Manitoba Moon Voices Inc.

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The Gwen Cook Memorial Award was created to honour the memory of Gwen Cook – Bimosekwe - who was one of the founding grandmothers of the Manitoba Moon Voices Inc. Grandmother Advisory Circle.

About Gwen

Gwen was a proud Mashkego Anishinaabe Ikwe who was born in The Pas, Manitoba and grew up in Flin Flon and Cranberry Portage, Manitoba. She was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, and friend who had a strong and gentle spirit.

Gwen was a leader in the community who adhered to traditional practice, values, and leadership. Education was always important to Gwen. She pursued and attained her Bachelor and Master of Social Work and was pursuing a Doctoral degree.

Gwen worked in Winnipeg for forty years at various organizations where she loved her work with people. She contributed to the community by volunteering with various boards including Ka Ni Kanichihk and Grandmothers Working for Good Life council. Gwen was also a committee member with the Master of Social Work Indigenous Knowledge Program. She provided expertise in social services and shared her traditional knowledge.

Gwen was an active member of the Three Fires Midewin Lodge for well over twenty years and was a fourth degree Midewin woman. Reclamation of the Anishinaabe traditional way of life was essential to Gwen and she encouraged others in their own healing.

The Award

The Gwen Cook Memorial Award will be presented to an Indigenous woman or gender diverse individual who is enrolled in post-secondary studies in Manitoba, who is a member of Manitoba Moon Voices, and who exemplifies the qualities of the late Gwen Cook.

This $1,000 scholarship is intended for a person who is enrolled in post-secondary studies with a minimum 60% course load (9 credit hours per Fall and Winter term).

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How to Apply:

If eligible, please complete an application and submit it to the Manitoba Moon Voices Inc. office by email or mail. Applications must be sent by **Friday, December 11, 2026.**

Email:
communications@mmvi.ca

Mail:
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All applications must include:

- Essay explaining what traditional leadership means to you and how you put these into practice (500- 1000 words)
- A copy of your most recent transcript
- Proof of Indigenous ancestry
- A letter of recommendation
- A resume

DUE:

Friday, December 11, 2026

(before 4:30 pm)

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Gwen Cook Memorial Award Application

(Please mail or email the following pages to Manitoba Moon Voices Inc.)

Last Name:	First Name:	Initial(s):
Address:		
City:	Postal Code:	
Phone:	Alternate Phone:	
Email address:		

Mailing Address (if different from above)

Address:	
City:	Postal Code:

Post-secondary Institution Information:

School:
Program Year & Expected Date of Graduation:
Degree expected (Major / Minor):
Additional Information:

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Checklist:

- ☐ Completed application
- ☐ Essay explaining what traditional leadership means to you and how you put these into practice (500- 1000 words)
- ☐ Proof of ancestry
- ☐ Transcript or statement of marks from most recent year
- ☐ 1 Letter of Recommendation
- ☐ Resume