



SCHOLARSHIP FOR MATURE INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

APPLICATION PACKAGE

2024



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PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY



The imagery in this application form incorporates the theme of the 7 Sacred Teachings which include **love** (represented by an eagle), **respect** (buffalo), **courage** (bear), **honesty** (sabe or sasquatch), **wisdom** (beaver), **humility** (wolf) and **truth** (turtle). The teachings share the concept of abiding by a moral respect for all living things and provide guiding principles in the collaboration toward the restoration of cultural values, beliefs and practices.

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. We award 6 scholarships of \$1,500 annually to individuals deemed as mature by their their post-secondary institution and entering their first year of a post-secondary study at an accredited institution as listed below.

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 2 or more years duration.
- 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 2 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

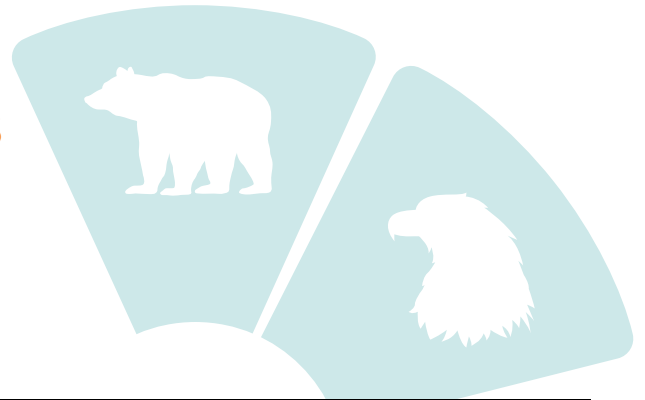
University of Lethbridge

University nuhelot'jine thaiyots'j nistameyimâkanak, Blue Quill

Yellowhead Tribal College

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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 steps below to complete your application

- Step 1:** Complete the application form found on page 4.
- Step 2:** List or describe your involvement with community or school-sponsored events or organizations during the past 2 years—use the space provided on pages 5 and 6, 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 7 and 8, or provide as an attachment to your application.
- Step 4:** Complete the declaration on page 9.

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 1 of the accredited post-secondary educational institutions named within this application (most registrar's offices can provide this for you); and
- 2 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.

Application deadline

The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.** Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

When will recipients be notified?

Successful applicants will be notified by **March 1, 2024.**

Funds will be awarded by **March 31, 2024.**

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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? | | | | |

EDUCATION INFORMATION

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|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 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 2 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 story.

TELL YOUR STORY (continued)

A large, empty rectangular box intended for the applicant to write their story.

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IS YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE?



Checklist

PART 1

Within this application

Completed application form:

- Page 4: **Personal information**
- Page 5: **Community involvement**
- Page 7: **Tell your story**
- Page 9: **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 2)
- Reference letters** (minimum 2)

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

Declaration of applicant

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 the first year of studies.

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
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