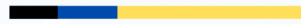




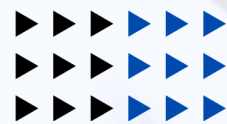
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# FIRST NATION, MÉTIS & INUIT **STUDENT GUIDE**

**AWARDS  
BURSARIES  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

**2024-25**



# Bridging Futures

Bridging Futures staff provide individual and group programs for Indigenous junior & senior high school students to support **successful** transitions into the workplace and post-secondary programs.

Bridging Futures staff aide students in the development and implementation of life skills, career planning, and provide opportunities to explore a variety of industries to become more familiar with the world of work and higher education.

Bridging Futures staff support students to set goals and plan for **life after high school** via:

- Academic and Career Counselling
- Career Exploration and Development
- Post-secondary Exploration and Transitions
- Scholarships, Awards, Bursaries and Funding
- Community Partner Connections

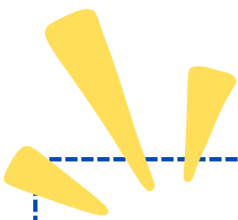


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The biggest things to remember when looking at scholarship and award requirements is just to apply to them all!

Every institution in Canada has thousands of dollars every year in scholarships and awards that go unclaimed because no one applies.

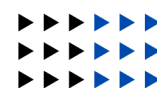
Don't just look at the dollar amount, as of course, the larger the amount, the more people will apply, meaning competition can be stiff. The smaller award totals are often overlooked.

Do not worry if you think you only have the minimum requirements. Many students think the same thing – there has to be someone with higher grades, or more volunteering or leadership experience or a larger financial need – so they do not apply. Forget that.

**Apply to them all!**



# WHAT IS AN AWARD, BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP?



## Award

These are one-time funds, and selection criteria varies: they could be based on academics, leadership, athletics, or – depending on the sponsor of the award – essays or financial need. Awards are not renewable, but it is possible to win several awards in a semester. Awards are not always financial! They can also come in the form of books, conference or membership registrations, or even school supplies for the coming semester.

## Bursary

Bursaries are based on financial need. In addition to the paperwork required for a scholarship and/or award, you will also need:

**Financial Information Form:** on this form you'll provide information regarding your parents jobs, your job, estimated annual school expenses (including books) room/board and transportation.

**Personal Statement:** here you'll need to explain any specific circumstances that the bursary selection committee should be made aware of.

**Testimonial Statement:** this form should be from a parent or guardian regarding your financial need in support of your bursary application.

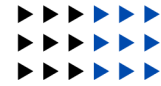
## Scholarship

Scholarships are the best known financial assistance for students. They are most often merit based (or academic based) but they can also be based on sports, leadership/volunteering, etc. Many are renewable based on outlined requirements by the institution, but these tend to be ones that are offered starting from your second semester on. "Renewable" means you can continue to receive funds so long as you're eligible.

Students applying for scholarships must present a transcript of their high school grades, as well as a short-written description of their athletic and/or leadership qualities when these are specified in the scholarship applied for.



# BAND FUNDING FOR POST-SECONDARY



## What is band funding?

If you're a Band member of a First Nation (*you have a treaty number*), you may be eligible for federal funding, administered through your Band office, to help you pay for your education.

### 1. How do I apply for post-secondary funding from my band?

There is a process for applying for post-secondary funding from your band. The first step is to make initial contact with your band regarding post-secondary funding (phone call or in-person visit).

Once contact is made the following information will need to be known:

- When is the application deadline?
- Is there any necessary paperwork that needs to be completed? (i.e. paper application, letter of intent, career investigation, FOIPP release of information, etc.)

### 2. What if I haven't ever contacted my band for anything?

This is not a problem as your name will appear on your band list and after contacting your band, they will be aware of your intentions to attend post-secondary. [www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca](http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca)

### 3. What will I need to provide to be funded?

- Copy of your Indian Status card.
- Letter of conditional acceptance to post-secondary.
- Cost of tuition, books, and other applicable fees.
- Schedule for upcoming semester

### 4. How will I know if my funding has been approved?

- Your band will most likely contact you directly via telephone, letter mail, or email to inform you of their decision.
- As with anything else a follow up phone call is always a good choice.



#### QUICK TIPS

Most bands prioritize applicants who are applying straight from high school.

## 5. What is typically covered with band funding?

- Living allowance for fulltime students.
- Tuition, books, any other costs related to your education.
- Part-time students: tuition and book fees only.
- Some bands will cover tutoring fees.

## 6. What is typically NOT covered with band funding?

- Personal items and services not crucial to course requirements.
- Personal liabilities, bill repayments, loans, or other financial debts. Students are encouraged to assess their personal financial status before committing to full time education.
- Fees for Health and Dental plans offered by colleges and universities.
- Computers, computer equipment, software and supplies.

## 7. What if I am Bill C-31?

- If you are Bill C-31 Status and your band is located in Alberta, you will most likely need to access funding via Freehorse Family Wellness Society. Details regarding Freehorse Family Wellness Society's funding can be found on page 10 of this handbook or by contacting the Freehorse Wellness Society for further information.

## 8. What is Bill C-31?

- C-31 changed the registration system so that entitlement was no longer based on sexually discriminatory rules. The amendments, effective April 17, 1985:
  - a.) treat men and women equally;
  - b.) treat children equally whether they are born in or out of wedlock and whether they are natural or adopted;
  - c.) prevent anyone from gaining or losing status through marriage;
  - d.) restore Indian status for those who lost it through discrimination or enfranchisement;
  - e.) allow first-time registration of children (and in some cases descendants of subsequent generations) of those whose status is restored; and



f.) allows for the registration of children born out of wedlock if either parent was a registered Indian, regardless of their date of birth. The federal government continues to maintain the Indian Register. Those who were recorded in the Indian Register when the amendments came into force continue to be recorded there. Those whose status was to be restored or who are eligible to be registered for the first time must apply to the Registrar to be recorded.

- Two categories of persons were excluded from registration under the C31 provisions:

a.) women who gained status only through marriage to a status Indian, and later lost it (e.g. through re-marriage to a non-Indian); and

b.) children whose mother gained Indian status through marriage and whose father is non-Indian.

## 9. What if I am not Status Indian?

As a Non-Status Indian, you are eligible for various scholarships or bursaries.

## 10. What if I am Métis?

If you are a member of a Métis settlement you may be eligible to be sponsored through your settlement. Please contact your settlement for further information.

As a Métis student you are also eligible for various scholarships or bursaries. Please see **page 9** of this handbook.

## 11. What if I am Inuit?

If you are a member of a Inuit community you may be eligible for post-secondary student sponsorship. Please contact your regional organization(s) for further information.

Please see **page 16** of this handbook.



Band funding can limit some scholarships, awards and bursaries that you can apply for. Ensure you read all application requirements

# MÉTIS FUNDING

## POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION



### Rupertsland Institute

#### Métis Post-Secondary Education Funding

Rupertsland Institute (RLI) provides post-secondary financial aid to Métis students to reduce the overall cost of education and the financial burden it can have.

#### Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a member of the Rupertsland Métis Students Association
- Must show proof of Métis citizenship by submitting either a Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) citizenship card; current (MNA) card from a parent or grandparent; citizenship card from any of the governing members of the Métis National Council (Métis Nation British Columbia, Métis Nation Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Ontario) or the Manitoba Métis Federation, and proof of Alberta residency
- Must be enrolled in a recognized post-secondary program in Alberta or elsewhere in Canada
- Must work with an RLI Student Advisor to determine the level of support from Métis Students Services and commit to a student action plan
- Must sign a disclosure citing all sources of funding that the student is receiving or applying to receive including any financial support from another Métis National Council member
- Show that training or retraining will lead to employment

#### Application Process

The application site will open on **May 15, 2024** for returning students and in **June 2024** for new students.

