



Guidelines for:

Urban Honoring our Pre-Schoolers (UHOPS)

Preparing For Kindergarten

UHOPS is a recognition award program. This program celebrates students' successes for participating in Head-Start or Early Education – in preparation for kindergarten. All enrolled Mille Lacs Band members or children of Mille Lacs Band members who have enrolled in kindergarten preparation in private or public schools in the twin city urban area are eligible. **Students earn young star awards.** Please send in their letter or certification award that they have completed one year “Head Start Program” or other preparation for kindergarten. You can also send in any of their other achievements/awards and we will announce this at our special event. You can drop off or mail copies to: **UHOPS Program**, Mille Lacs Band Urban Office, 1404 East Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404, or fax to 612-872-1257 or e-mail to mpls.urb@millelacsband.com For more information, call 612-872-1424.

◆ These students are then invited to attend an awards dinner and ceremony at the end of the school year and receive a "Young Star" award and a \$25 gift card. They will also receive a fun gift. Their immediate family is invited as well.

We encourage the students to achieve excellence in education. Statistics show that students who are prepared for kindergarten do better overall in their future education.

"We have many aspiring students in the urban area and we want to ensure that they receive the recognition they deserve." - Barb Benjamin-Robertson, Urban Program Administrator.

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