

Scholarships

RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program

Value: Up to \$4000

Info: Selected students are awarded up to \$4,000 each academic year for two to four years to use towards tuition, textbooks, supplies and living expenses.

RBC awards 10 scholarships in two categories:

- For students majoring in disciplines related to the financial services industry
- For students majoring in disciplines unrelated to the financial services industry

Also note, as part of your application you must provide a letter of recommendation and a school transcript.

Eligibility: You are eligible to apply to the RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program if you are a Status Indian, a Non-status Indian, Inuit or Métis and meet these criteria:

- You are a permanent resident or citizen of Canada.
- You have been accepted to 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 two to four years remaining in your current academic program.
- You require financial assistance to pursue your education.

Deadline: February 28th

Link: http://www.rbc.com/careers/aboriginal_student_awards.html

Contact: aboriginalstudentawards@rbc.com

*RBC Students Leading Change Scholarship for Medical and Dental Students**

Value: \$15,000

Info: The RBC Royal Bank Scholarship Awards are six annual \$15,000 scholarships to medical and dental students, two of whom must be bank customers.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents in two categories: full-time students at public universities and part-time disabled students. Scholarship judges also consider volunteer work and applicants must "demonstrate commitment to their community"

Link: <http://scholarships.rbc.com/MedicalDental.aspx>

Deadline:

Contact: RBC Royal Bank
1-800-769-2511
www.rbcroyalbank.com

*NOTE: The details of this scholarship are under review and will become available November 2013. Sign up for an email alert on the website.

College of Medicine Graduate Scholarship Program

Info: Master's and doctoral students at the University of Saskatchewan can apply for the College of Medicine Graduate Scholarship Program to help cover their costs as they study for medical graduate degrees. Master's students can apply for the award during the first three years of study, and doctoral students are eligible during the initial five years. Academic excellence is the basis for scholarship awards along with "the understanding that the supervisor or department has agreed to financially support 50 percent of the total funding," according to the school's website. Annual awards are \$15,000 for master's candidates, and \$18,000 for doctorate candidates.

Contact: University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine
107 Wiggins Road
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, S7N 5E5
306-966-4343
medicine.usask.ca

Indspire: Aboriginal Health Careers Award

Info: Indspire has evolved into the largest non-governmental funding body for First Nations, Inuit, and Metis post-secondary students across Canada. Bursary and scholarship awards are provided to First Nations, Inuit, and Metis students annually across a diverse range of disciplines.

Eligibility: The Aboriginal Health Careers Bursary is open to aboriginal students with financial need studying health sciences such as medicine, nursing, dentistry, biology, chemistry, clinical psychology, physiotherapy, pharmacy, laboratory research and any other health field in which a study of hard sciences is a prerequisite.

Deadline: June 1st and November 1st

Link: <https://indspire.ca/programs/building-brighter-futures/apply-for-a-bursary-or-scholarship/>

Indspire: Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY) Program

Info: Since 1996, the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) has distributed more than \$4 million in scholarships through their very successful Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY) scholarship program. FAAY has had a significantly positive impact on thousands of young Aboriginal people from coast to coast to coast. Starting in 2013-2014, Indspire will be administering the successful FAAY program on behalf of CCAB.

Indspire is pleased to be partnering with CCAB on this initiative to support First Nation, Inuit and Métis students including secondary (Grades 9 or higher) and post-secondary students (entering university, college or other post-secondary education and training).

Eligibility: Canadian residents, of First Nation (Status or Non-Status), Métis or Inuit heritage and attending either high school or a post-secondary institute full-time and within Canada are eligible to apply for financial support. Mature students and adult education programs are included.

Deadline: June 1st

Link: <https://indspire.ca/programs/building-brighter-futures/apply-for-a-bursary-or-scholarship/>

Contact: 1.855.INDSPIRE (463.7747), extension 020.

Dr. John Big Canoe Memorial Scholarship

Value: \$2,000

Info: To help Aboriginal Canadians earn degrees in medicine, the Dr. John Big Canoe Memorial Scholarship offers \$2,000 to assist in the third or fourth year of schooling. The funds can be used at any accredited university. Applicants must have "demonstrated both strong academic performance and outstanding contributions to the Aboriginal Community in Canada." The scholarship honors the memory of Dr. John Big Canoe, a doctor of Aboriginal descent who died in a boating accident in 1994.