Complete the application found on the RLI website <https://rlioas.ca/>

#### For More Information

Visit: <https://www.rupertsland.org/post-secondary-funding/> or  
Contact: [applications@rupertsland.org](mailto:applications@rupertsland.org)

## Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards (BBMA)

The BBMA was established in 2001 at the Edmonton Community Foundation to assist Albertan Métis students financially in realizing their educational and occupational goals with scholarships up to \$10,000 each year for post-secondary education.

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be:
- Recognized or registered members with the Métis Nation of Alberta or a Métis Settlement (Note: only a letter saying you applied for membership is required to apply)
- Alberta Residence & Canadian Citizenship
- Intend to pursue a program of study leading to a recognized license, certificate, diploma, or undergraduate or professional degree in Alberta.
- Primary consideration is given to applications demonstrating financial need, connection to Métis community, likelihood of improved career opportunities.
- Consideration and priority may also be given to applicants:
  - entering their first year of post-secondary studies or academic upgrading, or in bridging, and university/college entrance programs
  - demonstrating commitment to studies and maturity (for more detail see the website)
  - with a history of volunteer work and leadership
  - with extenuating personal circumstances
  - who will study full-time

### How to Apply

- Applicants must complete an online application on the Edmonton Community Foundation website
- Applicants must provide one completed “Reference Forms” or letters of reference and a copy of their most recent marks.
- Applicants must provide proof of Métis ancestry

### Deadline to apply

Applications deadline is March 31st (annually)

### For More Information

Please visit the Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards website:

<https://www.ecfoundation.org/grants/student-awards/belcourt-brosseau-metis-award/>

## Métis Settlements Strategic Training Initiatives

The Métis Settlements Strategic Training Initiatives ('MSSTI') is a society formed by the Métis Settlements to provide training and educational opportunities to Métis Settlement Members. MSSTI assist our members with entering or re-entering the workforce, retaining active employment, or enhancing their skills to advance in their chosen profession. Our top priority is to ensure that Settlement Members have meaningful opportunities for employment.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- Métis person physically residing on a Settlement, or a Settlement Member on authorized leave of absences as defined by the Métis Settlement Act, Section 85. Settlements include:  
**Buffalo Lake, East Prairie, Elizabeth, Fishing Lake, Gift Lake, Kikino, Paddle Prairie, Peavine**
- Legally entitled to work in Canada.
- Have a Social Insurance Number (SIN) prior to approval.
- In good standing under previous funding programs by the Métis Settlement Strategic Initiatives Society
- Must require assistance to overcome existing or anticipated labour market barriers.
- Proposed training must fulfill an area of need or be part of a defined career plan.
- 18 years of age or a high school graduate. If a student is currently enrolled in the public school system and drops out of school to apply for an MSSTI project, the student will not be eligible to receive sponsorship. MSSTI does not sponsor students who are enrolled within the public system

## **How to Apply**

- Complete the application and Career Investigation provided on the MSSTI website.
- Submit your application to your Settlement HRO or through MSSTI Central Office.
- Include your letter of acceptance from the training or educational institution, which should include the details of your program, course outlines and associated costs (tuition, books, supplies, student fees, etc).
- All individuals applying for MSSTI sponsorship must have a SIN prior to being approved.

## **Deadline to apply**

Students must apply a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the start date of the program.

## **For More Information & Application Package**

Please visit their website: <https://www.mssti.ca/>

## **Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc: The Rebecca Kelln Métis Bursary Fund**

Apeetogosan started offering bursaries for first year Métis students back in 2007. The Rebecca Kelln Métis bursary fund is named for a former employee who was diagnosed with cancer in 2011. This bursary program is named in her honour.

The funding is available to students for the first year while attending any recognized post-secondary institution, and there are no restrictions on how the funds are expensed.

### **Eligibility**

- Provide evidence that they are Métis
- Have a financial need
- Have been an Alberta resident for at least three years prior to applying
- Demonstrate an investment in, and a commitment to, a community in Alberta

### **How to Apply**

- Download the application form
- Attach a certified copy of transcripts
- Be enrolled in a recognized post-secondary institution (community college or University in Canada)
- Provide a “letter of acceptance” and confirmation of a full-time course load (available from the school’s admissions or registrar’s office)

Submit completed application forms via email, fax, or mail

### **Mail**

Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc.  
#302, 12308-111 Ave, NW  
Edmonton, AB, T5N 2N4

### **Deadline to apply**

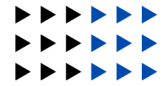
Bursary applications are accepted annually from January 1st to April 30th

### **For More Information**

- Phone: 780-452-7951 / 1-800-252-7963
- Email: [office@amd.co](mailto:office@amd.co)
- Website: <https://apeetogosan.com/bursary/>



# INUIT FUNDING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION



The Inuit Post-Secondary Education Program lays the groundwork for equity in post-secondary education for Inuit by creating the conditions necessary to improve attainment rates. Replacing the former PSSSP, the program sets an ambitious goal to double the number of Inuit graduates of PSE programs over the next 10 years.

## Funding Organizations by Region

Organizations who have funding agreements with Indigenous Services Canada for Inuit students are:

### Inuvialuit Settlement Region - Northwest Territories & Yukon

#### Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

Email: [Education@inuvialuit.com](mailto:Education@inuvialuit.com)

Phone: 867-777-4506

Mailing Address: 107 Mackenzie Road, Bag Service #7, Inuvik NT, X0E 0T0

Website: <https://irc.inuvialuit.com/services/education-training-and-training/>

### Nunavut

#### Kitikmeot Inuit Association

Email: [psecoordinator@kitia.ca](mailto:psecoordinator@kitia.ca)

Phone: 867-983-2458

Website: <https://www.kitia.ca/>

#### Kivalliq Inuit Association

Email: [dpanika@kivalliqinuit.ca](mailto:dpanika@kivalliqinuit.ca)

Phone: 867-645-5725

Mailing Address: P.O Box 340, Rankin Inlet, NU X0C 0G0

Website: <https://www.kivalliqinuit.ca/student-support-programs-2/>



## **Kakivak Association**

Email: [info@kakivak.ca](mailto:info@kakivak.ca)

Phone: 867-979-0911

Mailing Address: Parnaivik Building 924, P.O. Box 1419, Iqaluit, NU, X0A 0H0

Website: <https://www.kakivak.ca/en/applications>

*Look for “Kakivak Association Sponsorship Application”*

## **Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated**

Email: [foundation@tunngavik.com](mailto:foundation@tunngavik.com)

Phone: 867 645-5400

Mailing Address: PO Box 280 Rankin Inlet, NU X0C 0G0

Website: <https://www.tunngavik.com/news/nunavut-tunngavik-foundation-scholarships-call-for-applications/>

OR

<https://www.tunngavik.com/files/2023/11/2021-NTF-Scholarships-Program-Policy-ENG.pdf>

*“Contact program officer for application”*

## **Nunavik - James Bay & Northern Quebec**

### **Makivik Corporation**

Email: [scholarship@makivik.ca](mailto:scholarship@makivik.ca)

Phone: 514-745-3700

Address: 1111 Dr. Frederik-Philips Blvd., 3rd Floor, St-Laurent, Quebec H4M 2X6

Website: <https://www.makivik.ca/current/scholarship-fund/>

### **Kativik Ilisarniliriniq**

Email: [studentservices@kativik.qc.ca](mailto:studentservices@kativik.qc.ca)

Phone: 514-457-1178

Address: 19 rue Maple, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Québec H9X 2E5

Website: <https://www.kativik.qc.ca/en/post-secondary/>

## **Nunatsiavut - Newfoundland & Labrador**

### **Nunatsiavut Government**

Email: [education@nunatsiavut.com](mailto:education@nunatsiavut.com)

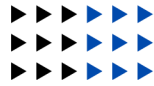
Phone: 709-923-2105

Address: P.O. Box 116 Makkovik, NL A0P 1J0

Website: [www.Nunatsiavut.com](http://www.Nunatsiavut.com)

Application package: [https://nunatsiavut.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Application\\_Funding.pdf](https://nunatsiavut.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Application_Funding.pdf)

# STUDENT CHECK LIST



1.

