

FALL/WINTER APPLICATION DEADLINES

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD	DESCRIPTION	APPLY BEFORE	RECEIVE UP TO
Aboriginal Traditional Arts Project Grant	The grant supports the development of Aboriginal artists, or artists working on Aboriginal cultural themes, who seek to express and share Aboriginal culture and perspectives in a contemporary or traditional context.	September 1 and March 2	\$15,000
Wayne Wells Memorial Scholarship	Must be enrolled in a finance or management program full time at a post-secondary institution OR must be enrolled in part-time studies working towards a professional accounting designation while employed. The applicant must be Aboriginal (Status, Non-Status, Inuit or Metis) and must be a resident of Alberta for the past 3 years.	September 30	\$1,000
Robert C. Carson Memorial Bursary	Awarded to Aboriginal students without sponsorship enrolled full-time in their second year of the Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Diploma or Faculty of Law programs at Lethbridge Community College, Mount Royal College, MacEwan University , University of Calgary or University of Alberta.	October 1	\$500
Jim Pattison Broadcast Group Alberta Equity Scholarship	This scholarship is intended for broadcast students in groups underrepresented in the broadcast industry, including Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and women.	October 10	\$2,000
AltaLink Aboriginal Scholarship Program	This scholarship program is designed to recognize leaders in the Aboriginal community by offering scholarships to Aboriginal students attending post-secondary institutions.	October 15	\$1,000
Education Bursary - Metis Nation of Alberta Region 1	Awarded to students who are enrolled in a post-secondary institution in Alberta, who hold a Metis Nation of Alberta Provincial Membership card, and who have parents or guardians residing in Region 1.	October 31	varies
Art L'Hirondelle Dedicated Service Scholarship	Awarded to students pursuing construction-related education opportunities. The scholarship is open to all Aboriginal students, with a preference for Metis students, who are enrolled in a post-secondary training program.	October 31	\$1,000
Delia Gray and Hon. Pearl Calahasen Scholarships	These scholarships are open to all Aboriginal students, with a preference given to Metis students who are enrolled in a post-secondary training program. The scholarships will be awarded at the annual Delia Gray Memorial Gala in November.	October 31	\$1,000
Languages in Teacher Education Scholarship	This program is designed to award Alberta students enrolled in a recognized Alberta teacher preparation program taking courses that will allow them to teach languages (including Aboriginal languages) other than English in Alberta schools.	October 31	\$2,500
Trans Alta Indigenous Bursary Program	Up to 7 bursaries annually for Aboriginal students enrolled full time in a post-secondary program.	November 1	\$1,000
Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Scholarship for Aboriginal Canadians	This scholarship is to be awarded to an Aboriginal Canadian who is enrolled at a Canadian post-secondary institution. The student must already be attending and must be either enrolled in a journalism program or actively involved with a news organization associated with the institution (such as a student newspaper or broadcast station).	November 15	\$4,000

Federal Department of Justice- Legal Studies for Aboriginal People	The objective of the Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Program is to promote equitable representation of Aboriginal people in the legal profession. This funding is only available to Metis and Non-Status Indians who wish to attend a Canadian Law School (Apply through Indspire)	November 16	Amounts are variable
Joe P. Cardinal Bursary/Internship Award Aboriginal Multi-Media Society (AMMSA)	This bursary is intended to assist students in 2nd or subsequent years of a degree program in radio broadcasting or journalism. The student must be FNMI, in second year or beyond and able to participate in a 4 week internship at AMMSA at the completion of the school year.	November 30	\$10,000
Verna J. Kirkness Science and Engineering Program	Are you a First Nations, Métis or Inuit grade 11 high school student who wonders what it would be like to study science or engineering at University? Successful applicants will have their meals, accommodations and travel expenses covered during your one week experience at a Canadian university. Selection is based on the student's essay outlining what they would like to do after completing grade 12 and how the Kirkness Program would help them make a choice regarding post secondary studies. The application also includes a reference letter from a teacher or counselor who indicates how the Kirkness Program would be of benefit to the student.	December 20 (you can begin the application process as early as October 1st)	1 week at a university in a research lab - all expenses paid
SPRING/SUMMER APPLICATION DEADLINES			
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Alberta Blue Cross Scholarships for Aboriginal students	Every year, Alberta Blue Cross provides three scholarships for Aboriginal students. The awards are based on scholastic achievement in Alberta grade 12 diploma examinations, financial need and community involvement.	January 15	\$1,500 (varies by institution)
Piikani Youth and Education Foundation	The Piikani Youth & Education Foundation offers Post Secondary support to Piikani Nation members in the form of Post Secondary Bursaries. For more information on eligibility and deadlines, visit the website and print off the required application forms.	January 18	\$2,000
CASTS- Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists Award	Awarded to a post-secondary student entering the second year in a Geophysical or Geological program (at least 2 years in length) at an accredited institution (not necessarily in Canada).	January 31	\$1,000
Sam Bull Memorial Scholarship	For First Nations Alberta residents enrolled in Law or Political Science	February 15	\$1,000
Senator James Gladstone Memorial Scholarship	To recognize excellence and achievement by a Treaty Indian and to encourage and assist Treaty Indians in the pursuit of post-secondary education in the area of business, finance or economics.	February 15	\$1,000
RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program	The RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program was launched in 1992 to assist Aboriginal students to complete post-secondary education, and provide an opportunity for RBC to strengthen its relationship with the Aboriginal community.	February 28	\$5,000

