

# Aboriginal Scholarships/Awards

## Aboriginal Canada Portal Website

A resource website that has a search engine. Type “scholarships” and you will get direct links to over 400 websites that offer funding opportunities.

Web link

<http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/eng/index.html>



## Aboriginal Learning Links

Scholarships, Grants and Bursaries listed

Web link <http://aboriginallearning.ca/>



## Indigenous Nurses Association of Canada

Various awards for aboriginal students listed

Further Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada

Information: 56 Sparks Street – Suite 502

Ottawa, ON K1P 5A9

Tel: (613) 724-4677

Toll Free: 1-866-724-3049

Fax: (613) 7244718

Email: [information@anac.on.ca](mailto:information@anac.on.ca)

Web link: <http://www.anac.on.ca/>



## **Aboriginal Scholarship/Bursary Guide**

AMMSA-Aboriginal MultiMedia

Society provides a listing of Aboriginal scholarships and bursaries.

Web link: <https://www.ammsa.com/>



## **National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation**

Web link: <http://indspire.ca/scholarships>



## **BC Indigenous Student Award**

BC Aboriginal Student Awards (BCASA) support gaining access to postsecondary education.

Applicants must apply for an initial BCASA award before the second year of any eligible program of study.

Awards of \$1000 \$3500 are available to Aboriginal students enrolled in postsecondary studies of at least nine weeks long.

Application for this award includes:

- a brief history and outline of education and career goals
- supporting evidence of Aboriginal ancestry from an individual, a band or a recognized Aboriginal organization;

- evidence of community service either Aboriginal or other
- proof of acceptance into an eligible program of study
- evidence of financial need (optional)
- Application and documentation **due no later than May 15th**

Apply to:

Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society  
 c/o The Victoria Foundation  
 #109 – 645 Fort St  
 Victoria, BC V8W 1G2  
 Phone: (250) 381-5532  
 Fax: (250) 4801129  
 Email: [info@bcscholarship.ca](mailto:info@bcscholarship.ca)  
 Web link: <http://www.bcscholarship.ca/web/>



## **BC ACADRE Aboriginal Health Research Awards & Fellowships**

These awards are available to students attending a postsecondary institution in British Columbia and enrolled in health science programs and/or undertaking Aboriginal health related research in the province of British Columbia.

Students of Aboriginal ancestry are strongly urged to apply

**NOTE:** An annual call for Applications for the Awards and Fellowships is released every fall. This document will be posted on the website at that time. \*Please note that the types and numbers of awards may vary each year.

Types of Health Research Awards & Fellowships

**The following Aboriginal Health Research Awards & Fellowships are offered by the BC ACADRE.**

(NOTE: the numbers and amounts of the awards may vary depending upon eligible applications.)

1. Undergraduate Student Health
  1. Research Awards
  2. Up to 5 research awards in the amount of up to \$4,048.00 each will be given to students enrolled in health science programs.
  3. Applicants must identify a faculty mentor who is willing to supervise their work on the faculty member's Aboriginal health research project.
2. Master's Student Health
  1. Research Fellowships
  2. Up to 6 research fellowships in the amount of up to \$16,000.00 each (per annum) will be given to students enrolled in health science programs and/or who are conducting research about Aboriginal health.
  3. Applicants must indicate their research interests and demonstrate how their program of study addresses Aboriginal health research.
3. PhD Student Health
  1. Research Fellowships
  2. Up to 3 research fellowships in the amount of up to \$19,030.00 each (per annum) will be given to students enrolled in health science professional degree programs and/or who are conducting Aboriginal health research.
  3. Meritorious candidates may receive an award for a total of 3 years. Applicants must indicate their research interests and demonstrate how their program of study addresses Aboriginal health research.
4. Post Doctoral Fellowship, New Investigator and Investigator Awards for Aboriginal Faculty

1. Subject to availability of funds, postdoctoral fellowships or new investigator grants are made available to students that are identified in a competition.