Contact:

Canadian Medical Foundation

1870 Alta Vista Drive

Ottawa, ON K1G 6R7

1-866-530-4979

Dr. John Big Canoe Memorial Scholarship

1-800-267-9703

1-800-663-7336

FSIN Senator Hilliard McNab CM Memorial Scholarship

Value: \$1,000

Eligibility: Available to Indian Members of registered Saskatchewan Bands who have successfully completed two years or more of University, or comparable program, and are registered to continue. Students are eligible once during undergraduate and twice during graduate studies

Apply: The letter of application should include your Treaty number, band, a brief biography with some of your interests and activities, as well as a list of the subjects you are registering for in your next semester and confirmation of your intention to continue. A complete transcript of post-secondary marks must accompany the letter of application.

Send completed application to:
FSIN Senator Hilliard McNab CM
Memorial Foundation and Scholarship Fund
c/o Mrs. Irene Walter
Box 385
Punnichy, SK
S0A 3C0
Or email to h.mcnab@explornet.com

Deadline: July 31st

Link: <http://www.ammsa.com/node/29946>

Contact: Mrs. Walter 306-835-2285
Helen McNab 306-835-2770

Northern Scholarship Program

Value: Up to \$7,500

Info: Offers scholarships up to \$7,500 for northern Saskatchewan students entering a university degree program and up to \$5,000 for students entering trades or technical training at a recognized technical institute. Academic performance, residency and career interest are considered in the selection process. Applicants who wish to pursue a career in the mining industry are favoured.

Eligibility: All students who have lived in Saskatchewan's north for at least five years immediately prior to application are eligible.

Deadline: June 30th

Contact: Colleen Durocher: (306) 425-4144, ext. 4

Northern Spirit Scholarship Program

Value: \$2,500

Info: Ten \$2,500 institute/university scholarships are available to permanent residents of Northern Saskatchewan applying or enrolled in a full-time program. Applicants must have a "B" academic average in most recent year completed and be enrolled in a program of benefit to Northern development.

Deadline: June 30th

Link: <http://www.nefi.ca/scholarships/index.html>

Contact:

Northern Spirit Scholarship Program,
Northern Enterprise Fund Inc.

Box 220,

Beauval, Saskatchewan S0M 0G0

Email: nefi@sasktel.net

Toll Free: 1-800-864-3022

Phone: (306) 288-2258

Fax: (306) 288-4667

Northern Saskatchewan Scholarship Program

Value: \$5,000

Info: Since 1979, AREVA Resources has supported Northern education through scholarships. Continuing through the decades, we currently offer ten university scholarships (\$5,000 each), four institute scholarships (\$5,000 each) and five institute scholarships in designated trades (\$2,500 each) every year.

Eligibility: Candidates must:

- Qualify as a Resident of Saskatchewan's North in accordance with the definition outlined in the Human Development Agreement between the Province of Saskatchewan and AREVA Resources Canada Inc.

- Qualify for entrance to a University or Institute program in Saskatchewan.
- By applying for courses or a program, which in the opinion of the AREVA Scholarship Selection Committee, would benefit the North.
- Forward an official copy of his or her marks to the La Ronge Northern Affairs Office upon completion of each semester.

Deadline: June 30th

Link: <http://us.aveva.com/EN/home-467/aveva-resources-canand-uranium-mining-and-production.html>

Morley Wood Memorial Bursary for Aboriginal Female Students

Value: \$1,000

Info: Awarded annually to Saskatchewan aboriginal woman to promote entry or advancement in their chosen program of studies at the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan, or other post-secondary educational institutions in Saskatchewan with recognized professional standing.

