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STUDENT FUNDING INFORMATION

The information in this guide will assist you in navigating sponsorship opportunities, grants, awards and other financial support available for Indigenous students. Some funding is specific to students of either Status First Nation, Non-Status First Nation, Métis or Inuit backgrounds. Even if you are not eligible to access specific funding, you will find funding options that are available to all students.

Status First Nations students

Band funding

Status (or Treaty) First Nations students may be eligible for band funding. Each First Nation Band's post-secondary office has its own application, policies, requirements and funding priority categories. There are many similarities in the application and funding process; however, they are not all the same and the demand/waiting list varies with each band. Students must contact their band for details about the application process. If you are not aware of your band's contact information, you can search the Indigenous Services Canada website:

www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada.html

1 Deadlines

Typically, First Nations bands have a deadline of June 15 for the fall semester; however, each band sets its own deadline. It is highly advised that you contact your band directly to determine the application deadline for each semester. Some bands will provide financial support based on your readiness and plans to attend a post-secondary institute, so apply early to Lethbridge College. By providing your acceptance letter with your funding application, this may help you in the selection process for your band's post-secondary funding. If you have not yet received your acceptance letter, apply for funding and then send a copy of your acceptance letter to your band as soon as possible.

Note: If you are from the Blood Tribe, you will be required to apply for three to five scholarships, so apply as soon as you can to ensure your application will be complete when submitted.

2. Minimum GPA policy

Many bands have adopted a minimum GPA policy for continued funding from term to term. Local band GPA policies vary from 1.6 to 2.0 out of 4.0. Some bands will allow one semester with a GPA below their requirement and enforce a probationary period while others may suspend funding immediately. All students will need to ensure that they understand any such minimum GPA policies to be aware of the risk of losing funding. For some status First Nations students, the suspension of funding can mean no band funding for several years.

3. Submission of documentation

Most bands will also have a requirement for a transcript and/or registration confirmation after each semester. All students can access an unofficial copy of their grades and their schedules, or they can request an official transcript on MyHorizon under the Web Advisor tab in Student Information. You will not be able to access this information if there is a financial hold on your account. Clearing up any bills with Lethbridge College will ensure that you avoid a financial hold and have full access to grades, schedules and transcripts. Submit all proper documentation to your band to make sure no living allowance payments are put on hold. Typically, a financial hold will stem from unpaid bills with Lethbridge College (and could include Day Care or Residence fees).

4. Direct deposit

Be sure to ask your band if direct deposit is available. This makes receiving your monthly allowance much easier.

5. Priority

Each band has priorities that determine which individuals will be considered for funding first. Due to the high demand for funding, these priorities play a significant role in determining whether a student will be funded. Typically, first priority is given to those students graduating from high school and those who are considered continuing students. Local bands have reported that limited budgets have not allowed them to fund students who are not first priority; however, this varies year to year depending on the number of applications received.

Freehorse Family Wellness Society

Freehorse Family Wellness Society, located in Edmonton, through its Post-Secondary Funding Program, assists students from various Alberta First Nations whose status is a result of Bill C-31. Alberta residents from Nunavut and the Northwest Territories with Indian Treaty Status or Inuit Status are also eligible under their program. For eligibility criteria, please see the society's post-secondary handbook at **freehorse.org/handbook**.

Métis students

Metis Training to Employment Services (Rupertsland Institute)

In Alberta, Métis students can access funding for one year, typically their final year, from Métis Employment Services, Rupertsland Institute. However, there may be the possibility that students can access funding for the full two years of a diploma program. Visit www.rupertsland.org/post-secondary-funding for more information on this funding opportunity. Métis students who are residents of other provinces should check with their Métis Nation office for information about other funding opportunities. See Appendix A for contact information.

Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards Fund

The Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards Fund was established by the Edmonton Community Foundation in 2001 by the directors of the Canative Housing Corporation, Orval Belcourt, Herb Belcourt and Georges Brosseau, to help Métis Albertans realize self-sufficiency through post-secondary education and skills development.

Since 2002, the awards have provided more than \$4 million related to over 900 awards to more than 600 Métis Albertans studying at institutions across Alberta and beyond, making it the largest non-governmental source of student funding for Métis students in Canada.

Applicants must:

- be Métis
- demonstrate financial need
- intend to pursue a qualified program

Inuit students

Post-Secondary Student Support Program

Inuit students who have been residing outside of the Northwest Territories or Nunavut for 12 consecutive months can be eligible for funding through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program. Inuit students residing in these territories are eligible for funding support from their respective territorial governments.

Eligible Inuit students seeking more information on how to apply for available funding for postsecondary education should contact the designated organizations or the INAC regional office in the province where they have resided for the past 12 consecutive months. The designated organizations can be found at www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-northern-affairs.html#a1.

All Indigenous students

Student loans

If funding through the options listed prior are not available to you, whether based on low application priority or other reasons, then other options can be considered, such as student loans. Student loans must be repaid. If you have no other options, government student loans are preferred over bank loans. Sometimes, depending on your circumstance, applying for a student loan may be necessary to ensure that you have a backup plan in case your band funding application is not successful. If your band funding is approved, you have the option of cancelling your student loan or filling out a Change of Circumstance form to be reassessed for the appropriate amount. If you have any questions, please contact Financial Aid and Awards in-person or at awards@lethbridgecollege.ca.

