



CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS

Application Package:

Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän

We are learning our language

Follow these steps to apply to the Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän Program:

A Read	Read the Program Guidelines for information about the purpose of the program. It is strongly suggested to contact the Education Director to review the Application Three Step Process, who should apply, program timeline, application assessment process and criteria, and other details.
B Apply	Read the Important Information section. If you still have questions about the program or the application process, contact the Education Director as indicated below.
	Complete all sections of the attached application form. Be sure to use the Checklist (Part E of the form) to confirm that you have completed all relevant sections of the form and have included all required supporting documents and material.

The application is a three step process:

1. **Application.** Complete attached forms, as well as supporting documents
2. **Information and Language Session.** Attend **mandatory** session on zoom.

Contact either Kaasháa or Barb Allen to set up a zoom session.

3. **Prepare and Schedule Oral Language Assessment** Contact **Program Coordinator** to schedule Oral Assessment of Dän k'e phrases to learn and practice from the link provided in application. Appointments to be scheduled as soon as possible.

The purpose of Adult Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän Program is to strengthen all aspects of Dän heritage, language, culture, and art, and we welcome applications from all enrolled CAFN citizens.

Your completed application form and all required support material must be received electronically or in-hand by the CAFN Department of Education at either of the CAFN offices, **Deadline August 30th, 2023 at 4:30 pm.**

<p>Submit Applications to: 1 Allen Pl PO Box 5310 Haines Junction Y.T. Y0B 1L0</p> <p>ballen@cafn.ca</p>	<p>Main Program Contacts: Angelica Fairclough Ph 867-333-0704 Email: afairclough@cafn.ca OR</p> <p>Khâsha, Däkwänjē Dän Kenädän Ph:867-332-3003 Email: sreid@cafn.ca</p>
---	--

<p>Vision & Mission Statement of Program</p>	<p>Dän Nàchē kwa`k'e - our vision Dän k'è ghäkünnji ni. we will live the Dän way Dän k'è kukāl ni. we will talk the Dän way</p>
<p>Program Description</p>	<p>The Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän Program program is accredited through Simon Fraser University(SFU), students will earn a Certificate in Language Proficiency. We offer CAFN citizens an opportunity to reconnect to their language and culture. The Students will follow a typical school calendar from September 18th, 2023 to early-June. Classes will run from 8:30-4:00 pm Monday-Friday.</p> <p>Last day to withdraw is September 30th.</p> <p>CLASSES WILL RUN OUT OF HAINES JUNCTION.</p>

SFU Partnership:

***Grade 12 not
necessary,
mature
students are
eligible***

The **certificate** consists of 27 units. At least 12 must be earned by completing courses in the Indigenous language itself. Students complete or achieve equivalent credit for the following.

[INLG 130 - Practical Phonetics for Dän k'e kwänje \(3\)](#)

[INLG 133 - Introduction to Dän k'e kwänje I \(3\) *](#)

[INLG 134 - Introduction to Dän k'e kwänje II \(3\) *](#)

[INLG 200 - Introduction to Grammar in Dän k'e kwänje\(3\)](#)

[INLG 233 - Description and Analysis of Dän k'e kwänje I \(3\) *](#)

[INLG 234 - Description and Analysis of Dän k'e kwänje II \(3\) *](#)

In addition, students must complete at least nine units selected from the following courses.

[INLG 158 - Dän k'e kwänje Language Immersion I \(3\)](#)

[INLG 258 - Dän k'e kwänje Language Immersion II \(3\)](#)

[INLG 335 - Topics in Dän k'e kwänje Language I \(3\)](#)

[INLG 433 - Indigenous Language Mentoring I \(3\) *](#)

[INLG 434 - Indigenous Language Mentoring II \(3\) *](#)

[INLG 435 - Topics in Dän k'e kwänje Language II \(3\)](#)

[LING 160 - Dän k'e kwänje, Culture and Society \(3\) *](#)

[LING 282W - Writing for Linguistics \(3\) *](#)

[LING 360 - Introduction to Applied Linguistics \(3\) *](#)

[LING 431 -Dän k'e kwänje Structures I \(3\) *](#)

[LING 432 - Dän k'e kwänje Structures II \(3\) *](#)

* may be used if the subject matter is the same Indigenous language

<p>Program Objectives</p>	<p>Upon completion of the 2 year Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän Program 2023-2025, the students will have acquired the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ability to create with the Dän K'e language, ask and answer simple questions on familiar topics, and handle a simple situation or transaction in Dákwänjè. Ability to narrate and describe in major time frames with regards to a variety of topics beyond personal interest. 2. Increase Students oral production and comprehension between intermediate-low to advanced-low according to the ACTFL/ TS'U NT'À scale of language proficiency. 3. An increased knowledge of traditional culture, teachings, and history. 4. An enhanced knowledge of the grammatical structure, i.e. Syntax, Morphology, and Phonology. 5. Skills in a variety of traditional arts and cultural practices.
<p>Funding</p>	<p>Accepted participants will be fully funded to attend the 2 Year Program. This will be assessed and facilitated through the Program Coordinator and Funding Sources.</p>

Assessment of Applications

Assessment process

The 2023-2024 Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän Program offered by CAFN will admit a maximum of 10 participants.

