



News Release

Scholarships promote cultural exchange between Nunavut and Greenland students

IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 5, 2000) – Education Minister James Arvaluk will meet with education representatives from Greenland this week to discuss the awarding of two scholarships for Nunavut students to study in Greenland.

The Department of Education is partnering with the Greenland Department of Education, Kalaallit Nunaat, on the scholarships. The scholarships offer admission to a 21-week Inuit cultural program. Both Folk High Schools are committed to preserving the Kalaallit culture, language and traditions, which are similar to those of the Inuit of Nunavut.

“We are always interested in ways to work cooperatively with our circumpolar neighbors on educational issues,” Minister Arvaluk said. “These scholarships are a great opportunity to do so.”

Minister Arvaluk will meet with Fali Kleist of the Knud Rasmussen Folk High School in Sisimiut, Ove Berthelsen of the Sulisartut Folk High School in Qaqortoq, and Aleqa Hammond, Greenland’s representative to the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, who are in Iqaluit to promote the scholarships and share information about their cultural programs.

While in Iqaluit, they will make presentations to the students of Inukshuk High School and Nunavut Arctic College. Although there will be no presentations outside Iqaluit, the scholarships are open to all Nunavut students.

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