1. Online applications

Online applications are quicker than paper submissions and can be completed at **studentaid.alberta.ca** for residents of Alberta. See Appendix B for residents of other provinces. If you fund your education for the first term or year (depending on your band and demonstrated success), you may move up the priority list as you would then have continuing student status and may be eligible for band funding in future semesters.

2. Part-time studies

If you are planning to attend part-time, there are part-time student loans/bursaries available. Depending on your band and your demonstrated success, even part-time studies can move you up the priority list. A paper application is available for part-time student loans/bursaries; the application is available at the Financial Aid and Awards Office. Please note that defaulted past student loans, bad credit and high levels of household income will decrease your likelihood of being approved for a student loan.

Student line of credit

If you are not eligible for band funding, alternate funding or a student loan, a student line of credit from a bank may be a last resort. These types of loans are less flexible and should be your last and final option.

Scholarships, bursaries and awards

All Indigenous students are encouraged to access scholarships, bursaries and awards to improve their financial state. Please view all Lethbridge College awards at

lethbridgecollege.ca/awards. The gives information about Lethbridge College Indigenous-specific awards, as well as external awards available nationally to Indigenous students.

Lethbridge College students will receive over \$1 million in scholarships and awards annually. With just one online application, you can apply for all of the awards and scholarships that you qualify for at Lethbridge College.

Application Deadline:

Continuing and Graduating Students: May 1 Entrance Students: July 15

For current Lethbridge College Indigenous students, a list of both internal and external Indigenousspecific scholarships, bursaries, awards and tips is available in the next section of this guide.

Funding For Apprenticeship Training

Although apprenticeship training cannot be funded by the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (Band Funding) there are numerous options to consider.

Student Loans

Alberta residents who are apprentices are now eligible to apply for Alberta student loans. Please review the previous section entitled, "Student Loans" to learn more about the process and how to apply.

Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET) Program

Some agencies both on- and off-reserve provide funding for apprenticeship training through the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET) Program. Typically, an Indigenous Employment Services office will distribute this funding. To determine the availability of funding and criteria for apprenticeship programs, you must contact an Indigenous Employment Services office near you.

Community Futures Treaty 7 is a regional organization that provides ISET funding. For more information on eligibility, the application process or an Indigenous Employment Services office near you call 403-238-6116 or go to **t7edc.com**.

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training provides a number of options for financial assistance for registered Alberta apprentices. For more information, please visit **tradesecrets.alberta.ca**.

Employment Insurance (EI)

The Government of Canada provides income support to eligible apprentices during periods of technical training through the Employment Insurance (EI) system. Apprentices should consult directly with Service Canada at servicecanada.gc.ca. To be considered for EI benefits while attending technical training, apply at the website above as soon as you stop working. If you have applied for or are receiving EI benefits prior to training, you must complete another application indicating your technical training information.

Apprentices can call 1-800-206-7218 (in Alberta) or visit Service Canada's website for additional resources at **servicecanada.gc.ca/ENG/SC/EI/INDEX.SHTML**.

Alberta Income Support

Sometimes El benefits are not enough to meet an apprentice's costs while in technical training or the apprentice may not have worked enough hours to be eligible for benefits.

Financial assistance from Alberta Human Services may be available to registered apprentices attending full-time technical training as part of their apprenticeship program, or if eligible, those who are taking advantage of available El benefits and demonstrate financial need.

To be considered for financial assistance, an apprentice must submit an application to the Learner Income Support office. If the application is approved, the apprentice will receive financial assistance in the form of a grant. A grant does not have to be repaid. However, like El benefits, grants are taxable. The amount of financial assistance is based on the apprentice's demonstrated need and is used to cover tuition, books and living expenses incurred while attending the technical training portion of the apprenticeship program.

The Income Support Application for Apprentices is available at https://humanservices.alberta.ca/financial-support/3192.html, an Alberta Apprenticeship and Training Office or Lethbridge College Financial Aid and Awards Office.

Grants and scholarships

The Government of Canada also offers tax measures and grants to assist those involved in apprenticeship training, including the Apprenticeship Incentive Grant, Apprenticeship Completion Grant, Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit, and Tradesperson's Tools Deduction. Apprentices can also apply for scholarships through a variety of sources including government, post-secondary institutions, private industry and service organizations. For more information, please visit tradesecrets.alberta.ca.

Funding for One-Year Certificate Programs

One-year certificate programs may be paid for with student loans (please visit the Student Loan section of this guide to learn more). However, to avoid debt, grant funding through Alberta Works or Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) is recommended to be your first choice.

Alberta Works Funding

Alberta Works will fund on-campus delivery programs only. Eligibility includes:

- must have established Alberta residency at the time of application to the college
- must demonstrate a need for training or retraining
- must have been out of the regular K 12 school system for at least one year

The amount of money you have in the bank or the income of your family can also affect eligibility. Learners who have been funded before for programs cannot reapply for funding until four years have passed. It is important to start the funding process four to five months before your desired start date.

Please contact our Financial Aid and Awards Office at <u>awards@lethbridgecollege.ca</u> (please enter "Alberta Works" in your email subject line) or 403-320-3372 or 1-800-572-0103 ext. 3372.

Funding for upgrading

Student loans or band funding does not cover upgrading.