Those interested in participating in the program are required to submit an application including all required supporting material directly to the CAFN Education Department. Each application will be reviewed by the Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän Program Working Group.

All assessment panel recommendations are final. The application submission deadline is **August 30th, 2023 at 4:30pm** and the assessment panel will make a final decision by **September 8th, 2023**.

Successful Applicants will be notified the week of September 1st - September 8th, 2023

We encourage those who are not selected for the current year to apply again in following years.

Assessment process

Decisions will be based on the general merit of the application, compared with that of all other eligible applications in this competition.

The panel will base its application review on the assessment criteria listed below:

- Highly motivated.
- Displays passion for the program objectives.
- Demonstrates commitment and determination.
- Applied practice of the skills acquired on completion of the program – can be included in a vision/plan for future language use.

Applicants must show a commitment to the Dän K'e language. The applicant must show that they understand the objectives of the program, and are willing to commit to full- time language study for the **full** duration of the program.

The information you submit through your application and supporting documents will be used to make the assessment

Priorities

After the applications have been assessed as described above, the assessment panel will list applications recommended in priority order. Where there are applications of equal merit, the panel will take into consideration:

- Potential for language knowledge to be used in the home with children.
- Potential pathways to becoming a language teacher.
- Immediate family involvement or partnerships (parents, siblings, children, nieces, nephews, etc.)

Processing applications

Application preparation

You are responsible for providing all of the information and support material requested.

The Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän Program Working Group will make decisions about your eligibility based on the information you provide in your application.

- Submit only the material requested. Extra material will not be shown to the assessment panel.
- Carefully choose your support material as committee members have limited time in which to study each application.
- Do not submit originals. CAFN is not responsible for the loss or damage of support material submitted.
- It is important to inform CAFN of any changes to your contact information.

Format and layout

The application and all support materials should be submitted with the following specifications:

- printed on one side only
- on separate sheets of white paper (letter format, 8.5x11 inches)
- with a black font size of 12 points or larger
- with paper clips (documents cannot be bound, placed under plastic, or stapled).
- without unusual formatting that may make documents hard to read.

Acknowledgement of receipt

CAFN will send you a notice acknowledging that your application has been received. It does not confirm that your application is eligible.

Response Time	<p>Response time</p> <p>You will be informed of the result of your application by September 8th, 2023. You will be contacted by email, or your preferred method of communication indicated on your application.</p>
Checklist	<p>Please check to ensure the following is prepared for application submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän Program application form (see below) <input type="checkbox"/> Completed vision/plan for future language use: 1 page, double spaced letter, or video recording, or speech in person, or an audio recording. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Reference letters from a non-family member in support of your application.
Contact	<p>If you have questions about the Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän Program application form, please contact:</p> <p>Barb Allen, Program Support Ph 867-334-9843 Email: ballen@cafn.ca</p>

Your information will be shared with CAFN intergovernmental departments to facilitate supports required to increase the best possible outcomes for your success in attending the Adult Immersion Program:

A) Identification of Applicant:

Name:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

Preferred method of Communication: ie: email, phone

B) Application

1) Are you a CAFN citizen?

Yes, I am a CAFN citizen

2) You will need to secure your own housing in either Whitehorse or Tahkini River Subdivision. Do you already have housing?

(A space will be chosen based on student enrollment)

Yes

No

In progress

You will be required to find childcare for the duration of the program?

Yes No In process/waitlist

Marital Status	Name(s) of dependents	Age(s)	Relationship to you
<input type="checkbox"/> Single, Living with parents	1.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Single			
<input type="checkbox"/> Married with employed spouse	2.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Married with dependent spouse			
Dependents	3.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Number of dependents			
	4.		
	5.		

Please note that your information will be shared with CAFN intergovernmental departments to facilitate supports required to increase the best possible outcomes for your success in attending the Adult Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän Program

Appendix A - Reference Letter Template

Below is a template Reference Letter. You are required to submit one reference letter from a non-immediate family member. For example, past teachers, employers, youth workers, clients, or mentors may submit a reference letter on your behalf.

