

Indigenous Post-Secondary Student Awards

Alberta Blue Cross Indigenous Scholarships

Alberta Blue Cross offers a scholarship for Indigenous students to address the education inequity face by Indigenous peoples in Alberta by making post-secondary studies more financially accessible.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be a member of a First Nation or band, or have Inuit, Métis or First Nation Status as referenced on the Indigenous Services Canada website
- Must be a resident of Alberta and have lived here for the past 12 months
- Must be enrolled in the first year of any full-time post-secondary certificate or diploma program of two or more years duration at an accredited post-secondary institution
- Awarded based on scholastic achievement, financial need, and community involvement
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For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to apply click [here](#).

Award Amount: **\$1500**

Alex Tutschek FCPA, FCA Award for Indigenous High School Achievement

The Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta offers 2 of these awards to eligible students to supports Indigenous youth.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a grade 12 Indigenous students 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)
- Preference is given to students who intend to pursue a Chartered Professional Accountant designation
- 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 one (1) letter of support from a current instructor

For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to apply click [here](#).

Award Amount: **\$1500**

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Alliance Pipeline Indigenous Student Award

Alliance Pipeline believes the best way to help Indigenous communities is to contribute to the personal growth and education of Indigenous youth today. That's why the Alliance Pipeline Indigenous Student Awards Program provides scholarships to Canadian Indigenous students pursuing post-secondary education.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must self-identify as an Indigenous person (First Nation, Inuit or Metis and show proof of membership Resident of British Columbia, Alberta, or Saskatchewan
- Enrolled in, or have applied to, a technical school, college, or university program. Proof of registration required in an eligible program is required

For full eligibility criteria details and to apply click [here](#).

Award Amount: Up to \$2000

ATCO Indigenous Education Award

An 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.

Eligibility Criteria:

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

For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to apply click [here](#).

Award Amount: Merit Award \$500 (for students in grade 10 - 12 including upgrading Bursaries \$1000

(for students enrolled in trade, diploma, or certificate programs. Scholarships \$1500

Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards (BBF) Program

This program provides bursaries, scholarships, and awards for Indigenous students' post-secondary education in college, university, skilled trades, apprenticeships, and technology programs.

For eligibility criteria, timelines and to apply click [here](#).

Award Amount: various amounts

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Calgary Foundation, First Nation, Métis, Inuit Undergraduate Bursary

Established by members of Thorner/Johnston/DiMarzo Family. This bursary provides financial support to First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who plan to pursue post-secondary education.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be attending any year of study at an Alberta post-secondary institution
- pursuing an undergraduate degree, diploma or certificate program
- Write a short essay sharing their connection to First Nations, Métis and/or Inuit culture and community, describing their future plans and aspirations and how financial support will help them achieve their goals
- Provide one letter of reference

For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to apply click [here](#).

Award Amount: 6 bursaries valued at **\$3000** each

Cenovus Energy Inc. Post-Secondary Awards

Cenovus Energy is a Canadian-based integrated energy company headquartered in Calgary committed to maximizing value by sustainably developing our assets in a safe, innovative, and cost-efficient manner, integrating environmental, social and governance considerations into our business plans.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be enrolled in program of Study: Engineering Degree (Mechanical, Chemical, Petroleum); Geologist Degree; Business (related) Degree (Accounting); Technologists (Engineering Technologist Diploma, Geoscience Technologist Diploma); PoweEngineering Diploma; Data Science/Analytics, Digital Technology, Cybersecurity

For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to apply click [here](#).

Eaton - Indigenous Clean Energy Scholarship

Eaton Electrical Canada has partnered with Indigenous Clean Energy to offer a scholarship and internship opportunity to Indigenous students striving for a career in electrical work who enjoy traveling.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Indigenous Albertans (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit)
- Pursuing post-secondary studies in a certificate, diploma, applied degree, or bachelor's degree programs School: N/A

For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to apply click [here](#).

Award Amount: **\$5,000** (plus a paid internship).

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Freehorse Family Wellness Society

Postsecondary funding available for First Nation Students.

Eligibility Requirements:

- First Nations students with specific band memberships (see details in link)
- Those without band funding

For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to apply click [here](#).

Award Amount: Full funding

Indigenous Bursaries Search Tool

The Aboriginal Bursaries Search Tool is a searchable list of more than 680 bursaries, scholarships and incentives across Canada, targeted to Aboriginal students in high school and already in university. This mobile-friendly web tool is available on the AANDC [Indigenous and Northern Development Canada](#).