Alberta Works Funding

Grant funding for Upgrading is available through Alberta Works funding. To be eligible, you must have established Alberta residency at the time of application to the college, you must demonstrate a need for training or retraining and you must have been out of the regular K – 12 school system for at least one year. The amount of money you have in the bank or the income of your family can also affect eligibility. Learners who have been funded before for programs cannot reapply for funding until four years have passed. It is important to start the funding process four to five months before your desired start date.

Please contact our Financial Aid and Awards Office at <u>awards@lethbridgecollege.ca</u> (please enter "Alberta Works" in your email subject line) or 403-320-3372 or 1-800-572-0103 ext. 3372.

University College Entrance Preparation (UCEP) Program

This program is intended to provide financial assistance to Status First Nations students enrolled in university or college entrance programs, including upgrading, to help them achieve the academic level required to enter degree or diploma programs.

Students must be Registered Status First Nations (residing on or off-reserve) who have been residing in Canada for 12 consecutive months prior to the date of application for funding. Students are required to obtain a statement from the post-secondary institution offering the program which confirms that the UCEP program will provide the student with the necessary courses to attain the academic level for university or college entrance and the student will be eligible to be accepted as a student of a regular university or college credit program upon successful completion of the UCEP course of studies.

Administration of the program is done through the band or designated band organization that determines the funding and selection criteria in accordance with national guidelines. Status students who want to pursue post-secondary studies and access available funding programs should contact their local band office.

LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE AWARDS

The application deadline for Lethbridge College scholarships and awards for continuing students is May 1, and for new students is July 1. One application form puts your name in the running for all Lethbridge College awards that you are eligible for. Please go to lethbridgecollege.ca/awards to apply. Below is a list of LethbridgeCollege's Indiagnoss-specific awards that are available.

Béchard Family Siksikaitsitapi Community Award

Web address: lethbridgecollege.ca/awards
Amount: \$1,000; one award available
Program(s): Open to all programs

Deadline: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to a continuing post-secondary student who is a member of the

Blackfoot Nation (Kainai, Piikani or Siksika Nations) who demonstrates involvement in a community initiative either in Lethbridge or in the student's home community. Good academic standing is also required. Applicants will provide an essay on the online application and have a reference send a letter attesting to the student's involvement. The successful applicant will be invited to meet with a Blackfoot elder and the award donor through the year for mentoring/sharing. The recipient will be encouraged to make a presentation to peers on the initiative in which she/he was involved.

Dr. Bill Harrison Memorial Entrance Scholarship

Web address: lethbridgecollege.ca/awards
Amount: \$500; two awards available
Program(s): Open to all programs

Deadline: July 1

Criteria: Awarded to an Indigenous student who has completed academic upgrading

at the college and who is now entering (full-time) a post-secondary program

at Lethbridge College. Financial need must be demonstrated.

Enel Wind Turbine Technician Indigenous Award

Web address: lethbridgecollege.ca/awards
Amount: \$1500; two awards available
Program(s): Wind Turbine Technician

Deadline: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to a student from the Piikani Nation graduating from Wind Turbine Technician program with the highest grade s one in the previous December

and one from May. If there are no students from the Pilkanii Nation, preference will be given to a student of Indigenous descent. If there are no candidates for this award, it will be paused and an award will instead go to the grads from December and April who have the 2nd highest grades.

ENMAX Award

Web address: left-bridgecollege.ca/awards
Amount: \$1500; one award available

Program(s): Open to all programs

Deadline: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to an entrance student in any diploma or degree program,

Electrical apprenticeship program or the Wind Turbine Technician program who demonstrates financial need. Preference will be given to students from

Treaty 7 Nations.

Kainai Chieftainship Academic Achievement Scholarship

Web address: lethbridgecollege.ca/awards Amount: \$1,000; one award available Program(s): Open to all programs

Deadline: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to a Treaty 7, Blood Tribe student continuing as a full-time student

in any post-secondary credit program at Lethbridge College who has attained the highest GPA of those who applied for awards. Preference will be given to those students not already in receipt of funding from the Kainai Nation at the

time of application.

Kainai Chieftainship Award

Web address: lethbridgecollege.ca/awards Amount: \$1,000; one award available **Program(s):** Open to all programs

Deadline: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to a full-time credit-program student at Lethbridge College who

is a Treaty 7, Blood Tribe member and who demonstrates financial need and academic achievement (minimum GPA of 2.5). Preference will be given to

students not funded by Kainai Nation.

The Ken and Lorna Bateman Family Indigenous Award

Web address: lethbridgecollege.ca/awards Amount: \$2,000; two awards available

Program(s): Open to all programs

Deadline: July 1

Criteria: Awarded to an Indigenous student entering a post-secondary program at

Lethbridge College. Selection will be based on the demonstration of financial need in combination with academic achievement. Must be a full-time student.

KPMG Business Administration Indigenous Scholarship Award

Web address: lethbridgecollege.ca/awards Amount: \$500: one award available Program(s): Business Administration

Deadline: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to an Indigenous student who is continuing full-time in the Business

Administration program, Accounting major, for academic excellence.

Muttart/Donner Foundation Award

Web address: lethbridgecollege.ca/awards Amount: \$250; one award available Program(s): Most programs, please see website

Deadline: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to an Indigenous student continuing in a Lethbridge College post-

secondary program on a full-time basis for high academic achievement in the

previous year.