## Proof of Enrollment

All scholarships will require proof of enrollment. This could be your acceptance letter or specified letter stating your enrollment. Most Institutions will have a proof of enrollment option on their student accounts portal. Ask your Bridging Futures coordinator how to access it!

2.

## Transcripts

Merit-based scholarships almost always require your transcripts (high school and/or college, depending on your current education) as they are looking for students who have over a certain GPA.

For scholarships that are available for renewal, they may also require your transcripts to see that you're maintaining the required GPA. If you fail to meet this scholarship requirement, you could lose out on the award.

3.

## Financial Details

For need-based awards, financial details are a common scholarship requirement. Applications may ask for financial information, income and budget. This will help demonstrate your financial need.

4.

## Essay

It's not uncommon for a scholarship to require you to send an essay along with your application. The essay's criteria vary greatly from each award, so read the rules before you start writing! In some cases, the essay may present you with a particular prompt, such as "Why do you deserve to win?". Check out the "[Write Your Essay with Confidence](#)" infographic for tips on how to write a compelling essay!

5.

## Cover Letter

A cover letter can help strengthen and contextualize your application for a scholarship. Scholarship cover letters aim to show the review committee why you're the best candidate for a scholarship and how the award might benefit your studies.

6.

## Resume

A resume is an important document that reflects your skills, experience and assets. It is a document that summarizes your work and volunteer history, education, skills and accomplishments as they relate to the scholarship or award that you are applying for.

7.

## Letter of Recommendation

A letter of recommendation is a document that outlines an individual's qualities, character, skills and credibility. It supports your application for a scholarship, showing that you're capable of being a competent student.

The author of a recommendation letter is a professional who knows you and can speak candidly about your academic strengths and goals, leadership and community involvement.

8.

## Proof of Identification

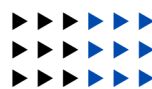
Most scholarships require you to send proof of identification. Have a copy of your ID (front and back) saved as a PDF file.

Also, some scholarships specifically for Indigenous students require proof of ancestry. Proof of ancestry can include Indian Status cards, Metis Card etc. have a PDF (front and back) saved as well!



Have printed or digital copies of **ALL** of the documents listed, stored in one file folder for easy access and smoother application process! See next page for more information about "*Scholarship Toolbox*".

# HELPFUL INFORMATION



## Scholarship Spreadsheet

1. Creating a spreadsheet with columns for deadlines, application opening dates, scholarship names, website link, criteria, required documents and status of application, will help keep you organized for the coming school year! See example below.

Deadline	Opens	Name	Website	Criteria	Required Docs	Application Status
May 31, 2024	February 1, 2024	Example Scholarship	<a href="#">ExampleScholarship.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full-Time Studies</li><li>• Indigenous Education Degree Program</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Essay</li><li>• Proof of Enrollment</li><li>• Transcripts</li><li>• Proof of Indigenous Ancestry</li></ul>	Applied on May 15, 2023

## Have a “skeleton essay” ready to go!

2. Having an already prepared essay with an Intro can save you time in preparing your application. Ensure you read **ALL** essay writing criteria! Note that some scholarship applications have their own specific writing prompts!

## Build a Scholarship Toolbox

3. What, you might ask, is a scholarship toolbox? Basically, it's just all of the resources and knowledge you'll need to slay the scholarship application process!

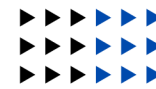
The items you'll need for your toolbox are listed in the **student checklist**.

Other items that might be helpful to include:

- **Personal information** - Name, address, email address, SIN number etc.
- **School Information** - Name, address, proof of enrollment, fee assessment, course schedule etc.
- **Past Scholarship Essays** - using your past essays as a tool to pull examples from
- **Photo of you (Optional)** - some scholarships will ask for a non-blurry photo of you to post on their websites or use it for promotional purposes.

# SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

## APPLICATION TIPS



1. If you have questions, ask them! It's better to ask and be 100% clear than be unsure and make a mistake.
2. Check deadline dates and give yourself enough time to complete applications and gather supporting documents.
3. Always print two copies of the application and information. One copy for rough draft/personal records and one copy to send in.
4. READ the entire application before filling in blanks and identify what you'll need before applying (ex: forms, essay, letters, etc.).
5. Request transcripts early. If you have to send transcripts at the end of the semester/year, indicate on your application that you will forward them later.
6. Select a minimum of two people who can write references on your behalf (grad coach, teacher, pastor, etc.).
7. NEVER send in a hand-written letter/essay on loose-leaf. Type your essay and sign the bottom.
8. Review and EDIT your application. Make sure it has no errors or spelling mistakes.
9. Place your CLEAN, unfolded application and supporting documents in a brown envelope.
10. This booklet is only a selection of scholarships and bursaries; there are thousands of financial aids that are available. Make sure you search and apply for as many scholarships and bursaries as you can!
11. Apply for scholarships and bursaries even if you don't meet all the criteria described in the posting. Remember they are describing the ideal candidate and if you write a compelling essay your application may be considered, especially if they receive a limited number of applicants.



# SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES & AWARDS FOR FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS & INUIT

- Advancing Futures Bursary
- Alberta Blue Cross Entrance Scholarship
- AIIIC Sam Bull Memorial Scholarship
- AIIIC Senator James Gladstone Memorial Scholarship
- APFI Inc. Indigenous Education Partnership Program
- AltaLink Indigenous Student Awards
- Animikii Technology & Entrepreneurship Scholarship
- ATCO Pipelines & Gas Indigenous Education Awards
- CPA Alberta Alex Tutschek FCA Award
- Eaton Indigenous Clean Energy Scholarship
- ECF Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards
- ECF Hilltop Awards & Bursaries
- Freehorse Family Wellness Society Sponsorship Funding
- Honouring Spirit Scholarship
- Indspire: Building Brighter Futures
- Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
- MNA Art L'Hirondelle Scholarship
- MNA Delia Gray Scholarship
- MNA Ernest Poitras Scholarship
- MNA Gary Pruden Scholarship
- MNA Honourable Pearl Calahasen
- MNA Tom Ghostkeeper Scholarship
- NIB Trust Fund
- NWAC Helen Bassett Scholarship
- NWAC Michael Melancon-Koffend Scholarship
- NWAC Nellie Makokis-Carlson Scholarship
- RBC Future Launch Scholarship
- Rupertsland Institute Sponsorship Funding
- TC Energy Scholarship
- TD Canada Trust Scholarship



This booklet is only a selection of scholarships and bursaries; there are thousands of financial aids that are available. Make sure you search and apply for as many scholarships and bursaries as you can!

**Deadline to Apply:**

June 1st, 2025

for Fall 2025

# ADVANCING FUTURES BURSARY

FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Advancing Futures Bursary is a post-secondary bursary program for current and former youth in government care aged 18-24. The program provides social and emotional supports and funding to eligible students while they pursue postsecondary studies, such as:

- Obtaining their high school equivalency through adult education;
- Earning a degree/diploma from a post- secondary school;
- Learning a trade;
- Earning a license or certificate.

## Eligibility

- Be between 18-24 years old at the time they apply
- Be a full- or part-time student enrolled at an approved institution, and
- Have been a youth in government care as a result of an Alberta-based agreement or order
- They must also have:
- Had a Permanent Guardianship Order (PGO) between the time they were 13 and 18 years old, OR
- Been in the care or custody of Alberta Human Services for at least 546 days (18 months) between the time they were 13 and 24 years old.

## How to Apply

Apply online: <https://www.alberta.ca/advancing-futures-application-form.aspx>

Step 1. Confirm eligibility

Step 2. Apply to a program

Step 3. Complete the application

Note: Applications will not be considered unless accompanied by proof of application, conditional acceptance, acceptance or enrolment (issued by the institution).



