



THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES **ABORIGINAL** TRAINING PROGRAMS

Bold Eagle, Raven and Black Bear



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ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

The Aboriginal Training Programs are unique training and job opportunities for Aboriginal peoples from across Canada. The Forces offer three Training Programs that combine military lifestyle with cultural awareness: **Bold Eagle**, **Raven** and **Black Bear**.



These programs are six weeks long and will provide you with:

- A taste of military training with the option – with no commitment – of staying in the Forces
- Training that is based on the Army Reserve Basic Military Qualification and is taught by military instructors

WHAT DO THESE PROGRAMS CONSIST OF?

1. A four-day Culture Camp

Over four days, Elders and teachers of different First Nations, Métis and Inuit groups guide you through common spiritual beliefs to help ease the transition from home to the military lifestyle.

2. A military recruit training course

You will be **temporarily** enrolled in the Forces at the start of training. Taught by military personnel, the course is the standard Army Reserve Basic Military Qualification. It will teach you many things, from navigation to first aid to survival skills. Teamwork is very important.

WHAT IS PROVIDED?

- Transportation to and from the training establishment
- Military clothing and all necessary equipment to complete the program
- Meals and accommodations
- Salary as a recruit at the rank of Private, earning you approximately \$3,500 for the summer

WHAT ARE THE GOALS?



SELF-DISCIPLINE

TEAMWORK

SELF-CONFIDENCE

PHYSICAL FITNESS

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Space is limited. Successful applicants will train and learn in one of three training establishments across Canada in July and August.

To be considered, you must:

- Be an Aboriginal person (First Nations status or non-status, Métis or Inuit)
- Be a Canadian citizen
- Be at least 16 years of age (parental or legal guardian consent required if under 18)
- Have completed a minimum of Grade 10 (Sec. IV in Quebec)
- Meet the Canadian Armed Forces Common Enrolment Medical Standard

The application process includes:

- Canadian Forces Aptitude Test
- Medical examination
- Reliability screening
- Interview
- Physical fitness test

APPLICATION DEADLINE: END OF MARCH

For more information – or if you have any questions about the education, training, employment and career opportunities in the Forces – please visit the recruiting centre nearest you or go to FORCES.CA/aboriginalpeoples

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WHAT WILL YOU GET OUT OF THE COURSE?

- Pay of \$1,200
- Military training
- A certificate of military achievement
- The option, with no obligation, to apply for enrolment
- A preview of military life

WHAT DOES THE COURSE CONSIST OF?

If you are selected for the Canadian Forces Aboriginal Entry Program, you start by attending a three-week Pre-Recruit Training Course at the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, or at a military Base in Halifax, Nova Scotia. You will be provided with transportation to and from the training establishment, as well as accommodation, food, clothing and all necessary equipment to complete the course.

During the course, you will:

- Learn about military jobs and entry plans
- Have someone to help guide you when making career choices
- Be introduced to the three environments through activities such as ship tours, visits to Air Force squadrons and the chance to live in Army field conditions
- Learn the long and proud history of Aboriginal peoples in Canada's military through a series of information sessions and discussion groups

In addition, you will experience parts of Basic Military Qualification, also known as basic training:

- Morning inspections
- Daily physical fitness
- Team sports
- General military knowledge
- Navigation with map and compass
- Field craft
- Military drill
- Basic weapons training
- Confidence building activities (such as obstacle courses and rappelling)

We realize that adjusting to a military setting, away from your family and community, may be difficult. To help you settle in, we have Aboriginal counsellors on call 24 hours a day.

What happens if you choose to enrol in the Forces after the course?

You will be offered a job in the area you select based on education, training or interests. If you accept the job, you will join the next available course to begin basic training.

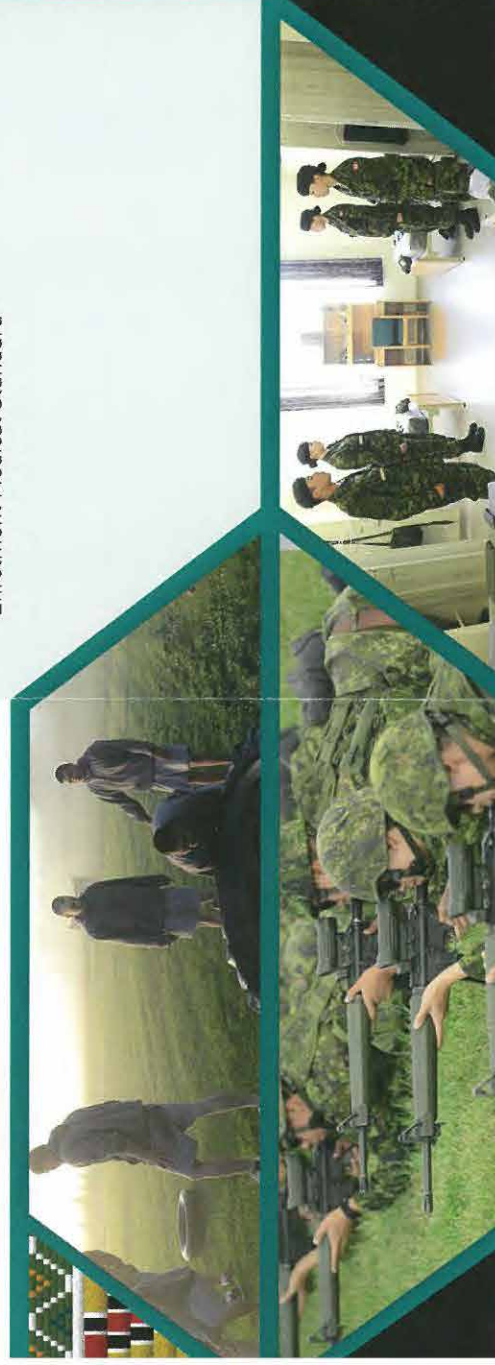
Are there other ways for Aboriginal peoples to join the Forces?

The Canadian Forces Aboriginal Entry Program gives you the opportunity to explore a career in the military, get ready for training expectations, and learn about military culture before you make the decision to join. But there are other entry plans for Aboriginal peoples that may better suit your education, training and interests.

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FIND OUT IF THE FORCES ARE RIGHT FOR YOU

Curious about what a career in the Forces would be like? Interested in joining the Navy, Army or Air Force? Participate in the Canadian Forces Aboriginal Entry Program and you will have three weeks to see if the Forces are right for you.

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