Rita Simons Memorial Indigenous Award

Web address: lethbridgecollege.ca/awards Amount: \$2,500; one award available Program(s): Open to all programs

Deadline: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to a continuing Indigenous post-secondary student who has

demonstrated academic achievement and active community involvement.

Robert C. Carson Memorial Scholarship

Web address: lethbridgecollege.ca/awards
Amount: \$500; one award available
Program(s): Correctional studies

Deadline: May 1

Criteria: Nominees must be Alberta residents and full-time students enrolled in the

second year of either Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice. Recipients are nominated by the educational institutions they attend. Preference will be given to non-sponsored Indigenous students. This award is provided by the Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security and will be mailed from them directly to

the student some months after notification.

Stantec Indigenous Civil Engineering Technology Award

Web address: left-bridgecollege.ca/awards
Amount: \$2,000; one award available
Program(s): Civil Engineering Technology

Deadline: July 1

Criteria: Awarded to an Indigenous student graduating from the Civil Engineering

Technology program who demonstrates financial need.

Viterra Ag Business Indigenous Entrance Scholarship

Web address: <u>lethbridgecollege.ca/awards</u> **Amount:** \$1,500; one award available

Program(s): Ag Business

Deadline: July 1

Criteria: Awarded to an Indigenous student entering the Ag Business diploma on a full-

time basis. Recipient will be chosen based on a combination of both academic

achievement and financial need.

Viterra Indigenous Business Administration Diploma Scholarship

Web address: left-bridgecollege.ca/awards
Amount: \$1,250; two awards available
Program(s): Business Administration

Deadline: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to the (continuing) Indigenous awards applicant who has the

highest academic achievement following the completion of the first year of

Business Administration.

Viterra Electrician Year 2 Apprenticeship Scholarship

Web address: lethbridgecollege.ca/awards
Amount: \$1,500; two awards available
Program(s): Electrician Apprentice

Deadline: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to a continuing Indigenous electrical apprentice for high academic

achievement and the demonstration of a collaborative attitude in class

during first year.

EXTERNAL AWARDS

Below is a list of **external awards availble for Indigenous students**. The application deadline for these awards vary and can be found below.

SEPTEMBER DEADLINES

BluEarth Renewables Scholarship Program

Web address: <u>bluearthrenewables.com/our-responsibility/scholarships</u>

Amount: \$3,000

Program(s): Post-secondary
Deadline: Sept. 15

Criteria: Member of an Aboriginal community (band or settlement), including First

Nations, Metis and Inuit; resident of Canada; pursuing full-time studies at an accredited Canadian trades or technical school, college or university. Preference given to applicants attending post-secondary studies that will

prepare them for employment in the clean energy sector.

TransAlta Aboriginal Bursary Program

Web address: indspirefunding.ca/transalta

Amount: \$3,000 (Seven bursaries available for full-time students attending college

or university); \$1,000 (up to three bursaries for full-time students attending

trades programs).

Program(s): College, university and trades programs

Deadline: Sept. 15 annually. Should this date fall on a weekend, applications will

be accepted until the close of business on the Monday immediately

following the deadline.

Criteria: Full-time Aboriginal students who are enrolled in college, university

or trades programs.

OCTOBER DEADLINES:

Prairie Equity Scholarship - Jim Pattison Broadcast Group

Web address: country95.fm/prairie-equity-scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

Program(s): Broadcast program

Deadline: Oct. 8

Criteria: Resident of Alberta; attending or planning to attend, on a full-time basis, a

post-secondary institution in Alberta in a recognized broadcast program; signature of head of institution's Broadcast Department or of high school counsellor or principal certifying that the applicant meets the eligibility

requirements will be required before payment is finalized.

Imperial Oil - Women in Wage Education Awards Program

Web address: www.imperialoil.ca/-/media/Imperial/Files/Women-in-Wage-Scholarship.pdf

Amount: \$1,000

Program(s): An approved program is defined as a full-time post-secondary course that

leads to a career in the petroleum industry. Not trades

Deadline: Oct. 15

Criteria: Registered First Nations, Métis or Inuit, who are residents of Alberta; provide

proof of high school or GED completion and entering first year of post-secondary.

Indigenous Career Award

Web address: studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/indigenous-careers-award

Amount: \$2,000 per semester (up to \$4,000)

Program(s): To encourage Indigenous Albertans (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) to pursue

and complete post-secondary studies in certificate, diploma, applied degree and bachelor's degree programs leading to high-demand career outcomes in

Alberta.

Deadline: Deadlines vary (*Students must contact their schools to verify deadline dates.)

Criteria: Must attend a public post-secondary school or First Nations college in Alberta

and be enrolled in a high-demand career program; programs may vary according to program requirements at your school. Schools may also establish

additional eligibility criteria.

NOVEMBER DEADLINES:

Cenovus Aboriginal Scholarship

Web address: cenovus.com/careers/aboriginal-scholarship.html
Amount: \$3,500

Program(s): Post-secondary and Trades

Deadline: Nov. 1

Criteria: Aboriginal residing in Alberta enrolled in a full-time program which leads to a

recognized degree, diploma or certified trade.