**Scan the QR code to  
learn more or to apply!**

## Deadlines

June 1 for Fall Term, October 1 for Winter Term,  
February 1 for Spring/Summer



# ALBERTA BLUE CROSS ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Application opens:

September 9,  
2025

## FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Alberta Blue Cross has established three awards for Indigenous students who are completing their high school education and entering their first year of postsecondary study at an accredited institution.

These scholarships are based primarily on community involvement, personal goals, and financial need. Scholastic achievement will also be considered. The amount of the award varies according to the institution the student will be attending.

Value of awards: Alberta Blue Cross issues three awards each year. Awards range from \$750 to \$1,500.

### Eligibility

- Applicants are a First Nation Band Member, or have Inuit, Métis or Indian Status as referenced on the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada website.
- Applicants must be enrolled in the first year of any full-time postsecondary certificate or diploma program of two or more years duration.
- Applicants must clearly describe their community involvement, personal goals, and financial need.
- Applicants must have been residents of Alberta during their most recent year of study.
- Applicants must submit three reference letters for evaluation.

### How to Apply

Visit the website for information and the application form:  
[www.community.ab.bluecross.ca/programs/indigenous-scholarships.php](http://www.community.ab.bluecross.ca/programs/indigenous-scholarships.php)

Application forms must be submitted:

By email: [scholarships.indigenoustudents@ab.bluecross.ca](mailto:scholarships.indigenoustudents@ab.bluecross.ca)

OR

Mailed to: Alberta Blue Cross, Community Impact  
10009-108 Street NW, Edmonton AB T5J 3C5



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**Deadline to Apply:**

February 15th,  
2025

# ALBERTA INDIAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION

## SAM BULL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Alberta Indian Investment Corporation (AIIC) is rooted in education. From the services AIIC offers to the youth programming, to the support AIIC provides, part of the AIIC mandate is to share valuable knowledge for the benefit of others and our community.

### What's Included?

The award will be given for excellence in a program of studies at the university level – \$1,000

- The award will be paid directly to the winner and will be presented by March 30th, based upon the results of the previous semester

### Eligibility

- All applicants must:
- be enrolled as a status person belonging to an First Nation in Alberta
- be enrolled in studies in Law and/or Political Science
- Proof of acceptance to an eligible institution is not required with the application, but must be produced before the award will be released.

### How to Apply

Applicants are required to apply for the Sam Bull Memorial Scholarship by contacting our office. Students must prepare a 100 to 200 word statement of personal and academic objectives, which should emphasize how their proposed course of study will contribute to First Nation community development in Canada.

### Download and fill out the form online, and send to AIIC by:

- Filling out and emailing to [info@aiicbusiness.org](mailto:info@aiicbusiness.org)
- Printing and faxing to 780-470-3605, or
- Printing and mailing to P.O. Box 180, Enoch, Alberta. T7X 3Y3.



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# ALBERTA INDIAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION SENATOR JAMES GLADSTONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline to Apply:

February 15th,  
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## FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

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### What's Included?

The award will be given for the following:

- For excellence in a program of studies at a college or technical institution – \$750.00
- For excellence in a program of studies at the university level – \$1,000.00

The awards will be paid directly to the winner and will be awarded by the end of March, based upon the results of the previous semester

### Eligibility

- All applicants must:
- be enrolled as a status person belonging to an First Nation in Alberta
- be enrolled in studies in Business, Finance or Economics
- Proof of acceptance to an eligible institution is not required with the application, but must be produced before the award will be released.

### How to Apply

Applicants are required to apply for the Senator James Gladstone Memorial Scholarship by contacting our Office. Students must prepare a 100 to 200 word statement of personal and academic objectives which should emphasize how their proposed course of study will contribute to First Nation economic and business development in Canada.

### Download and fill out the form online, and send to AIIC by:

- Filling out and emailing to [info@aiicbusiness.org](mailto:info@aiicbusiness.org)
- Printing and faxing to 780-470-3605, or
- Printing and mailing to P.O. Box 180, Enoch, Alberta. T7X 3Y3.



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**Deadline to Apply:**

June 24th,  
2025

# **ALBERTA PACIFIC FOREST INDUSTRIES INC.**

## **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (Al-Pac) values the importance of education and continued learning. The purpose of the Indigenous Education Partnership Program is to encourage and assist members of our Indigenous communities in pursuit of post-secondary educational goals and opportunities.

### **What's Included?**

The successful applicant will receive full tuition for the duration of their academic pursuit. Tuition will be paid up to five years for degree programs and up to three years for diploma programs

### **Eligibility**

- Have First Nation, Inuit or Métis Status. (Non-Status are also eligible to apply)
- Reside within our Forest Management Agreement Area for at least one year prior to applying for the scholarship.
- Be accepted or returning to full-time studies at a credited post-secondary institution.
- Demonstrate a financial need, community involvement and a positive attitude.

### **How to Apply**

Applicants may apply to the Indigenous Education Partnership Program by completing the application form and submitting it to the mailing address or email provided.

**Email:** [community.relations@alpac.ca](mailto:community.relations@alpac.ca)

**Mail:** Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc.

Attention: Stakeholder Relations

Box 8000 Boyle, AB T0A 0M0



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# ALTALINK INDIGENOUS STUDENT AWARDS

## INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AWARDS

**Deadline to Apply:**  
August 1st,  
2025

AltaLink is Alberta’s largest regulated electricity transmission company, that connects homes, farms, businesses and industries to the electricity generated across Alberta.

In 2007, AltaLink launched its Indigenous scholarship program. This scholarship program is designed to recognize leaders in the Indigenous community by offering scholarships to Indigenous students attending post-secondary institutions.

### What’s Included?

Each year, eight eligible students from each of Treaties 6, 7, 8 and the Métis communities in Alberta are awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

### Eligibility

- Attending post secondary
- Demonstrates financial need
- Preference will be given to students who are working on their first degree
- Up to half of the awards will be give preference to students enrolled in programs specific to the electricity transmission sector including: Electrical Engineering Technology, Electrical Engineering, Telecommunications Engineering, Powerline Technician Apprenticeship, Power System Electrical Apprenticeship, Pre-Apprenticeship – Powerline or Power Systems Technician, Utility Tree Worker and Utility Tree Trimmer Safety Training (Professional Vegetation Managers Association recognized course).

### How to Apply

AltaLink’s Indigenous Student Awards are delivered through our partnership with Indspire.

Apply through Indspire’s online application portal, visit:  
<https://indspirefunding.ca/altalink/>

### Deadlines (annually)

August 1, November 1, and February 1



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**Deadline to Apply:**

November 30,  
2025

# ANIMIKII TECHNOLOGY & ENTREPRENEURSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Part of our organizational mission is to encourage and inspire Indigenous youth to choose a career in entrepreneurship or technology. In 2015, Animikii launched the Technology and Entrepreneurship Scholarships for Indigenous Youth.

## What's Included?

This scholarship provides Indigenous youth in a post-secondary setting with a \$500 scholarship for books, tuition, supplies, or any other cost-of-living expenses related to their time in school.

## Eligibility

Our scholarships are available to Indigenous youth (Status and non-Status First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) ages 17-30 who are attending a post-secondary program with a focus on either technology or entrepreneurship. The school program does not have to be a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, or Ph.D., but we do ask for proof of enrollment.

## How to Apply

- Complete the application form online  
<https://animikii.com/impact/scholarship>
- Additionally, as part of our application, we ask students to provide a professional, academic, or volunteer reference letter. This letter can be written by a teacher, school administrator, manager, supervisor, coach, mentor, volunteer coordinator, or Counsellor.



