provide limited financial assistance, within the 2024-25 STS fiscal year, on an application basis to Chapters as "seed money" to encourage individual Chapter planning

Financial Support:

- Financial support available upon application up to \$500 per Chapter
- Payments would be made to Chapters in two installments: the initial installment upon the STS Office's receipt of the application and plan description and the second installment upon receipt of a report describing what occurred, including a simplified financial report

Application Process:

- The intention is for both the application and reporting process to be easy for Chapters to complete as well as to encourage Chapters to also utilize some of their own funds
- Chapter plans might include recognition of September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation or recognition of October 1st as National Seniors Day, but could also include any activities or recognition that occurs in the 2024-25 STS fiscal year
- A grant application form can be found on the last page of this attachment

Potential Ways to Celebrate Older Persons or Recognize the Importance of Truth and Reconciliation:

- Chapters demonstrated great creativity to celebrate the STS 50th Anniversary and we're inviting you to again become creative in Celebrating Older Persons or advancing the process of Truth and Reconciliation in our communities
- Ideally, the funds should be utilized to reach out into your larger community beyond just your Chapter membership
- If possible, use of the funds should recognize in some way the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan through using the STS logo, verbal recognition or recognition in print
- Here are some ideas and possibilities that might serve to get your discussions started:
 - Recognizing September 30th as The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation possibly through:
 - promotion of the day
 - hosting an Orange Shirt Day event
 - organizing readings from an Indigenous author
 - holding a "Lunch and Learn" focussing on historical perspectives or the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission
 - Recognizing October 1st as National Seniors Day possibly through:
 - promotion of the day
 - letters to editor
 - holding a "Lunch and Learn" focussing on contributions of older persons to our communities and the economy
 - Activities and recognition don't need to be limited to one of these special days, but could occur throughout the 2024-25 fiscal year, such as:
 - hosting a tea for older persons in your community
 - working in conjunction with community associations, libraries or senior centers in promoting conversations with our Indigenous neighbors and communities
 - planning of a special event, supper, games night, movie night or other recognition event that promotes interaction between different age and demographic groups within the community
 - start the process towards becoming an Age Friendly Community or to finding ways to honour the survivors of residential schools

We have full confidence in the creativity, energy and planning of Chapters to engage people and find ways of recognizing these themes! We also look forward to receiving your grant applications as well as a report and photos when activities are complete!!



Celebrating Older Persons / Truth and Reconciliation

Provincial Grant Application

Chapter Name: _____

Chapter Contact Person: _____

Brief Description of the Chapter Recognition Plans:

Estimated Cost of the Chapter Recognition Plans: _____

For Office Use Only

Date Received: _____

Date Report Received: _____

Date Initial Installment Sent: _____

Date Second Installment Sent: _____