Indspire - Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards (Post-Secondary Education)

Web address: indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships

Amount: Variable to current awards **Program(s):** Post-secondary programs

Deadline: Nov. 1

Criteria: Proof of First Nations, Métis or Inuit status; Building Brighter Futures:

Bursaries and Scholarship Awards application form fully complete and signed;

letter of introduction; marks from your most recent academic year.

Indspire - Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards (Apprenticeships, Skilled Trades and Technology)

Web address: indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships

Amount: Variable to current awards

Program(s): Studies in trades

Deadline: Nov. 1

Criteria: Proof of First Nations, Métis or Inuit status; Building Brighter Futures:

Bursaries and Scholarship Awards application form fully complete and signed; letter of introduction; marks from your most recent academic year; employer recommendation form (apprenticeship) or letter of recommendation form

(general); and current resume.

Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Scholarship for Indigenous Peoples

Web address: thecanadian press.com/about/careers/gil-purcell-memorial-journalism-scholarship

Amount: \$4,000

Program(s): Journalism program or actively involved with a news organization associated

with the institution.

Deadline: Nov. 1

Criteria: To be awarded to an Indigenous Peoples (status or non-status Indian, Métis or

Inuit) who is enrolled at a Canadian university or college.

Arthur Paulin Automotive Aftermarket Scholarship Award

Web address: aiacanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Scholarships_bilingual.pdf

Amount: \$700 Program(s): Automotive Deadline: Nov. 30

Criteria: Aboriginal Canadian who is enrolled at a Canadian university.

Aboriginal Multi Media Society (AMMSA)

- Joe P. Cardinal Bursary/Internship Award

Web Address: cfweradio.ca/info/joe-p-cardinal-bursary
Amount: \$4,000 with additional \$1,000 if participant in AMMA internship. Program(s): Multimedia Program or Equivalent Certified Training Program

Deadline: Nov. 30

Criteria: First Nations, Métis or Inuit with permanent Canadian resident status

in Alberta; enrolled in the second year (or beyond). Please see site for

more information.

JANUARY DEADLINES:

Alberta Blue Cross 50th Anniversary Scholarship

Web address: https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/aboutus/aboriginal-scholarships.php

Amount: Varies; up to \$1,500 (three awards available)

Program(s): Open to all programs

Deadline: Opens Sept. 1, 2021 and closes Jan. 15, 2022.

Criteria: Registered First Nations, Métis or Inuit; residents of Alberta; completed final

year of high school and entering first year of post-secondary.

FFBRUARY DFADLINES:

Cenovus Aboriginal Scholarship

Web address: cenovus.com/careers/aboriginal-scholarship.html

Amount: \$3,500

Program(s): Post-secondary and Trades

Deadline: Feb. 1

Criteria: Aboriginal residing in Alberta enrolled in a full-time program which leads to a

recognized degree, diploma or certified trade.

Alberta Indian Investment Corporation

(AIIC) - Senator James Gladstone Memorial Scholarship Award

Web address: www.cappex.com/scholarships/senator-james-gladstone-memorial-scholarship

Amount: \$750

Program(s): Business, Finance or Economics

Deadline: Feb. 15

Criteria: Treaty Indian and resident of Alberta; enrolled full-time in a college or

technical school.

Alberta Indian Investment Corporation (AIIC) - Sam Bull Memorial Scholarship

Web address: aiicbusiness.org/scholarships

Amount: \$1,000

Program(s): Law and/or political science

Deadline: Feb. 15

Criteria: Must be a First Nations person who is a resident of Alberta, and currently

taking undergraduate or graduate studies. Must also be enrolled full-time in a

post-secondary institution.

Alex Tutschek FCPA, FCA Award for Indigenous Student Post-Secondary Achievement

Web address: cpaalberta.ca/Foundation/Support-Programs-and-Scholarships/

Scholarships/Indigenous-Scholarships

Program(s): Business programs

Amount: \$1,500 Deadline: Feb. 28

Criteria: Applicants must be an Aboriginal person (First Nations, Metis or Inuit) and a

resident of Alberta with satisfactory academic standing.

Alex Tutschek FCPA, FCA Award for Mature Indigenous Students

Web address: cpaalberta.ca/Foundation/Support-Programs-and-Scholarships/

Scholarships/Indigenous-Scholarships

Amount: \$1,500

Program(s): Business programs

Deadline: Feb. 28

Criteria: Applicants must be an Aboriginal person (First Nations, Metis or Inuit) at least

21 years of age as of Feb. 28, 2021 who are returning after a miniumum threeyear absence from the educational sector; must be a resident of Alberta.

Indigenous Career Award

Web address: studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/alberta-scholarships/?SK=5007

Amount: \$2,000 per semester (up to \$4,000)

Program(s): To encourage Indigenous Albertans (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) to pursue

and complete post-secondary studies in certificate, diploma, applied degree and bachelor's degree programs leading to high-demand career outcomes in

Alberta.

Deadline: Deadlines vary (*Students must contact their schools to verify deadline dates.)

Criteria: Must attend a public post-secondary school or First Nations college in Alberta

and be enrolled in a high-demand career program; programs may vary

according to program requirements at your school. Schools may also establish

additional eligibility criteria.