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# ATCO PIPELINES & GAS SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline to Apply:

August 15th,  
2025

## INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AWARDS

Our Indigenous Education Awards Program supports First Nation, Inuit, and Métis students across Canada by providing financial assistance to help them in their quest for higher education. These awards, bursaries and scholarships are given to students who demonstrate leadership capabilities and strive to be role models in their schools and communities.

### There are three different awards available:

- Merit Awards (\$500) – for students completing Grades 10 – 12, including upgrading
- Bursaries (\$1,000) – for students enrolled in trade, diploma, or certificate programs
- Scholarships (\$1,500) – for students enrolled in degree or graduate programs.
- Bridging Awards (\$1,000) - for students registered in an upgrading program or University Preparation program

### Eligibility

You can apply if you are:

- Are a Canadian Indigenous person;
- Are enrolled full-time in high school (including upgrading) or an accredited post-secondary institution or training program;
- Are not the child of an ATCO employee.

### How to Apply

- Complete the online application form.
- Submit the following required documentation:
  - One reference letter from a teacher, community leader or employer;
  - Short essay (500 – 1,000 words) describing why you are a suitable candidate;
  - Proof of enrollment for the upcoming school semester (can include acceptance letter, class schedule or receipt of paid fees);
  - Transcript from the most recent school attended (unofficial transcript is acceptable).



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**Deadline to Apply:**

January 31st,  
2026

# CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF ALBERTA

## ALEX TUTSCHEK FCA AWARD

FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Two (2) awards, with a value of \$1,500 each, are available to grade 12 Indigenous students who are enrolled in or accepted into a business program offered by an Alberta college, polytechnic, or university that offers the prerequisite courses required for entrance into the CPA Professional Education Program (CPA PEP).

### What's Included?

Two awards valued at \$1,500 each

### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be a person who self-identifies as Indigenous (i.e. Status Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/First Nations, Métis or Inuit);
- submit a letter or video (2 to 3 minutes maximum) outlining why they are planning to, or are currently pursuing, a career in business or as a professional accountant;
- submit most recent transcripts to demonstrate academic achievement; and
- submit one (1) letter of support from a current instructor.

Preference is given to students who intend to pursue a Chartered Professional Accountant designation.

### How to Apply

Please visit the website for further information on how to apply:  
<https://www.cpaalberta.ca/Foundation/Support-Programs-and-Scholarships/Scholarships/How-to-Apply>

If you have any questions, or are having trouble with the online application form, please contact CPA Education Foundation of



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# EATON

# INDIGENOUS CLEAN ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline to Apply:

October 31st,  
2025

## FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Eaton Electrical Canada has proudly partnered with Indigenous Clean Energy to support Indigenous students across Canada. Indigenous students striving for a career doing electrical work, who enjoy travelling, are encouraged to apply. The scholarship is meant to be used for post-secondary education costs, towards apprenticeship, a trades certificate, a diploma, or an engineering degree focused in the electrical field.

The internship will give the recipient valuable experience with electrical systems and renewable energy. We hope that the recipient explores career opportunities in the Canadian electrical industry.

### Eligibility

- Completed high school diploma.
- Valid Canadian driver's licence.
- Available and willing to take a four month paid internship at an Eaton location.
- view full terms and conditions on their website

### How to Apply

- Complete the application form at [apply.scholarshipscanada.com](https://apply.scholarshipscanada.com)
- Submit a brief personal statement answering the following two questions, to a maximum of 250 words each:
  - What will an internship with Eaton mean to you?
  - Where does your passion for the electrical field come from?
- Answer 3 short questions indicating your experience with:
  - Basic electrical testing and troubleshooting
  - Basic Power Distribution Systems
  - Basic Renewable Energy Systems (eg Solar, Battery Energy Storage, etc.)
- To attach your resumé to your application, please use the "My Documents" page. You can **upload your resumé** directly.



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**Deadline to Apply:**

March 31st,  
2025

# EDMONTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BELCOURT BROUSSEAU MÉTIS AWARDS

## FOR MÉTIS STUDENTS

The BBMAS were established in 2001 by the directors of the Canative Housing Corporation, Orval Belcourt, Dr. Herb Belcourt, and Georges Brosseau QC. Their vision was to help Métis Albertans realize self-sufficiency through post-secondary education and skills development.

Over the past twenty years the Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards have provided more than \$11 million dollars to approximately 2,000 Métis students studying at institutions across Alberta. These awards are one of the largest non-governmental sources of student funding for Métis students in Canada.

### What's Included?

The BBMAAs can support you by covering between \$1,000 and \$10,000 of your tuition and fees.

### Eligibility

- Membership with the Métis Nation of Alberta or a Métis Settlement (Note: if you are in process of receiving citizenship or membership you will need to upload a letter saying you have applied for it)
- Alberta Residence and Canadian Citizenship
- Studying in an eligible program at an eligible post-secondary

### How to Apply

**Application opens on December 15th.**

Apply online through the Edmonton Community Foundation's website. Applicants must register themselves through the online portal to apply for this award.



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# EDMONTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HILLTOP AWARDS & BURSARY

Deadline to Apply:  
May 15th, 2025

## FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Edmonton Community Foundation has a long history of providing student awards to help students achieve their educational dreams. Hilltop Awards and Bursaries (previously known as ECF awards and bursaries) was launched in 2009 to help students from Edmonton and/or Northern Alberta who have a history of community involvement with the costs of post-secondary education.

### Eligibility

- You will be pursuing studies in Alberta or Canada in the upcoming school year.
- You are living in the greater Edmonton area or northern Alberta. By northern Alberta, we mean north of Red Deer.
- You have been a resident of the greater Edmonton area and/or northern Alberta for at least 6 months.
- Financial need: Funding your studies is a challenge due to your financial situation.
- Community involvement: You are involved in your community in a role with responsibilities (as a volunteer, an artist, on a sports team, etc.). You want to apply what you learn towards working in and improving the greater Edmonton area or northern Alberta.

### How to Apply

Apply on the Edmonton Community Foundation's website through the online portal. The following documents are required upon application:

- **Reference letters:** from someone (not a family member) who can speak to your community involvement and why you should get an award (maximum 2 letters).
- **Statement of Grades from your most recent studies:** Official transcripts are not required. A PDF or scan from a school website is acceptable. For high school grades, you can get unofficial grades from [mypass.alberta.ca](https://mypass.alberta.ca)



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Phone: 780-426-0015 ext. 107

Email: [studentawards@ecfoundation.org](mailto:studentawards@ecfoundation.org)

# FREEHORSE FAMILY WELLNESS SOCIETY SPONSORSHIP FUNDING

## FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Freehorse Family Wellness Society (FFWS) is a non-profit organization proud to administer the Post Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) funding on behalf of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). This program is run in accordance with the PSSSP and University and College Entrance Preparation Program (UCEPP) guidelines. The Post-Secondary Funding Program assists students who have regained their status as a result of Bill C-31 from various Alberta First Nations, as well students with Alberta residency (12 months minimum), who are registered with a Northwest Territories First Nation. FFWS is committed to quality administration of a program that is equitable, considers the needs of individual students, and works within policy and budgetary restrictions.

### Eligibility

Must have one of the following:

- Registration with a NWT based First Nation; lived in Alberta for 12 months, but not eligible for funding from Gov. of NWT
- Registered on the Alberta General List (Michel Band)
- Registered in affiliation with an Alberta-based First Nation and not eligible for funding from the first nation (see list below)
- Must be attending a recognized degree, diploma, or certificate granting post-secondary institute in accordance with the INAC approved list.
- Program of study has high school diploma completion as a requirement.
- Program of study is at least one year in length.
- Living in Canada for at least 12 consecutive months.