The scholarship will be presented annually to 2 Aboriginal female students who meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated financial need
- Academic standing (A minimum weighted average of 70%)
- Contribution in community-based or regional aboriginal projects or programs

Eligibility:

- Treaty Indian, non-status Indian, Métis, or Inuit (self-declared)
- Minimum UGPA of 70% on any post-secondary courses attempted
- Registered in at least 9 credit hours in the semester the scholarship is paid

Apply: Download a paper application form here:

<http://www.uregina.ca/safa/forms/index.html>

As part of the application, applicants must submit in 250 words or less:

- statement of contributions to date with respect in promoting Aboriginal women in community-based or regional aboriginal projects or programs
- statement of financial need

Send completed application form, transcript, and statement to:

Student Awards and Financial Aid

University of Regina

Room 207 Administration-Humanities Building

3737 Wascana Parkway

Regina, SK

S4S 0A2

Deadline: October 1st

Link: <https://banner.uregina.ca/prod/apex/f?p=128:15:341457935364601> (log in as guest and search Morley Wood)

Contact: 306-585-5556

Jonas Roberts Memorial Scholarship

Value: \$400

Info: 5 awards in January and 5 in May. Conditions for the Jonas Roberts Scholarship: academic grades for the previous semester, special significance of program enrolled in, volunteer work, leadership, financial need, and special circumstances in overcoming adversity.

Eligibility: The student must be enrolled full-time and apply for the scholarship in May. This scholarship is based on transcripts from the previous year. You can apply in January and the scholarship will be based on transcripts from the fall semester.

Apply: Letter with reasons you should receive the scholarship with two attached references. Also include transcript of marks.

Deadline:

Contact:

Lac La Ronge Indian Band

Board of Education

Box 480

La Ronge, SK

S0J 1L0

1-306-425-4938

Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards (AEIA)

Value: \$1000

Info: Celebrates the hard work and determination of Aboriginal people who have overcome personal, economic or social adversity in their pursuit of learning. If you have committed to furthering your education and have completed a year in an educational program, you may qualify.

Eligibility:

- You must be an Aboriginal Canadian (First Nations, Métis or Inuit).
- You must have been out of school for at least one year before returning
- You must have completed one full year of studies before applying for these awards.

Deadline: August 31st

Link:

<http://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/aboutus/community/aboriginaleducation/qa.jsf>

Application form: http://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/assets/pdf/aboutus/form_en.pdf

Contact: 613-734-6398

aboriginalawards@canadapost.ca.

SIGA First Nations Scholarship Awards Program

Info: In carrying out our mandate to create employment and generate strong financial returns for First Nations people, the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA) has established the SIGA First Nations Scholarship Awards Program. This program develops First Nations professionals by assisting with the post-secondary education of outstanding First Nations students in selected fields.

- Two (2) \$5,000 Scholarships are for students in Information Technology; a Commerce program (majoring in Human Resources, Accounting, Finance or Marketing); or Hospitality and Tourism Management.
- Two (2) \$2,500 Scholarships are for students in Communications or Electronics.
- Ten (10) \$1,000 Scholarships are for students in any chosen field.

Eligibility:

- be First Nations
- be a Saskatchewan resident
- preference may be given to candidates enrolled in a full-time program at a recognized institute within the province of Saskatchewan

Apply: It is critical for applicants to include all information required to be eligible for the SIGA Scholarship Award. Applications may be refused if incomplete documentation is provided or if the application is submitted past the deadline date.

- Complete the online SIGA Scholarship Award Application
- Letter of acceptance to a recognized institute
- Most recent transcripts of educational program
- Updated resume and cover letter
- Three(3)character and/or work reference letters
- Essay (Include career goal/objective and reason(s) why you should be selected

(Limit to 500 words). Applicants are encouraged to discuss and provide samples of their participation within the community, volunteer activities and how they balance family, employment and education).

Mail completed package to:

Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority
Attention: SIGA First Nations Scholarship Awards Committee
250 – 103C Packham Avenue
Saskatoon, SK S7N 4K4

Deadline: July 31st

Link: <https://siga-schlr.sponsor.com/>

Rose Nolan Memorial Scholarship Fund

Value: \$5000

Info: The Ted Nolan Foundation annually invites women attending post-secondary educational institutions to apply for a Rose Nolan Memorial Scholarship.

Eligibility: To be eligible candidates must:

- Be an Aboriginal woman (First Nations Status)
- Be a member of a First Nation community in Canada
- Be a Canadian Resident
- Have recently completed one year of full-time studies at any post-secondary educational or training institution.