Indspire - Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards (Post-Secondary Education)

Web address: indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships

Amount: Variable to current awards **Program(s):** Post-secondary programs

Deadline: Feb. 1

Criteria: Proof of First Nations, Métis or Inuit status; Building Brighter Futures:

Bursaries and Scholarship Awards application form fully complete and signed;

letter of introduction; marks from your most recent academic year.

Indspire - Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards (Apprenticeships, Skilled Trades and Technology)

Web Address: indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships

Amount: Variable to current awards

Program(s): Studies in trades

Deadline: Feb. 1

Criteria: Proof of First Nations, Métis or Inuit status; Building Brighter Futures:

Bursaries and Scholarship Awards application form fully complete and signed; letter of introduction; marks from your most recent academic year; employer recommendation form (apprenticeship) or letter of recommendation form

(general); and current resume.

MARCH DEADLINES:

Alberta Foundation for the Arts - Film and Video Arts Scholarship

Web Address: <u>affta.ab.ca/Grants/Awards-and-Scholarships</u>

Amount: \$5,000
Program(s): Film and Video

Deadline: March 1

Criteria: Under 25-year-old Albertan film and video artist; eligible film and video arts submissions that will be accepted for assessment of artistic merit include, but are not limited to, narrative shorts, experimental shorts, video essays.

but are not limited to, narrative shorts, experimental shorts, video essays, documentary and animation, as well as screenplays in any one of these forms.

Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards

Web address: ecf.getopenfield.com/belcourt-brosseau-metis-awards

Amount: \$1,000 - \$10,000

Program(s): Open to all programs

Deadline: March 31

Criteria: Applicants must be Métis and pursue a qualified program; must be a resident

of Alberta.

Our Story - Canadian Aboriginal Writing Challenge

Web address: our-story.ca/quidelines

Amount: \$100 - \$2,000
Program(s): Open to all programs

Deadline: March 31

Criteria: Canadians of Aboriginal ancestry who are between the ages of 11 and 29.

APRIL DEADLINES:

Apeetogosan Métis Development Inc.

- The Rebecca Kelln Métis Bursary Fund

Web Address: apeetogosan.com/bursary

Amount: \$1,000

Program(s): Open to all programs

Deadline: April 30

Criteria: Applicants must provide evidence they are Métis, have financial need, have

been a resident of Alberta for at least three years prior to applying and demonstrate an investment in, and a commitment to, a community in Alberta.

Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC)

Web Address: nadc.ca/our-bursaries

Amount: \$6,000

Program(s): Bursaries in a wide range of programs including education, technical

programs, health, business and social services.

Deadline: April 30

Criteria: You may receive a NADC Bursary if you have been a resident of Alberta for 12

consecutive months before the start of your program, are enrolled full-time in a post-secondary program, are within two years of completing your post-secondary program and are not in default of a provincial student loan.

MAY DEADLINES:

Aboriginal Students Award

Web Address: www.educationmatters.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Aboriginal-Student-

Amount: Awards.pdf \$1,000

Program(s): Open to all programs

Deadline: May 1

Criteria: Full-time Aboriginal Canadian students entering, or in first year, of a

certificate, diploma, associate or bachelor's program.

Indspire – Bursaries and Scholarship Awards (Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Pre-Law Bursary)

Web Address: indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships

Amount: A bursary award of \$1,000 and \$2,500 tuition payable to the post-secondary

institution. **Program(s):** Pre-Law

Deadline: May 15

Criteria: Non-status First Nations and Métis students only who are enrolled in a pre-law

program at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution.

Jean Goodwill Scholarship

Web Address: indigenousnurses.ca

Amount: \$2,500; two awards available.

Program(s): Nursing
Deadline: May 31

Criteria: Indigenous students enrolled in nursing, and who intend to obtain

employment in an Indigenous community.

JUNE DEADLINES:

ConocoPhillips Trade Bursary Program

Web Address: static.conocophillips.com/files/resources/conocophillipsbrochurefinalb.pdf

Amount: \$2.500

Program(s): Trades
Deadline: Applications open in January

Criteria: Open to high school graduates (18 years of age and over) who attended

schools in communities near our operations and who have been accepted into

a post-secondary trades program.

Indspire - Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards (Post-Secondary Education)

Web Address: indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/

Amount: Variable to current awards **Program(s):** Post-secondary programs

Deadline: June 1

Criteria: Proof of First Nations, Métis or Inuit status; Building Brighter Futures:

Bursaries and Scholarship Awards application form fully complete and signed;

letter of introduction; marks from your most recent academic year.

AIA and the University of the Aftermarket Foundation (UofAF) Scholarship Program

Web Address: www.aiacanada.com/career-resources/grants-and-scholarships/aia-and-theuniversity-of-the-aftermarket-foundation-uofaf-scholarship-program

Amount: \$1,000 Program(s): Automotive Deadline: June 15

Criteria: Qualified applicants must either be a graduating high school senior or have

graduated from high school within the past two years; priority will be given to

those pursuing a career in the automotive aftermarket.

JULY DEADLINES:

Alliance Pipeline Aboriginal Student Awards Program

Web Address: alliancepipeline.com/Community/AboriginalRelations/Pages/ASA.aspx

Amount: Up to \$2.000

Program(s): Preference is given to applicants whose chosen studies will prepare them for

employment in the oil and gas industry. Applicable programs include, but are not limited to: Engineering, Instrumentation, Environmental Sciences.

