

SCHOLARSHIP FOR **MATURE** INDIGENOUS STUDENTS **APPLICATION**



SCHOLARSHIP FOR MATURE INDIGENOUS STUDENTS PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY

PURPOSE

Our scholarships for Indigenous students work to address the education inequity faced by Indigenous peoples in Alberta by making post-secondary studies more financially accessible. Six \$1,500 scholarships are awarded annually to individuals deemed as mature by their post-secondary institution and entering their first year of a post-secondary study at an accredited institution.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline to apply is January 16, 2023.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Member of a first nation or band, or has Inuit, Métis or Indian Status as referenced on the Indigenous Services Canada website at sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032374/1572457769548.
- Resident of Alberta and living in the province for the past 12 months.
- 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 as listed below.
- Defined as a mature student by the post-secondary institution.

All applicants must clearly describe their community involvement, personal goals and financial need, and submit two reference letters for evaluation.

ACCREDITED POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

Alberta College of Art and Design

Ambrose University College

Athabasca University

Augustana Campus, University of Alberta

Bow Valley College

Burman University

Concordia University of Edmonton

Fairview College / Northwestern Polytechnic

Keyano College

The King's University College

Lakeland College

Lethbridge Community College

MacEwan University

Maskwacis Cultural College

Medicine Hat College

Mount Royal College

NAIT

NorQuest College

Northern Lakes College

Olds College

Old Sun Community College

Portage College

Red Crow Community College

Red Deer Polytechnic

SAIT

St. Mary's University

University of Alberta

University of Calgary

University of Lethbridge

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nistameyimákanak, Blue Quill*

Yellowhead Tribal College

VALUE

Each year, Alberta Blue Cross issues six awards, each valued at \$1,500.

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

Successful recipients will be notified by February 6, 2023.

Scholarships will be disbursed by February 28, 2023.





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WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR APPLICATION

Information and application forms are available on the Alberta Blue Cross website at community.ab.bluecross.ca/programs/indigenous-scholarships.php.

Note: incomplete applications will not be considered.

FOLLOW THE BELOW STEPS TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

- Step 1:** Complete the application form found on page three.
- Step 2:** List or describe your involvement with community or school-sponsored events or organizations during the past two years—use the space provided on pages four and five, or provide as an attachment to your application.
- Step 3:** Share a short story of 500 to 1,500 words about yourself, including your financial reasons for applying for the scholarship, your educational and personal goals and how you would like to give back to your community—please use the space provided on pages six and seven, or provide as an attachment to your application.
- Step 4:** Complete the declaration on page eight.

ADDITIONAL PIECES YOU MUST PROVIDE INCLUDE

- proof of your status or membership (for example, a copy of your Métis Status card, Indian Status card or band or First Nations membership card);
- a letter confirming your attendance from one of the accredited post-secondary educational institutions named within this application (most registrar's offices can provide this for you); and
- two reference letters from relevant individuals or organizations, such as an instructor or professor, someone within the Indigenous community or a program director or supervisor from an Indigenous association with which you've been involved.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR MATURE INDIGENOUS STUDENTS APPLICATION FORM



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last name		First name		Middle initial
Address			Town/city	
Province	Postal code	Email		
Phone		Birth date (YYYY-MM-DD)	How long have you lived in Alberta? Since (MM-YY)	
Where did you hear about this scholarship? <input type="checkbox"/> Social media <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Digital ad <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Grant database <input type="checkbox"/> Internet search <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____				

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Name of high school	Town/city	Province	Date of high school completion (YYYY-MM-DD)
Which post-secondary institution are you enrolled at?		Location	
Program name	Degree or diploma sought	Entry date for program (YYYY-MM-DD)	Program length

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS OR FUNDING

Will you be receiving additional scholarship money or funding for the current academic year? Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to the above, please provide details below on the amount and nature of this funding. Please note that you are ineligible for this scholarship if you are receiving more than \$7,000 in other awards, bursaries or scholarships for the current academic year.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list or describe your involvement with community or school-sponsored events or organizations during the past two years.

Please use the space below or attach your typed response to your application. If the below box does not provide enough space, please continue on the next page.

Check here if you have provided additional information or have typed and attached your community involvement.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (continued)

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TELL YOUR STORY

In 500 to 1,500 words, please provide a short story about yourself, including your financial reasons for applying, your educational and personal goals, and how you would like to give back to your community. Please use the space below or attach your typed response to your application.

Check here if you have provided additional information or have typed and attached your community involvement.

TELL YOUR STORY (continued)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to write their story.

IS YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE?

To be considered for this scholarship, your application must be complete.

CHECKLIST

Part 1—Within this application

Completed application form:

- Page 3: **Personal information**
- Page 4: **Community involvement**
- Page 6: **Tell your story**
- Page 8: **Declaration**

Part 2—Additional pieces you must provide

- Proof (copy) of **status or membership**
- A **letter confirming your admission** to a post-secondary education institution (for list of eligible institutions, see the criteria section on page one)
- Reference letters** (minimum two)

Part 3—Submission

- Collect the items listed under the checklist sections **Part 1 and Part 2**
- Ensure your application is complete and error free
- Email or mail your application to the address listed below

I have read and understand the instructions and declare that:

- a. all information provided is true and complete and I understand it is subject to audit;
- b. I will be a full-time student at the institution named for the period stated; and
- c. I will immediately notify Alberta Blue Cross if I withdraw from full-time studies before completing one semester of studies.

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I authorize Alberta Blue Cross to release information, including my name and the award value, if I receive a scholarship.

Please check one: Yes No

Name of applicant _____

Date (YYYY-MM-DD) _____

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Email (preferred):
scholarships.indigenoustudents@ab.bluecross.ca

Mail:
**Alberta Blue Cross, Community Impact
10009 108 Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3C5**



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