Francis Meneen Health Warrior Memorial Scholarship	Applicants must be a member of Treaty 8 and intend to provide health care services within Treaty 8 following his or her studies. Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta includes parts of Northern Alberta, Northwest Saskatchewan, North Eastern British Columbia and the southwest portion of Northwest Territories. NOTE: Current application information could not be located at time of last update.	March 21	\$1,500
Belcourt Brousseau Metis Awards	Since 2002, these awards have provided more than \$4.5 million related to over 1000 awards to more than 700 Metis Albertans studying at institutions across Alberta and beyond, making it the largest non-governmental source of student funding for Metis students in Canada	March 31	\$10,000
Nutrien Indigenous Youth Financial Management Awards	AFOA Canada and Nutrien have come together to offer the Annual Nutrien Indigenous Youth Financial Management Awards. Recipients attend AFOA Canada's National Conference and participate in a special Youth program designed to introduce youth to careers in Indigenous finance and management, and they become eligible for a \$5,000 scholarship. The award is open to grade 11 or 12 students interested in pursuing post-secondary education in finance, management or related fields.	April 15	\$5,000
SABAR Scholarship in Journalism, Radio and Television Art	SABAR offers an annual scholarship to an Aboriginal student in Journalism or Radio/Television Arts.	April 30	\$10,000
The Rebecca Kelln Metis Bursary Fund	Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc. will provide six need-based \$1,000 bursaries to any qualifying Metis individuals who are entering their first year of Post-secondary education.	April 30	\$1,000
Aboriginal Health Careers Bursary	To improve the health status of Aboriginal Albertans by increasing the number of aboriginals working in Alberta's health system	May 1	\$11,000
Metis and Non-Status Bursary Program	The Ministry of Human Services may be able to help you pay for your post-secondary education in the social services field. Bursaries from Human Services area available for full time or part time studies that are either Metis or Non-Status Indian.	May 31	\$19,200
Cenovus Indigenous Scholarship Program	The award provides financial assistance for Aboriginal people to complete their educational program and is also intended to encourage a career in the oil and gas industry.	May 31	\$3,500
Theodore R. Campbell Scholarship	Established by the family of Ted R. Campbell through Alberta Scholarship Programs to reward the accomplishments of a qualifying student from University nuhelot'ine thaiyots'i nistameymakanak Blue Quills. Applicants must be Alberta residents and have completed the first year of an Education degree (university transfer) at University nuhelot'ine thaiyots'i nistameymakanak Blue Quills,	June 1	\$1,500
Aboriginal Business Leadership Awards	First priority is given to one or more self-employed Aboriginal students who are for the first time attending a public post-secondary educational institution in Alberta and enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree in a Business or Commerce program.	June 15	\$1,500
Red Crow College - Post secondary sponsorship	Red Crow college offers numerous programs for academic upgrading, university preparation and post-secondary programming.	June 15 for September studies	Varies depending on your program

Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. Indigenous Scholarships	<p>Since 1995, the program assists Indigenous students in achieving their post-secondary goals through financial support and mentorship. The program provides full-tuition up to five years for a degree program and three years for a diploma program. To be considered for the program, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have First Nation, Inuit or Métis Status. 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 	June 24	\$4,000+
Imperial Oil Scholarship and Internship Programs	<p>In 2019, Imperial Oil launched an Indigenous Student Employment Program, which aims to provide Indigenous post-secondary students with the opportunity to develop their professional skills through paid work-term experience as they continue their formal education. In addition, Imperial Oil has been a committed partner of Indspire's Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards program since 2007, providing more than one million dollars to date for First Nation, Inuit and Métis post-secondary students.</p>	June 30	one year paid internship program/scholarship programs
Jim Bourque Scholarship	<p>The Jim Bourque Scholarship is awarded to a Canadian Indigenous student who intends to or is enrolled in post-secondary training in Education, Environmental studies, Traditional knowledge or Telecommunications.</p>	July 9	\$1,000
Alliance Pipeline Inc. Indigenous Student Awards Program	<p>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.</p>	July 15	\$2,000
ATCO Indigineous Education Awards Program	<p>This 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>There is a maximum of one award per applicant per year. Students must reapply each year if they wish to be considered.</p>	July 15	\$1,500
Helen Bassett Commemorative Student Award	<p>Every year, NWAC (Native Women's Association of Canada) hands out the Helen Bassett Commemorative Award to four young Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, or gender-diverse students in the amount of \$1,000 each. The awards are made possible by the generous donation of Helen Bassett, an Ontario artist and passionate advocate for the advancement of Indigenous women and for fair solutions to Indigenous land claim issues.</p>	July 16	\$1,000
Sahtu Indigenous Scholarship program (Imperial Oil)	<p>The award is designed to cover tuition, other compulsory fees, text books and supplies, while also assisting with living expenses during the course of the academic year. The maximum amount of the award is \$3,500 per year for college and technical schools and \$4,500 per year for university.</p>	August 10	\$4,500/year

VARIABLE APPLICATION DEADLINES

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD	DESCRIPTION	APPLY BEFORE	RECEIVE UP TO
ConocoPhillips Indigenous Leadership program	ConocoPhillips provides scholarships for indigenous leaders living in communities near our Surmont oil sands joint venture to participate in The Banff Centre's Indigenous Leadership Management Program. This world-renowned program provides indigenous leaders with opportunities to develop the necessary skills to lead their communities toward better social, economic and cultural futures. The program combines traditional cultural practices and values with the core competencies required for success in the business world.	varies by course start dates	variable
Syn crude Scholarships and Awards	Through significant endowments and scholarships at several Alberta education institutions, Syn crude supports hundreds of students pursuing studies in a variety of fields. Many of the awards are prioritized for Aboriginal and northern Alberta recipients.	varies with award and institution	varies with award and institution
Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) FNMI bursary program	The student must agree to live and work in a northern Alberta community for one year full time in return for each year of bursary received. In addition, the student must be enrolled in a post-secondary program, not in default of a provincial loan, and show proof of Indigenous Ancestry.	June 1 and November 15	\$6,000/year of service in a northern Alberta community
Rupertsland Institute Metis student funding	To meet eligibility requirements, students must be able to provide documentation to prove Métis ancestry and Alberta residency. Applications should describe the student's barriers to employment and demonstrated need for training.	30 days prior to your program start date	\$8,500
CMF - Dr. John Big Canoe Memorial Scholarship	Awarded to an undergraduate Indigenous student who is enrolled in the second, third or fourth year of study in a Canadian school of Medicine. Contact CMF Special Bursary Program for Aboriginal Medical Students co-ordinator at 1-800-267-9703 for application information.	varies	\$2,000
Indigenous Careers Award	Applicants must be of FNMI/Indigenous ancestry, enrolled in a certificate, diploma or bachelor's degree program with a 60% full course load.	varies	\$4,000
Indspire Building Brighter Futures	Numerous awards for First Nations, Metis, Inuit and Non-status students in : bachelors and diploma programs, health careers and apprenticeships, skilled trades and technology programs.	varies	varies
KPMG Indigenous Student Award Program	Applicants must be a Canadian Indigenous person, be enrolled full-time in an accredited post-secondary institution. Applicants must be pursuing studies in Business Administration, Public Administration, Accounting, Information Technology, Human Resources, Communications and Marketing (apply through Indspire)	varies	varies
Indigenous Funding - Mount Royal University	All Mount Royal University students can apply for awards listed at mru.ca/awards from October 1 to March 1. Be sure to declare your Indigenous status on the awards application to also be considered for these specific awards. Proof of ancestry may be an additional requirement for scholarships and bursaries.	October 1 - March 1	varies