

**Alberta Conservation Association
2018/19 Project Summary Report**

Project Name: WIN Card Reimbursements

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Partnerships

Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association
Hunting for Tomorrow

Key Findings

- The WIN Card Reimbursement program supports the recruitment of young people into hunting.
- In 2018/19, AHEIA distributed over 1,700 information packages at the end of January 2019 to youth who had completed the hunter education course.
- A total of 380 youth returned the reimbursement form and asked to be included on ACA's mailing list to receive ongoing information from ACA regarding hunting, fishing, trapping, and other conservation activities.

Introduction

In partnership with Hunting for Tomorrow and Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association, the WIN Card Reimbursement program supports the recruitment of young people

into hunting. The project gives ACA and our member groups a way to connect with new hunters when they purchase their first WIN card.

Methods

This program increases the number of youth 12 to 17 years old who complete the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association hunter education program, and introduces and connects young hunters to programs, information, and other groups to enhance their hunting experience.

Results

In 2018/19, Hunting for Tomorrow distributed 1,716 information packages to youth who had completed the hunter education course. A total of 380 youth returned the reimbursement form and asked to be included on ACA's mailing list to receive ongoing information from ACA regarding hunting, fishing, trapping, and other conservation activities.

Conclusions

Although the cost of reimbursing each youth for their first WIN card is relatively small, the impact of this project has been significant. ACA has been able to enhance young hunters' experience by introducing and connecting them to programs, information, and member group organizations. It is our hope that making these connections at a young age will result in long-term relationships being formed between these young stakeholders and the larger conservation community.

Communications

- *Constant Contact* e-newsletter
- ACA Member Group branded information package envelope