Link: Application form: <http://www.tednolanfoundation.com/2013/03/2013-rose-nolan-scholarship-application/>

Applications must be mailed to:

Ted Nolan Foundation
9 Sandhurst Ct.
Brantford, Ontario
N3R 7G4

Deadline: June 30th

ConocoPhillips Canada Aboriginal Awards Program

Value: \$3,000

Info: The ConocoPhillips Canada Aboriginal Awards Program supports aboriginal

students pursuing high school upgrading and post-secondary education. Amounts are designated to the level of education the applicant is pursuing: \$1,000 for secondary school/academic upgrading, \$2,000 for college or technical institute and \$3,000 for university. Up to 20 scholarships are awarded annually.

Eligibility:

- You are of Aboriginal ancestry
- You are a Canadian citizen
- You are enrolled in an eligible program, on a full-time basis
- You demonstrate promising academic qualifications
- You require financial assistance to pursue your education

Link:

http://www.conocophillips.ca/EN/sd/investment/education/Documents/CPC_Aboriginal_Awards_Application.pdf

Deadline: June 30th

Contact: Please send completed application along with proof of acceptance and most recent transcripts to

Attn: Aboriginal Awards Program

ConocoPhillips Canada

P.O. Box 130, Station "M"

401 9th Ave SW

Calgary, AB

T2P 2H7

aboriginalawards@conocophillips.com

GDI – Saskatoon Health Region Scholarship

Value: \$1,000

Info: Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research (GDI) and the Saskatoon Health Region (SHR) have partnered to jointly provide scholarships to Métis students in pursuit of post-secondary education leading to health careers in the following fields:

- Hard to recruit Areas (SHR website)
- Management
- Therapies
- Science and Technology
- Nursing, Social and Community
- Applicants interested working in SHR rural communities

Eligibility: Applicants must:

- Self-declare as Métis
- Submit most recent academic transcripts
- Be a full-time student enrolled in final year of course study with an expected graduation within 12-months of application
- Demonstrate a financial need
- Submit a one -page biography/essay attesting to your leadership skills, and community involvement outlining your Métis culture.
- Articulate an interest in employment with the SHR

Links:

http://www.gdins.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/GDITnE%20Health%20brochure_PressQ.pdf

Application form:

http://www.gdins.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/GDITnE%20Health%20AppForm_PressQ.pdf

Deadline: May 1st and October 1st

TransAlta Aboriginal Bursary Program

Value: \$3,000

Info: On an annual basis, TransAlta offers up to seven bursary awards in the amount of \$3,000 each for those entering college or university programs on a full-time basis. Additionally, TransAlta offers up to three awards in the amount of \$1,000 each for those in a trade program.

Eligibility:

- You are an Aboriginal person
- You are enrolled in a full-time post-secondary or trades program and will maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout your program.
- You have a plan for achieving your education and career goals

Deadline: September 15th

Link:

<http://www.transalta.com/sites/default/files/Aboriginal%20bursary%20application.pdf>

The ATCO Pipelines Aboriginal Educational Awards Program

Value: \$1,500

Info: The ATCO Pipelines Aboriginal Educational Awards Program is aimed at supporting Aboriginal students from First Nations and Métis communities in close proximity to our

facilities. Successful applicants will demonstrate a balanced lifestyle and commitment in the pursuit of education. Scholarships of \$1,500 to be awarded each year; Must be registered in a university program intended to lead to a bachelor or graduate degree; Preference will be given to those enrolled in a program relating to the natural gas industry.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a secondary or post-secondary educational program, be Canadian citizens of Aboriginal ancestry and originate from within 50km of ATCO Pipelines facilities (Alberta only- see [map](#)). ATCO employees and/or their children will not be considered for these awards.