## First Nations Included

- Bearspaw
- Beaver
- Beaver Lake
- Blood Tribe
- Chiniki
- Cold Lake
- Driftpile
- Frog Lake
- Goodfish Lake
- Goodstoney (Wesley)
- Heart Lake
- Kapowe' No
- Kehewin
- Long Lake
- Peigan
- Saddle Lake
- Sawridge
- Sucker Creek
- Swan River
- Tall Cree
- Tsuu T'ina

## Deadline to Apply:

June 15th,  
2025

## Please refer to eligibility document for full information

- **\*Note - Band Membership:** Some Alberta First Nations have their own membership list in place. FFWS does not sponsor individuals who are on their band membership list, regardless of eligibility.

## How to Apply

- Applicants must complete the application form provided online
- All required documentation will be requested through a Document Request Letter. Everything that is required must be submitted by the July 15th deadline. If any piece of required documentation is not submitted by the deadline your application will be automatically cancelled.

## Application Deadline

If school enrollment is:

Fall and Winter (September - April) **Deadline: June 15th**

Fall (September - December) **Deadline: June 15th**

Winter Term – (January – April) **Deadline: October 15th**

Spring and Summer (May – August) **Deadline: March 15th**

## For More Information

Email: [general@freehorse.org](mailto:general@freehorse.org)

Fax: (780) 944 - 0176

Mail: 2nd Fl., 5333-91 St., Edmonton, AB T6E 6E2



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**Deadline to Apply:**

Early February  
2025

# HONOURING SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP

FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

This award recognizes First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education paths and embrace their own gifts, strengths and potential while celebrating the ways of their people. Students who inspire their peers, teachers, education leaders and community members while respecting the agency of other students to do the same in their own ways.

## Eligibility

- Students may be nominated by other students, teachers, principals, superintendents, education directors, trustees, school staff or a member of the education community based on their exemplary leadership, honour, courage, and commitment to their own education path.
- Identify as First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students
- Enrolled in, and regularly attend school that is operated by an ASBA member school board or First Nations Education Authority.

## Documents Required

- A completed nomination form,
- A letter of nomination outlining why the nominator has chosen this student to be recognized (maximum of 3 pages),
- One additional letter of support for the nomination (maximum of 3 pages).

## How to Apply

Nomination packages may be submitted via:

- Email to: [awards@asba.ab.ca](mailto:awards@asba.ab.ca) OR
- Mail to: Alberta School Boards Association Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards, 1200, 9925 – 109 Street NW  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2J8

## For More Information

- Phone: 780-482-7311
- Website: <https://www.asba.ab.ca/about/awards/>



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# INDSPIRE: BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

**Deadline to Apply:**

August 1st,  
2025

## FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Since 1996, Indspire has provided over \$217 million in financial support through more than 66,000 bursaries, scholarships and awards to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students. All Building Brighter Futures donations are matched by the Government of Canada allowing us to be double the impact for students.

### What's Included?

Disbursement criteria for financial awards are negotiated with funders for significant donations (i.e. gift amounts of \$5,000 per year or more), recognizing that Indspire's goal is to make funding accessible to as many eligible applicants as possible. The disbursement of financial awards is tied to funding agreement criteria, where it can be either:

- a fixed amount, the total amount of which will be disbursed to a successful applicant(s); or
- based on (1) an assessment of the application, and (2) monies available to be disbursed.

### Eligibility

- be an Indigenous person;
- be enrolled in:
  - an accredited education program; a professional development program; a continuing education program; a traditional knowledge program; or arts training

### How to Apply

Apply online through the Indspire's website. Applicants must register themselves through the online portal to apply. Applicants only need to complete the application once to be considered for all applicable bursaries, scholarships, and awards.

<https://indspire.ca/programs/students/bursaries-scholarships/>

### Deadlines (annually)

Fall: August 1st, Winter: November 1st, Spring/Summer: February 1st



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**Deadline to Apply:**

July 15th, 2025

# INUVIALUIT REGIONAL CORPORATION

## INUIT POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION STRATEGY

### FOR INUVIALUIT BENEFICIARIES

Through negotiations and collaboration with Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, our partners across Inuit Nunangat and the Government of Canada, we are able to provide Inuvialuit beneficiaries living throughout Canada with funding to attend a post-secondary education (PSE) program of their choice. This program aims to address some of the social inequities that serve as needless barriers for many Inuvialuit wishing to attend a post-secondary education program.

#### **What's Included?**

Inuit Post-Secondary Education Strategy (IPSES) funding supports Inuit post-secondary students across Canada with: application fees, tuition, travel costs, child care, books and supplies, living expenses, mentorship and counselling, and more.

#### **Eligibility**

All Inuvialuit living in Canada and enrolled as beneficiaries under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement are eligible.

#### **How to Apply**

1. Completed and signed Application Form
2. Documented proof of enrolment from the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
3. Proof of Identification (i.e. health care card)
4. Proof of application to SFA funding – NWT, FANS funding – Nunavut and proof of grants or loans from all other provinces. This is a requirement to apply for IPSES.
5. Course outlines
6. Approximate tuition/fees for Post-Secondary program applied for
7. Proof of Acceptance or Conditional Acceptance into a Post-Secondary program of studies

#### **Contact**

Contact program manager, Sandra Elanik via email: [selanik@inuvialuit.com](mailto:selanik@inuvialuit.com)  
OR call: 1-867-777-7029  
for more information



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# MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA

## ART L'HIRONDELLE

### DEDICATED SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline to Apply:

October 31st  
(Annually)

#### FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH

Awarded on behalf of Mr. Art L'Hirondelle who retired from Métis Urban Housing Corporation in June 2007 after 22 years of dedicated service. MNA wishes to honour Art for his contributions to our communities by awarding scholarships to students pursuing construction related education opportunities.

These scholarships will be awarded at the Delia Gray Memorial Gala, held in November each year. Recipients are expected to receive their award in person that evening.

#### What's Included?

You could receive a scholarship award valued at \$1,000

#### Eligibility

- be an Indigenous youth, preference will be given to Métis students enrolled in post-secondary training programs
- be available to attend the Delia Gray Memorial Gala held in November to accept the award and recognition
- must be enrolled in a construction or trades program

#### How to Apply

- Applicants must include completed application form, reference letter, and a written section describing qualifications
- Applicants must provide proof of registration, as well as details of the post-secondary program and/or courses in which they are enrolled

#### Submit your completed application to one the following:

- Fax: (780) 452-8946
- Email: [ktownend@metis.org](mailto:ktownend@metis.org)
- Delia Gray Building, 11738 Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton AB, T5G 0X5



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October 31st  
(Annually)

# MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA

## DELIA GRAY

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH

Awarded in memory of Delia Gray. She had began her second term as Provincial Elder and Advisor to the President and Vice President of the Métis Nation of Alberta, when she humbly passed away on Nov 12, 1999. MNA wishes to honour Mrs. Gray and her contributions to our communities by awarding scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary education.

These scholarships will be awarded at the Delia Gray Memorial Gala, held in November each year. Recipients are expected to receive their award in person that evening. **Students may apply or be nominated.**

### What's Included?

You could receive a scholarship award valued at \$1,000

### Eligibility

- be a citizen of the Métis Nation of Alberta
- be available to attend the Métis Week Gala held in November to accept the award and recognition
- must be enrolled in a post-secondary educational program

### How to Apply

- Applicants must include completed application form, reference letter, and a written section describing qualifications
- Applicants must provide proof of registration, as well as details of the post-secondary program and/or courses in which they are enrolled

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# MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA

## ERNEST POITRAS

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

### FOR MÉTIS STUDENTS

Awarded on behalf of Mr. Gary Pruden, who believes in maintaining with the traditions of our rich and vibrant Métis music, as well as supporting students pursuing a future in sports. MNA wishes to honour Gary for his contributions to our communities by awarding scholarships to students pursuing music and/or sports education opportunities.

These scholarships will be awarded at the Métis Week Gala, held in November each year. Recipients are expected to receive their award in person that evening.