**An applicant will be considered to be meritorious if the following criteria are met:**

- Substantial progress in program
- continued support from community
- recommendation of supervisor

**Contact:**

B.C. Aboriginal Capacity and Research Development Environment  
Institute for Aboriginal Health  
#4002194  
Health Sciences Mall  
Instructional Resource Centre  
Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6T 1Z3  
Tel (604) 8275464  
Toll Free Number 1.866.880.5464 | Fax (604) 8226612  
Email: [lindaday@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:lindaday@interchange.ubc.ca)  
Web link: <http://www.iah.ubc.ca/FellowshipsBurariesScholarships.htm>



**BC Hydro – Aboriginal Peoples**

Eight \$1,000 scholarships are offered to individuals who are status/non status Indians, Inuit or Métis and are residents of B.C. and who plan to enroll in a fulltime public post secondary institution in B.C. or who are attending a fulltime public post secondary institution in B.C. in any field of study.

In addition, one student will be honoured with the \$2,000 Randy Brant Memorial Scholarship based on a combination of academic achievement and outstanding community involvement.

No essay is required.

**Application deadline is April 3rd**

**Apply to**

Aboriginal Scholarship Program  
B.C.Hydro Outreach Programs Scholarships  
16th Floor, 333 Dunsmuir Street  
Vancouver, BC V68 5R3  
Tel:(604) 6233617

Web

link: [http://www.bchydro.com/community/community\\_investment/scholarships.html?WT.mc\\_id=rd\\_scholarships](http://www.bchydro.com/community/community_investment/scholarships.html?WT.mc_id=rd_scholarships)



**BC Ministry of Community, Aboriginal & Women's Services  
First**

The First Citizens Fund Student Bursary Program provides financial assistance to Aboriginal students enrolled in postsecondary education programs.

Students of Aboriginal ancestry who are ordinarily resident in British Columbia and registered fulltime in a postsecondary program of two or more years duration can apply.

Students must demonstrate financial need and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA (grade point average) or C+ grade equivalent in order to qualify.

The program supports undergraduate and graduate students in degree programs, and students in two year diploma or certificate programs.

Bursaries are also available to students with disabilities who may need a longer period of time to complete their education.

Please contact the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centers or visit their website for application details. Application deadline is **May 27th**

**Apply to**

BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centers  
200 506 Fort Street  
Victoria, BC V8W 1E6  
Tel: 250 3885522  
or Toll Free 18009902432  
Fax: 250 3885502  
Email: [info@bcaafc.com](mailto:info@bcaafc.com)  
Web link: <http://www.bcaafc.com/>



**Calverly Estate Scholarship Fund**

Scholarships in the amounts of \$300 and \$500 will be awarded to nonstatus Aboriginal applicants who have been BC residents for the last six months and are active members of the United Native Nations local in their area (or be active in their individual community toward the betterment of Aboriginal peoples).

Submit application form with school transcript, a letter of recommendation (from UNN Local President, Chief, Council, Band Manager, school counselor, teacher or principal), a personal profile, a letter stating career goals, personal traits/characteristics and involvement with UNN.

The grant will be made biannually the 2nd week of December and the 2nd week of August.

**Apply to**

United Native Nations  
110425 Carrall Street  
Vancouver, BC V6B 6E3  
Tel: (604) 6881821  
Fax: (604) 6881823  
Toll Free: 18005559756  
Email: [anne@unns.bc.ca](mailto:anne@unns.bc.ca)  
Web link: <http://www.unns.bc.ca/>



**CHCI Scholarship and Bursary Programs**

Bursaries are available to assist students of Aboriginal ancestry who wish to pursue educational opportunities leading to careers in health professions.

Candidates must be Canadian citizens of Aboriginal ancestry who have resided in British Columbia for the last 12 months.

Candidates must demonstrate financial need and be acceptable for enrolment in a professional health careers program.

A professional health careers program is a postsecondary program in a federally recognized college or university that provides a degree or diploma qualifying graduates for employment in an accredited health career professions, such as medicine, nursing, dentistry, health administration or traditional medicine.

The application **deadline** is **June 16th**

**Apply to**

First Nations Chiefs' Health Committee  
#620100 Park Royal South



West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2  
Tel: (604) 9132080  
Ext.27 or 18669130033  
Fax: (604) 9802081  
Email: [tfrasert@fnchc.ca](mailto:tfrasert@fnchc.ca)



### **Chief Joe Matthias BC Aboriginal Scholarship Fund**

In order to be eligible a student must be a member of a BC First Nation; show financial need and demonstrable merit; be a current student of a postsecondary institution working towards a degree, certificate or diploma.