Apply: The following information must **ALL** be included in the application package in order to be regarded for any one of these awards:

- A completed application form
- One reference letter from a teacher, faculty member, employer or community leader
- A short essay (minimum 250 words) describing why you are a suitable candidate for the award
- Proof of enrollment for the upcoming semester in a secondary or post-secondary institution
- Transcripts from a secondary and/or post-secondary institution in which you are currently enrolled

Mail or deliver completed application packages, and direct official transcripts, to:

Corporate Communications
ATCO Pipelines
#1300, 909 – 11th Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2R 1L8

Deadline: Aug 1st

Link: <http://www.atcopipelines.com/Community/Aboriginal-Education-Awards-Program>

Contact: Corporate Communications: 403-245-7300

aboriginal.awards@atcopipelines.com

NWAC Helen Bassett Commemorative Student Award

Value: \$1,000

Info: Every year, the NWAC Youth Department coordinates the Helen Bassett Commemorative Award granted to four young Aboriginal women in the amount of \$1,000 each. The awards are made possible by the generous donation of Helen Bassett. Helen Bassett was an Ontario artist and an amazing woman who tried to make a

difference as an individual and engage the government into fair solutions to Aboriginal land claim issues.

Awards are provided to 4 Aboriginal youth from each of the four directions as per NWAC's cultural framework: North, South, East, and West.

Eligibility:

- Student must be currently pursuing post-secondary studies (Priority placed to Law studies)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Applicants must be an Aboriginal woman under 30 years of age
- Must demonstrate commitment to improving the situation of Aboriginal women and youth in Canada politically, culturally, economically or otherwise

Apply: For a 2013 Helen Bassett Commemorative Student Award Application Form contact bjones@nwac.ca

Link: <http://www.nwac.ca/nwac-helen-bassett-commemorative-student-award>

Deadline: July 11th

Contact:

Brittany Jones: Labour Market Development- Youth Coordinator
1 Nicholas Street, 9th Floor
Ottawa, ON
K1N 7B7
613-722-3033 ext 238 or 1 800-461-4043

Holiday Inn Vancouver Indigenous Scholarship Program

Value: \$2,000

Info: The Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown is proud to present our Indigenous Scholarship Program in which, every year, one or more qualified and deserving Indigenous students will receive a \$2,000 scholarship with which to pursue post-secondary education.

Eligibility: This scholarship is intended for students currently enrolled or accepted in a post-secondary program. Applicants must submit short personal essay and letter of recommendation from former teacher or community leader.

Link:

<http://holidayinnvancouverdowntown.com/documents/FNScholarshipApplication.pdf>

Napoleon LaFontaine Scholarship Program

Info: The Napoleon LaFontaine Economic Development Scholarship Program was established to encourage Saskatchewan's Métis to pursue full-time education and training in academic studies that lead toward their social, cultural and economic development.

Napoleon LaFontaine was instrumental in organizing the Association of Métis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan. Over the years, he devoted himself to developing social and educational policy for Aboriginal People. These scholarships are so named in recognition of his many contributions.

Eligibility: This scholarship is intended for Métis or Non-Status Indian residing in Saskatchewan for at least five years. Applicants must be enrolled, or about to enroll in a diploma, certificate, or degree program that is at least eight months of full-time studies; must be enrolled in a public educational institution, or an Aboriginal educational institution across Canada providing a recognized diploma, certificate, or degree program; must be committed to working in an Aboriginal work environment upon successful completion of their studies; must demonstrate a commitment to the needs of Aboriginal peoples; must achieve a "B" average in the most recent eight-month period of full-time studies, over a period of twelve consecutive months, to qualify for an award.

Deadline: May 1st and Oct 1st

Link: <http://www.gdins.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/NLS%20ApplicationJan2011.pdf>

Contact:

Secretary, Selection Committee – Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research

Bay 2, 604 - 22nd Street West

Saskatoon, SK

S7M 5W1

306-934-4941

Good sites to search for more scholarships and bursaries:

- <http://www.aeei.gov.sk.ca/student-loans/>
- <http://www.gdins.org/scholarships>
- Be sure to apply for scholarships and bursaries available through the UofS:
<http://students.usask.ca/current/paying/scholarships/>
(Continuing scholarships due June 1 and bursaries Oct 1)
- <http://www.canadian-universities.net/Scholarships/Saskatchewan/Medicine.html>

- <http://www.ammsa.com/community-access/scholarships/>
- http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1351687337141/1351687403171?utm_source=bursaries&utm_medium=url