### What's Included?

You could receive a scholarship award valued at \$1,000

### Eligibility

- be a citizen of the Métis Nation of Alberta
- be available to attend the Métis Week Gala held in November to accept the award and recognition
- must be enrolled in a post-secondary educational program

### How to Apply

- Applicants must include completed application form, reference letter, and a written section describing qualifications
- Applicants must provide proof of registration, as well as details of the post-secondary program and/or courses in which they are enrolled

### Submit your completed application to the following:

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- Email: [ktownend@metis.org](mailto:ktownend@metis.org)
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(Annually)

# MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA

## GARY PRUDEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

### FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH

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These scholarships will be awarded at the Métis Week Gala, held in November each year. Recipients are expected to receive their award in person that evening. **Students may apply or be nominated for this award.**

#### What's Included?

You could receive a scholarship award valued at \$1,000 (2 awarded annually)

#### Eligibility

- be an Indigenous youth, preference will be given to Métis students enrolled in post-secondary training programs
- be available to attend the Delia Gray Memorial Gala held in November to accept the award and recognition
- must be pursuing music and/or sports education opportunities

#### How to Apply

- Applicants must include completed application form, reference letter, and a written section describing qualifications
- Applicants must provide proof of registration, as well as details of the post-secondary program and/or courses in which they are enrolled

#### Submit your completed application to the following:

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# MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA HONOURABLE PEARL CALAHASEN SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline to Apply:

October 31st  
(Annually)

## FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH

In tribute to the Honourable Pearl Calahasen for her contributions to our communities by awarding scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary training program.

These scholarships will be awarded at the Delia Gray Memorial Gala, held in November each year. Recipients are expected to receive their award in person that evening. **Students may apply or be nominated for this award.**

### What's Included?

You could receive a scholarship award valued at \$1,000 (2 awarded annually)

### Eligibility

- be an Indigenous youth, preference will be given to Métis students enrolled in post-secondary training programs
- be available to attend the Delia Gray Memorial Gala held in November to accept the award and recognition
- all areas of study are eligible to apply

### How to Apply

- Applicants must include completed application form, reference letter, and a written section describing qualifications
- Applicants must provide proof of registration, as well as details of the post-secondary program and/or courses in which they are enrolled

### Submit your completed application to one the following:

- Fax: (780) 452-8946
- Email: [ktownend@metis.org](mailto:ktownend@metis.org)
- Delia Gray Building, 11738 Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton AB, T5G 0X5



Scan the QR code to  
learn more or to apply!

**Deadline to Apply:**

October 31st  
(Annually)

# MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA

## TOM GHOSTKEEPER COMMEMORATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

### FOR MÉTIS STUDENTS

Awarded on behalf of the late Tom Ghostkeeper who strongly believed in the power of community, education and learning. Tom was a proud Métis man; elder and President of the St. Albert Sturgeon County Métis Local. The Local wishes to honour Tom through these scholarships with the hope that it will help Métis students further their education. The scholarships are open to all Métis Nation of Alberta citizens who are enrolled in post-secondary programs in the area of justice studies. Award selection will be based upon involvement in the Métis community.

These scholarships will be awarded at the Métis Week Gala, held in November each year. Recipients are expected to receive their award in person that evening.

#### **What's Included?**

You could receive a scholarship award valued at \$1,000 (2 awarded annually)

#### **Eligibility**

- be a citizen of the Métis Nation of Alberta
- be available to attend the Métis Week Gala held in November to accept the award and recognition
- must be enrolled in a post-secondary educational program in the areas of justice related studies (law, corrections, policing, criminology)

#### **How to Apply**

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- Applicants must provide proof of registration, as well as details of the post-secondary program and/or courses in which they are enrolled

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# NATIONAL INDIAN BROTHERHOOD: FUTURE GENERATIONS FOUNDATION FUNDING

Deadline to Apply:  
June 2025

## FOR FIRST NATIONS STUDENTS

The FG Foundation's goal is to help First Nations and communities address the impacts of the Indian residential school system. We support initiatives like cultural preservation, education, and healing, with tailored eligibility criteria, grant limits, and timelines to meet the diverse needs of First Nations.

**Note:** This funding program is **highly competitive**, only completed application will be considered! Ensure that you read all question prompts and submit **ALL** required documents. If you need any assistance please contact Bridging Futures!

### What's Included?

You could receive funding for school (tuition and books) and living expenses.

### Eligibility

- Enrolled in a post-secondary or training institution for the upcoming academic year
- Status First Nations, must submit copy of status card
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Be a residential school survivor, or child/grandchild of a residential school survivor

### How to Apply

Visit Future Generations Foundation website to see if you qualify.

Apply by clicking "**Individual Applications**," it will prompt you to create an account. All of your application progress will be saved after your account is created.

<https://www.fgfoundation.ca/granting/how-to-apply>



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**Deadline to Apply:**

July 2025

# **NATIVE WOMENS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

## **HELENA BASSETT COMMEMORATIVE STUDENT AWARD**

**FOR INDIGENOUS WOMEN, TWO-SPIRIT AND GENDER DIVERSE  
PEOPLES**

The awards are made possible through generous donation by Helen Bassett, an Ontario artist and passionate advocate for the advancement of Indigenous women, as well as fair solutions to Indigenous land claim issues. She directed open letters to Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and his cabinet in 1980 and again in 1983, proposing a tax be levied on all land transactions in Canada, with a royalty paid to Indigenous Peoples. She outlined her ideas in Native Rights. In her selflessness, she specified NWAC as one of the beneficiaries of her estate. This has helped to sustain our post-secondary student awards program to this day.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- Be currently pursuing post-secondary studies (priority is given to students who are studying law or are in a law-related field).
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be an Indigenous woman, gender-diverse, or Two-Spirit person under 31 years old.
- Demonstrate a commitment to improving the situation of Indigenous women and youth in Canada politically, culturally, economically, or otherwise.

### **How to Apply**

Application form: <https://nwac.ca/scholarships-bursaries>

- Find and complete the application form
- Ensure all required documentation are included
- Email supporting documents to: [scholarships@nwac.ca](mailto:scholarships@nwac.ca)

OR Fax application form and all supporting documents to our secured fax 1-613-688-2936



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Please select only one of the methods of  
submitting your application.



# NATIVE WOMENS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

## MICHAEL MELANCON-KOFFEND COMMEMORATIVE STUDENT AWARD

Deadline to Apply:  
July 2025

FOR INDIGENOUS WOMEN, TWO-SPIRIT AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLES

In 2020, the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) received a generous donation from Marie Melancon-Ifram. In her selflessness, she specified NWAC as one of the beneficiaries of her estate, with direction that the donation be used to provide bursaries. Bursaries named in her late son's name, Michael Melancon-Koffend, will enable Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, and gender-diverse post-secondary students to pursue their educational goals.

### What's Included?

Scholarship valued at \$1,000

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be pursuing post-secondary studies.
- Award is intended for Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, and gender-diverse people.
- Open to all age groups.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need.
- Priority given to students committed to improving situations of Indigenous women and gender-diverse people in Canada politically, culturally, economically, or otherwise.

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**Deadline to Apply:**  
July 2025

# **NATIVE WOMENS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA NELLIE MAKOKIS CARLSON COMMEMORATIVE STUDENT AWARD**

FOR INDIGENOUS WOMEN, TWO-SPIRIT AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLES

The Nellie Makokis Carlson Commemorative Student Award honours Indigenous activist, Nellie Makois Carlson, and all she has done for Indigenous rights. We celebrate her memory by awarding three hard-working mothers and/or primary caregivers working toward making a better future for their children.