Geological Sciences, and Business Administration.

Deadline: July 1

Criteria: Aboriginal students enrolled in a technical school, college or university program.

Terry Fox Memorial Scholarship

Web Address: nupge.ca/content/dont-miss-your-chance-win-nupge-scholarship

Amount: \$1.500

Program(s): Open to all programs
Deadline: July 1

Criteria: All students with disabilities who plan to enter the first year of a Canadian

public post-secondary institution and who are children of members of

the NUPGE.

Tommy Douglas Scholarship

Web Address: scholarships.nupge.ca/tommy-douglas-scholarship

Amount: \$2.500

Program(s): Open to all programs
Deadline: July 5

Criteria: All children (including foster children) of National Union of Public and General

Employee members who plan to enter the first year of a Canadian public post-

secondary institution full-time.

National Union of Public and General Employees

- Scholarship for Indigenous Students

Web Address: nupge.ca/content/dont-miss-your-chance-win-nupge-scholarship

Amount: \$1.500

Program(s): Open to all programs
Deadline: July 6

Criteria: Open to all Indigenous Canadian students who plan to enter the first year of

a Canadian public post-secondary education institution full-time and who are

the child, grandchild or foster child of a NUPGE member.

Scholarship for Visible Minorities of the National Unions

Web Address: nupge.ca/content/dont-miss-your-chance-win-nupge-scholarship

Amount: \$1.500

Program(s): Open to all programs

Deadline: July 6

Criteria: Visible minority students currently enrolled, or enrolling in, a Canadian public

post-secondary institution; member or children member of National Union.

Arctic Institute of North America – Jim Bourque Scholarship

Web Address: arctic.ucalgary.ca/jim-bourque-scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Program(s): Environmental studies, telecommunications, and/or traditional knowledge Deadline: July 9

Criteria: Canadian Aboriginal students; financial need.

AUGUST DEADLINES:

Cenovus Aboriginal Scholarship

Web address: cenovus.com/careers/aboriginal-scholarship.html

Amount: \$3.500

Program(s): Post-secondary and Trades

Deadline: Aug. 1

Criteria: Aboriginal residing in Alberta enrolled in a full-time program which leads to a

recognized degree, diploma or certified trade.

NWAC Helen Basset Commemorative Student Award

Web Address: www.nwac.ca/helen-bassett-commemorative-student-award

Amount: \$1,000; 4 awards available

Program(s): Any program (priority given to those in a law or justice related field)

Deadline: Aug. 1

Criteria: Award is intended for Indigenous women. Two Spirit and gender diverse youth

under 31 years of age; demonstrate financial need; demonstrate a commitment to improving the well-being of Indigenous women. Two-Spirit and gender diverse people in Canada politically, culturally, economically or otherwise.

ATCO Indigenous Education Awards Program

Web Address: ATCO.com/IndigenousAwards

Amount: \$500 - \$1,000 Program(s): Open to all programs
Deadline: Aug. 15

Criteria: Available to a Canadian Indigenous person enrolled in an accredited post-

secondary institution or training program. Preference will be given to students

from Indigenous communities where ATCO has business interests.

Canada Post - Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards

Web Address: www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/our-company/giving-back-to-our-

communities/canada-post-awards-for-indigenous-students.page

Amount: \$1.000

Program(s): Open to all programs
Deadline: Aug. 31

Criteria: All Aboriginal Canadians who have resumed studies after a minimum of 12

months out of school and who have completed one full year, or more, of studies.

AWARD INFORMATION

For additional sources of available awards, please visit these websites:

- · alis.alberta.ca
- scholarshipscanada.com
- · aadnc-aandc.gc.ca

Definitions:

Award - a generic term for a monetary amount or a "gift-in-kind"; given in recognition of good academic standing, financial need, community involvement, a combination of these factors or any other (agreed upon) criteria as stipulated by the donor.

Scholarship - a monetary award based on academic merit or excellence in a specific area of study or discipline (athletics, study of interest, institution, leadership, volunteerism, etc.).

Bursary - a monetary grant based on financial need.

When applying remember:

Who: Who is your audience?

What: What type of award are you applying for (scholarship vs. bursary)? What are the application

criteria?

Where: Where do you mail or fax your application?

When: When is the deadline to apply?

Why: \$\$\$

How: By following these 10 steps

Tips:

10 steps to help you apply for awards:

1. Search

There are thousands of scholarships, awards, bursaries and grants available to help finance your education. Many scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement. However, don't discount yourself based on your grades; other awards are given for athletic involvement, leadership, community service, cultural involvement, area of interest, financial need and the institution you are attending.

2. Apply

You will not be awarded if you do not apply! Apply to every scholarship for which you are eligible.

3. Read and follow all instructions

Read carefully and follow all instructions. All scholarships do not have the same requirements. Ask yourself if you meet the requirements as stipulated by the application.

4. Complete the application

Complete the appropriate application form, and always keep a copy for your records, as well as a copy of any other accompanying documents.

5. Reference letters

Ask an instructor, previous employer, academic advisor or anyone who you know fairly well to support you and write you a reference letter.

6. Submit a well-composed essay that makes a definite impression

Respond to all essay questions in a typed-written form essay. The essay is your best chance to make the case for why you should receive the scholarship; it helps the scholarship provider learn about the person behind the application.

