

## **Q&A for Cedar Canoe Carving Project – Dakwākàda for Dän Ts'änānān Training Program**

**May 2021**

### ***How much is the Training Allowance?***

The **training allowance** is approximately \$2800.00 a month less taxes etc. There is no overtime pay, and participants are expected to be there every day to receive this. Attendance is crucial to this program.

### ***What time is the training?***

The training will generally be 8:30-5 pm every day, but there maybe on-the-land experiences that trainees will be expected to be at, that will be outside of these hours, including weekends or overnight trips. As this is an allowance there is no extra pay for this. If a trainee does not attend, they will not receive that credit for these learning experiences.

The training is for 12 weeks but maybe extended if the Master Carver requires the time to finish the project, to a maximum of 16 weeks.

### ***Who is eligible to be in this program/ or what do I need to do to be eligible?***

To be in this program you must to be registered in the Dän Ts'änānān Training Program.

Youth ages 17-27 and Women, who are unemployed and require pre-employment support, and are looking to enter the labour force are strongly encouraged to apply, and will be prioritized.

CAFN beneficiaries are prioritized for this training.

This project is located in Dakwākàda. Dän Ts'änānān is not able to offer housing, or transportation.

Applicants must be physically able to lift 40+ pounds and be willing to do physical labour. This training session is outside 90% of the time. Personal Protective Gear must be worn everyday (ie. Workboots)

Participants must remain substance free/ alcohol free during this project as this work is performed in Ceremony.

\*Students are not eligible to apply under this program but there will be other opportunities to assist in the carving and making.

### ***How do I register in the Dän Ts'änānān Training Program?***

Please contact Kathleen Jones – Job Coach at [kjones@cafn.ca](mailto:kjones@cafn.ca) . Or Deanna Lee Mazur at [dmazur@cafn.ca](mailto:dmazur@cafn.ca)

### ***I don't have any experience carving...could I apply still?***

YES! What is the most important to us is that you are open to learning, bring a good attitude, are willing to live a life that includes wellness, and that you are committed to attend everyday.

### ***How do I apply for this? –***

You need to send your resume to [ballen@cafn.ca](mailto:ballen@cafn.ca) and in writing explain your vision of 'Working in Ceremony' and why a project like this important to you and to your community? . – (2 pages max) or as a 3 minute video recording, and send this as well.