## **What's Included?**

Scholarship valued at \$1,000

## **Eligibility**

- Applicants must be pursuing post-secondary studies
- Award is intended for Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, and gender-diverse people, who are single parents.
- Open to all age groups.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

## **How to Apply**

Apply online - <https://nwac.ca/scholarships-bursaries>

- Find and complete the application form
- Ensure all required documentation is included

Email: Preferred method for application submission.  
Documentation can be scanned as PDF OR mailed.  
Email to: [scholarships@nwac.ca](mailto:scholarships@nwac.ca)

Fax: All documents, application, and supporting documents can be scanned and sent to our secured fax 1-613-688-2936



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# ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

## FUTURE LAUNCH SCHOLARSHIP

### FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Applications  
Accepted  
Year-Round

Are you an Indigenous youth in Canada looking to pursue post-secondary education? The RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Indigenous Youth could help you achieve your post-secondary goals.

The RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Indigenous Youth will award 20 scholarships annually valued up to \$10,000 each per year (up to 4 years) to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students across Canada demonstrating strong academic performance and community involvement.

#### Eligibility

- Students who are Status Indian\*, Non-Status Indian, Inuit, or Métis
- You are a permanent resident or citizen of Canada
- You have applied or are currently attending an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada
- You maintain a full course load that leads to a recognized degree, certificate, or diploma
- You have shown strong potential to successfully complete the post-secondary program
- You are not an RBC employee or a dependent of an RBC employee.
- You are between the ages of 15-29 at the time of application
- Your program is a minimum of one year in duration

*\*Indian as defined in Section 2(1) of the Indian Act*

#### How to Apply

Apply online through RBC's Future Launch Scholarships page - applicants must register through this portal to apply.

Please visit the website for further information on how to apply:

<https://www.rbc.com/en/future-launch/resource-type/scholarships-awards/indigenous-scholarship/>



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Application portal  
opens on:  
May 15th, 2025

# RUPERTSLAND INSTITUTE

## SPONSORSHIP FUNDING

### FOR MÉTIS STUDENTS

Rupertsland Institute (RLI) provides post-secondary financial aid to Métis students to reduce the overall cost of education and the financial burden it can have. RLI seeks to increase the number of Métis students who successfully complete post-secondary studies and to bring parity between Métis post-secondary participation to that of other Albertans. MNA citizens will be a priority in accessing funding. PSE funding will be available to eligible applicants on a first come, first serve basis with priority given to existing RLI clients. Funding is limited.

#### Eligibility

- Must be a member of the Rupertsland Métis Students Association.
- Must show proof of Métis citizenship by submitting a current Métis Nation of Alberta citizenship card.
- Must be enrolled in a recognized post-secondary program in Canada
- Must work with an RLI Student Advisor to determine the level of support from Métis Students Services (if applicable) and commit to a Student Action Plan.
- Must sign a disclosure citing all sources of funding that the student is receiving or applying to receive including any financial support from another Métis National Council member (Métis Nation British Columbia, Métis Nation Saskatchewan, and Métis Nation of Ontario), the Manitoba Métis Federation, or Alberta Métis Settlements.

#### How to Apply

- Visit the application webpage <https://rlioas.ca>
- Create your Rupertsland Institute student profile by using a valid email address and password; validate your email address.
- Follow the application instructions, read, and check all the boxes and enter all required information and attach the mandatory documentation.

**Note: The application site may close without notice due to high volumes of applicants!**



**Scan the QR code to learn more or to apply!**

# TC ENERGY INDIGENOUS LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Application  
portal opens  
January 2026

## FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

TC Energy is proud to help build strong communities, develop the next generation of community leaders and provide a skilled workforce for our industry.

The Indigenous Legacy Scholarship is in support of Indigenous students (First Nation, Métis, Inuit, or Non-Status) pursuing any full-time, post-secondary program at a registered education institute.

### What's Included?

You could receive a scholarship valued at up to \$5,000

### Eligibility

- Enrolled in a post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year
- A citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- Located in a community near TC Energy's operations or projects
- Would benefit from supplementary education funding
- be an Indigenous person (Status-First Nation, Non-Status First Nation, Inuit, and Métis)

### How to Apply

Visit TC Energy's Scholarship Page to take the pre-qualification form to see if you qualify and can apply.

Please visit the website for further information on how to register and apply:

<https://www.tcenergy.com/community-giving/scholarships/Canada-En/>



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learn more or to apply!

**Deadline to Apply:**  
October  
2025

# TD CANADA TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

## FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Together with AFOA Canada, a not-for-profit led by Indigenous Peoples, we've worked to build a scholarship for Indigenous Peoples. Through it, 25 scholarships are available to be awarded annually, worth up to \$60K over 4 years. Students from the Indigenous community face unique challenges and systemic barriers that can make getting a post-secondary education difficult. So, we worked closely with AFOA Canada to build a scholarship program that helps meet the unique needs of students from the Indigenous community. These scholarships are available Canada wide.

### What's Included?

- \$10,000 towards tuition each year for a maximum of 4 years (if tuition is less than \$10,000 the balance can be applied towards living expenses).
- \$5000 towards living expenses each year for a maximum of 4 years
- Employment opportunities at TD. Summer employment between years of study and full-time upon graduation.

### Eligibility

- Open to First Nations, Metis and Inuit who are members / citizen of a First Nation, Metis or Inuit community who:
- have applied for, enrolled in, or accepted to a full-time minimum 2-year program with an approved post-secondary institution for the next year of study; or
- Employees of TD and its subsidiaries and their children are not eligible for these scholarships
- For full details, please review the Terms & Conditions



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learn more or to apply!**

### How to Apply

Apply online through the AFOA Canada portal: <https://afoa.ca/td/>

Please visit the website for further information on how to apply:  
<https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/student-advice/indigenous-student-scholarships-grants-and-bursaries>



# OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES



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## **Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada website**

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1351687337141/1351687403171>

## **Aboriginal Futures**

<https://aboriginalfutures.com/scholarships-bursaries/>

## **Aboriginal Learning Link**

<http://www.aboriginallearning.ca/resources/1/1/2>

## **Alberta Learning Information Service (ALIS) website**

<http://alis.alberta.ca/ps/ep/pps/lc/plan/as/funding.html>

## **Alberta Student Aid**

<https://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/?c=indigenous>

## **Athabasca University**

<https://www.athabascau.ca/indigenous/resources/awards/awards-bursaries-scholarships.html>

## **Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards**

[www.bbma.ca](http://www.bbma.ca)

## **Government of Northwest Territories - Scholarships and Bursaries**

<https://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/en/services/student-financial-assistance/scholarships-and-bursaries>

## **Government of Nunavut**

<https://www.gov.nu.ca/en/education-and-schools/student-funding>

## **Indspire Scholarships & Bursaries**

<https://indspire.ca/apply>

## **Indspire Building Brighter Futures Booklet**

<https://indspire.ca/programs/building-brighter-futures/buildingbrighter-futures-booklet/>



### **Indigenous Bursaries Search Tool**

<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1351185180120/1351685455328>

### **Kivalliq Region Scholarships**

<https://www.kivalliqinuit.ca/scholarships/>

### **MacEwan University Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

<https://www.macewan.ca/apply-enrol/fees-finances/scholarships-awards-bursaries/>

### **NAIT Aboriginal Awards**

<http://wwwapps.nait.ca/Scholarship2013/Public/Category>

### **Northern Development Council**

<http://www.benorth.ca/FNMI-bursary.asp>

### **Scholarships Canada**

<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

### **University of Alberta Indigenous Student Services Scholarship & Bursary Guide**

<https://www.ualberta.ca/en/registrar/scholarships-awards-financial-support/undergraduate-awards/indigenous-awards.html>

### **Windspeaker Aboriginal Scholarship Guide**

<http://www.ammsa.com/community-access/scholarships/>

### **yconic.**

<https://yconic.com/>



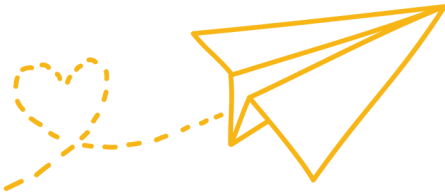
Most post-secondary institutions have their own bursaries and awards portal that you can apply to. See Bridging Futures for more information on how to access the portal and how to apply.















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