MAE Indigenous Education Fund Education

McCuaig & Associates Engineering (MAE) is a multi-disciplinary engineering consulting company that specializes in the assessment, renovation, and restoration of existing residential, commercial, and public building. MAE has established an education fund of \$1,000 per year to increase Indigenous students' participation in n post-secondary Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM).

Eligibility Criteria

- Open to self -Identified First Nations, Inuit and Métis students
- Studying full-time Science, Technology, Mathematics, or Engineering (STEM) fields at any post-secondary school in Canada.

For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to apply click [here](#).

Nickle Family Foundation

Award designed to meet the increasing needs of Indigenous students financially to pursue a post-secondary education. Open to Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District students.

Eligibility Criteria:

- First Nations, Inuit and Métis students
- Must be registered in grade 12
- High rate of attendance at school sponsored activities
- Applicants must have demonstrated academic progress and a high rate of attendance at school sponsored activities within the local community and at community sponsored cultural awareness events including, but not limited to, events that focus on First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures
- Preference given to applicants with financial need
- Applicants are required to submit an original essay (500 words) describing

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learning or impact received from a meaningful First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultural experience or a mentorship relationship that has positively impacted the applicant's life today and for the future

- Applicants are required to submit at least one letter of reference (from a school official, employer, or a community leader or Band official, demonstrating the applicants' community involvement and leadership qualities)

For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to apply click [here](#).

Pre-pathways to Education for Indigenous Students in Southern Alberta (PEISSA) Program

The PEISSA program is designed to support Indigenous students as they gain the prerequisite courses needed for admission into a program at the University of Calgary, or other institutions of their choice. In addition to financial support the PEISSA program will support students academically and culturally by providing opportunities for students to engage with an Indigenous Academic Advisor, Elders, and cultural activities. Students will be well supported in order to navigate the post-secondary system through culturally supportive environments.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Indigenous Ancestry
- Be a resident of Southern Alberta
- The upgrading courses available for this program are:
<https://conted.ucalgary.ca/academicprep>

For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to apply click [here](#).

Award amount: Funds awarded to cover the entire cost of up to four upgrading courses and books per student within an academic year.

Rupertsland Institute Post-Secondary Education (PSE) program

This program provides funding to reduce the financial burden of a post-secondary education for Métis students.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a member of the Rupertsland Métis Students Association
- Must show proof of Métis citizenship by submitting one of the following documents (a current Métis Nation of Alberta citizenship card; or, a current Métis Nation of Alberta citizenship card from a parent (supported by the applicant's long-form birth certificate) or a card from a grandparent (supported by applicant's and parent's long-form birth certificate), and proof of Alberta residency; or a current citizenship card from any of the governing members of the Métis National Council (Métis Nation British Columbia, Métis Nation Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Ontario), and proof of Alberta residency
- Must be enrolled in a recognized post-secondary program in Alberta or elsewhere in Canada (excluding applicants applying for Referral Program Support)
- 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

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- 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, the Manitoba Métis Federation, or Alberta Métis Settlements

For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to apply and information on funding amounts click [here](#).

TC Energy Award

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

Eligibility Criteria:

- Enrolled in a post-secondary for the upcoming academic school 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

For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to apply click [here](#).

Award Amount: Up to \$5000

Thomas Moore Memorial Bursary

The purpose of this award is to encourage Indigenous students, who have demonstrated involvement in their school and native communities, to pursue post-secondary education.

Eligibility Criteria

- Open to First Nations, Métis and Inuit students registered in grade 12 who are completing the requirements of a high school diploma that focus on First Nations, Métis, and Inuit culture The applicant will have an interest in and a history of participation in traditional First Nations, Métis, and Inuit ceremonies
- Preference given to applicants with financial need
- Applicants are required to submit an original essay of approximately 500 words describing learning or impact received from a meaningful First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultural experience or a mentorship relationship that has positively impacted the applicant's life today and for the future

For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to apply click [here](#).

Award Amount: \$1000

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TsuuT'ina Nation Post-Secondary Scholarship Program

Scholarships available for TsuuT'ina post-secondary students based on specific eligibility requirement.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be enrolled in a degree program at an accredited Canadian University
- Be a full-time student in at least three courses
- Provide final transcript from your last full academic year
- Submit a 500-word essay on why you chose the program you are enrolled in and what your future goals are
- Submit application by deadline

For full eligibility criteria details, timelines and to obtain application contact Bhey Crowchild
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Award Amount: 4 \$1000 and 4 \$500