#### **Apply to**

Chief Joe Matthias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship Fund  
c/o P.O. Box 49279  
28001055 Dunsmuir Street  
Vancouver, BC V7X 1P4  
Tel: (604) 6404921  
(Melissa Arnell) Email [marnell@deloitte.ca](mailto:marnell@deloitte.ca)  
Web link:

[http://www.fnesc.ca/current\\_issues/scholarships/Chief%20Joe%20Matthias%20Scholarship%20Application%2003-06.pdf](http://www.fnesc.ca/current_issues/scholarships/Chief%20Joe%20Matthias%20Scholarship%20Application%2003-06.pdf)



### **CN Aboriginal Awards**

Awarded under Aboriginal Achievement Awards

Web link: <http://www.cn.ca/en/careers-offer-scholarships-aboriginal-awards.htm>



## **First Citizens Fund – Student Bursary Program**

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Students of Aboriginal ancestry who are ordinarily resident in British Columbia and registered fulltime in a postsecondary program of two or more years duration can apply.

Students must demonstrate financial need and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA (grade point average) or C+ grade equivalent in order to qualify.

The program supports undergraduate and graduate students in degree programs, and students in two-year diploma or certificate programs.

Bursaries are also available to students with disabilities who may need a longer period of time to complete their education.

### **Contact**

BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres  
3200 – 506 Fort Street  
Victoria, BC v8W 1E6  
Tel: (250) 3885522  
Fax: (250) 3885502  
Web link:<http://www.bcaafc.com/>



## **First Nations Education Steering Committee**

Web link:<http://www.fnesc.ca/index.php>



## **Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY)**

FAAY is the scholarship program operated by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB).

Corporate sponsors who support FAAY will award over \$225,000 in scholarships and bursaries to

Aboriginals (Status, NonStatus, Metis and Inuit). To qualify for a scholarship, students must be enrolled in a Canadian university, college or technical institute. There is no age restriction for postsecondary students.

Scholarships and bursaries are awarded on a national basis and are based on specific criteria, including contributions to the community, academic performance, career goals plus leadership role model qualities.

**Application deadline is October 14th**

### **Apply to**

Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY)

c/o CCAB

204A St. George St.

Coach House, Main Floor

Toronto, ON M5R 2N5

Tel: (416) 9618663

Ext. 227 Fax: (416) 9613995

Email: [faayinfo@ccab.com](mailto:faayinfo@ccab.com)

Web link: <http://www.ccab.com/>



## **GE Foundation Scholar Leaders**

The GE Foundation seeks to increase access to higher education by identifying and recognizing up to 15 accomplished first-year undergraduate students from universities across Canada who are pursuing degrees in the fields of engineering and business/management and are a member of one of the following groups: Aboriginal peoples\*, persons with disabilities\*\* and women in engineering programs.

### **Why Apply?**

A \$4000 per year scholarship for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years of your undergraduate program. An opportunity to be mentored by a business leader at GE in Canada. Inclusion in GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders activities, including a specially designed summer leadership seminar at GE Canada in Mississauga, Ontario .

Participation in community development projects

**Application deadline is February 28th**

### **Apply to**

GE Foundation Scholar Leaders Program in Canada  
Institute of International Education  
809 United Nations Plaza  
New York, NY 10017  
USA

Email: [gefslpcanada@iie.org](mailto:gefslpcanada@iie.org)

Phone: 18004860308

Fax: 12129845393

Web link: <https://apply.scholarshipandmore.org/>



**Gitxsan Health Society Bursary**

A onetime bursary award available to a post secondary student who is of Gitxsan ancestry who is currently studying in a recognized post secondary institution in a health field.

Please submit: a completed application form, current proof of attendance, current transcripts of your study, two letters of reference from nonfamily members, a personal profile, and an essay (see application form for guidelines).

Application form is available at post secondary institutions, band offices and health stations of: Gitanmaax, Kispiox, , Glen Vowell and at the office of Gitxsan Health Society in Hazelton.