Feel free to adjust this template as desired for your

application. Date:

From:

Name Address

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the application of _____ (name of applicant) for the Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän program. I have known _____ for _____ (length of time) in the capacity of _____, and would to to comment on their/his/her accomplishments as follows:

(Provide your opinion of the applicant's accomplishments and dedication to their work. In your judgment, how will the applicant benefit should they be selected for the immersion program?)

Based on the above, I recommend that the Dän K'e Kwänjē Yakwändän Program working group give this applicant it's positive consideration.

Sincerely,

Signature of supporter

Telephone #

Appendix C - Checklist:

Check and ensure that all the following documents are completed and ready to submit.

- Completed CAFN Application Form.
- Completed letter or speech given, or video recording or audio recording.
- One reference letter from non-family member in support of your application.
- Schedule Appointment for Oral Assessment

As an applicant and potential participant in the 2023-2024 Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän Program hosted by CAFN, I confirm all of the above has been completed and is included.

Name of applicant (print) _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Appendix D - Oral Admissions Test

To be considered by the review panel for the 2023/2024 Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän Program, an applicant must complete and pass the Oral Admission Test.

The Oral Admissions Test exists to determine if:

- A. an applicant is capable and committed to self-study, and,
- B. willing to complete assigned language learning tasks.

To successfully pass the test, an applicant must score 75% or higher on the test. The oral test is a non-written and non-reading test. Applicants can review the Oral Admissions Test Lesson and view the lesson video on our website.

To book a testing appointment, please contact Education Director at or by phone at: epauls@cafn.ca

Applicants can re-take the oral assessment as many times as needed before the program application deadline on August 30th at 5pm.

The Oral Admissions Test will be a one-on-one oral interview where the applicant is asked to translate the following sentences from English to Dän K'e:

Ä	(me).	TS'ÄN		Í	(i am)	D-TTH'ÄT
N.	(you)	to		Í	(you are)	<i>falling</i>
U	(him/her)			Ä	(s/he is)	

Example:

Nts'an dítth'at - I'm falling for you
you-to I'm-falling

Áts'ə̀n dítth'ə̀t - To me, I are falling (tripping)	Áts'ə̀n dítth'ə̀t - To me, you are falling	Áts'ə̀n dātth'ə̀t - To me, he is falling
Nts'ə̀n dítth'ə̀t - To you, I am falling	Nts'ə̀n dítth'ə̀t - To you, I am falling	Nts'ə̀n dātth'ə̀t - To you, she is falling
Uts'ə̀n dítth'ə̀t - To her, I am falling	Uts'ə̀n dítth'ə̀t - To him, you are falling	Uts'ə̀n dātth'ə̀t - To her, he is falling
<p>Suggestion: Write each word from the following lists onto flashcards and memorize each word. There are 9 combinations and their orders need to be learned to pass this assessment. This assessment is to see if you are truly dedicated to being in this program. View the Admissions Assessment Lesson video on the 'weareourlanguage' youtube website to ensure memorization of the correct pronunciation [weareourlanguage].</p>		

The **certificate** consists of 27 units. At least 12 must be earned by completing courses in the Indigenous language itself. Grade 12 not necessary, mature students eligible. Students complete or achieve equivalent credit for the following.

[INLG 130 - Practical Phonetics for Indigenous Languages \(3\)](#)

[INLG 133 - Introduction to Indigenous Language I \(3\) *](#)

[INLG 134 - Introduction to INLG II \(3\) *](#)

[INLG 200 - Introduction to Grammar in an Indigenous Language \(3\)](#)

[INLG 233 - Description and Analysis of an Indigenous Language I \(3\) *](#)

[INLG 234 - Description and Analysis of an Indigenous Language II \(3\) *](#)

In addition, students must complete at least nine units selected from the following courses.

[INLG 158 - Indigenous Language Immersion I \(3\)](#)

[INLG 258 - Indigenous Language Immersion II \(3\)](#)

[INLG 335 - Topics in Indigenous Language I \(3\)](#)

[INLG 433 - Indigenous Language Mentoring I \(3\) *](#)

[INLG 434 - Indigenous Language Mentoring II \(3\) *](#)

[INLG 435 - Topics in Indigenous Language II \(3\)](#)

[LING 160 - Language, Culture and Society \(3\) *](#)

[LING 282W - Writing for Linguistics \(3\) *](#)

[LING 360 - Introduction to Applied Linguistics \(3\) *](#)

[LING 431 - Language Structures I \(3\) *](#)

[LING 432 - Language Structures II \(3\) *](#)

* may be used if the subject matter is the same Indigenous language