7. Submit a clean and neat application

Doing so leaves a good first impression and allows the selection committee to easily assess your application.

8. Be aware of and meet all deadlines

DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! Turn in your application before the deadline or earlier. By applying early, you will be able to create a well put together application, because you will not be rushing at the last moment.

9. Mail application to the proper address with the proper postage affixed

When you mail your application, send it by certified mail. Make sure ALL required documents are sent. Follow up with the awards sponsor to make sure your application was received.

10. Repeat

Once you complete your first scholarship application, begin the next. Remember, the key to winning scholarships is determination. Keep your marks, athletics, leadership and community involvement at an outstanding level and continue to look for awards as you progress through your studies.

Resources:

- alis.alberta.ca/explore-education-and-training/pay-for-your-education/
- debtfreescholar.com/2009/02/scholarships/
- scholarships.com/financial-aid/financial-aid-tips/10-tips-for-a-winning-scholarship-application/

How to write a scholarship/bursary letter:

Your name Address City, Province Postal code

Date

Scholarship Administrator Address City, Province Postal Code

Dear Awards Committee:

First Paragraph: This is your chance to make a great first impression. Start by introducing yourself. Clearly state your main objective for writing the letter. Mention your current school and your future plans, and how they relate to the award.

Second Paragraph: This is where you highlight your achievements, interests or activities that make you a great candidate for the scholarship. Mention your experience or future plans that complement the criteria of the award. Explain how this scholarship will help you pursue your goals.

Third Paragraph: As the last impression, this paragraph is also very important. Mention that you "look forward to receiving a response" or that you "look forward to hearing from you soon." Explain enclosed documents. Thank them for their time and remember to sign the letter and stamp the envelope.

Yours truly,

(Signature)

Your Name

Reminders:

- Apply early
- · Know the details
- Follow the 10 steps
- Prepare a budget
- · Proofread documents
- Keep extra copies of your:
 - application form
 - registration
 - transcripts
 - letters of support, etc.
- Write thank you letters
- · Be confident

^{*}Resources: scholarshipscanada.com

APPENDIX A

Métis Nation contact information

Métis National Council

#4 - 340 MacLaren Street Ottawa, ON, K2P 0M6 Phone: (613) 232-3216 Toll free: (800) 928-6330 Fax: (613) 232-4262 Email: info@metisnation.ca

Website: metisnation.ca Métis Nation of Alberta

100 Delia Gray Building 11738 Kingsway Avenue Edmonton, AB, T5G 0X5 Phone: (780) 455-2200 Toll free: (800) 252-7553 Fax: (780) 452-8946 Website: <u>albertametis.com</u>

Métis Nation BC

#380-13401 108 Ave, Surrey B.C., V3T 5T3 Toll free: (800) 940-1150 Phone: (604) 557-5851 Fax: (604) 557-2024 Website: mnbc.ca

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Métis Nation - Saskatchewan

Suite 201, 208-19th St. W, Saskatoon, SK S7M 5X8 Phone: (306) 343-8285 Toll free: (833) 343-8285 Fax: (306) 343-0171 Email: reception@mn-s.ca Website: metisnationsk.com

Manitoba Métis Federation

300-150 Henry Avenue Winnipeg, MB, R3B 0J7 Phone: (204) 586-8474 Fax: (204) 947-1816 Website: <u>mmf.mb.ca</u>

Métis Nation of Ontario

Suite 1100-66 Slater Street Ottawa, ON K1P 5H1 Phone: (613) 798-1488 Toll free: (800) 263-4889 Fax: (613) 722-4225 Website: metisnation.org

APPENDIX B

Provincial and Territorial Student Assistance Offices

Alberta (Alberta Learning Information Service, Alberta Human Resources and Employment) - alis.alberta.ca/occinfo/occupations-in-alberta/occupation-profiles/human-resources-professional

British Columbia (Student Services Branch, Advanced Education, Training and Technology) - www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/advanced-education-skills-training

New Brunswick (Student Services Branch, Department of Advanced Education and Labour) - studentaid.gnb.ca

Prince Edward Island (Student Aid Division, Department of Education)

- www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/student-financial-services

Newfoundland (Student Aid Division, Department of Education)

- edu.gov.nf.ca/studentaid

Nova Scotia (Student Assistance Office, Department of Education and Culture)

- ednet.ns.ca

Ontario (Student Affairs Branch, Ministry of Education and Training)

- osap.gov.on.ca

Saskatchewan (Student Financial Assistance Branch - Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration)

- www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/ministries/advanced-education

Yukon (Students Financial Assistance Unit, Department of Education)

- education.gov.yk.ca

Note: The province of Quebec, as well as the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, operate their own student assistance plans. If you are a resident of Quebec, the Northwest Territories or Nunavut, you should contact their offices below.

Northwest Territories (Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education, Culture and Employment

- www.ece.gov.nt.ca/en/services/student-financial-assistance

Nunavut (Department of Education, Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students)

- www.gov.nu.ca/education/programs-services/financial-assistance-nunavut-students-fans Email: mpameolik@gov.nu.ca

Quebec (Service de l'accueil et des renseignements, Aide financière aux études, Ministère de l'Éducation)

- www.quebec.ca/education/aide-financiere-aux-etudes

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