The completed application along with all required backup documentation must be received by Gitxsan Health Society Office by **April 30th**

**Apply to**

Gitxsan Health Society  
P.O. Box 223  
Hazelton, BC v0J 1Y0  
Tel: (250) 8425165 or 18006639935  
Fax: (250) 8420079 or (250) 8425587  
Email: [herthaholland@gitxsan.net](mailto:herthaholland@gitxsan.net)



**Health Sciences Association of B.C. Aboriginal Bursary Award**

One bursary of \$500.

This bursary is open to Aboriginal students who are continuing or proceeding in any HSA field leading to a recognized certificate, degree or

diploma at any college, university or other postsecondary educational institution.

Primary consideration is given to residents of British Columbia attending a Canadian postsecondary educational institution.

The bursary is based on a combination of scholastic merit, financial need and commitment to pursuing education in a related field.

Previous scholarship or bursary winners are ineligible.

**The application deadline is late February**

**Apply to**

Health Sciences Association of B.C. Office  
Suite 300 5118 Joyce Street  
Vancouver, BC V5R 4H1  
Tel: (604) 4390994  
Toll Free: 18006632017  
Fax: (604) 4390976  
Toll Free: 18006636119  
Web link:

<http://www.hsabc.org/content.php?id=10&sid=5#scholarships>



**Heroes of Our Time Award**

Eight awards of \$2000 provided to a Aboriginal students in need of financial assistance who have completed at least one year in a postsecondary education field of Criminology, Native Studies, Social Work, Political Science, Medicine, Law, Education and Science has demonstrated exceptional academic abilities, and has been involved in and shown commitment to extracurricular/ volunteer activities.

**Application deadline is June 1st**

**Apply to**

Heroes of Our Time Awards

Attn: Selection Committee

1 Nicholas Street # 1002

Ottawa, ON K1N 7B7

Tel: (613) 2416789

Fax: (613) 2415808

Web

link:[http://www.afn.ca/uploads/files/hoot\\_2010\\_eng\\_app\\_form.pdf](http://www.afn.ca/uploads/files/hoot_2010_eng_app_form.pdf)



**Husky Oil Education Awards for Native People**

There are up to 7 awards in the amount of \$3,000 each for Aboriginal students who are Canadian citizens.

They should show financial need and demonstrate a serious interest in furthering their educational and career development.

Preference will be given to applicants whose residence is located on or near one of Husky's exploration, development or operation sites, and who are pursuing a career in the oil and gas industry.

**Application deadline is May 31st**

**Apply to**

Aboriginal Relations

Husky Oil Operations Ltd

PO Box 6525, Station D

Calgary, AB T2P 3G7

Tel: (403) 2986780



## **Imperial Oil Limited – Aboriginal Scholarship Award**

Four scholarships ranging from \$3,500 to \$4,500 awards are available to Aboriginal students enrolled in fulltime, petroleum industry related studies and have financial need.

Your grades will be considered.

You must have been living in B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Yukon or the Northwest Territories for 12 months before applying.

**Application deadline is June 15**

### **Apply to**

Administrator  
Aboriginal Scholarship Awards Program  
Imperial Oil  
237 Fourth Avenue SW  
P.O. Box 2480, Station M  
Calgary, AB T2P 3M9  
Tel: (403) 2374444  
Fax: (403) 2372593  
Web link: [http://www.imperialoil.ca/Canada-English/community\\_aboriginal\\_scholar.aspx](http://www.imperialoil.ca/Canada-English/community_aboriginal_scholar.aspx)



## **Indian and Northern Affairs Canada**

The purpose of the Aboriginal Bursary System is to provide Aboriginal students with a valuable tool to facilitate their pursuit of postsecondary studies.



These awards are made available by various organizations and institutions.

Bursary awards may be searched by region, discipline, providers or key words.

To apply for bursaries the organizations that are awarding them must be contacted.

Contact information is provided on the web site.

Web link:

<http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/eng/ao20011.html>



### **Pam Koczapska Memorial Award**

The Pam Koczapska Memorial Award of up to \$1000 will honour students planning a career in education or in any professional field that will benefit the Upper Sto:lo people.

Preference is given to Sto:lo students and then to First Nations students who have lived in the Sto:lo area between Langley and Yale for at least 24 months.

Selection is based on personal qualities, volunteer work, marks and financial need.

**Application deadline is May 1st**

**Apply to**

Coqualeetza Cultural Education Centre  
P.O. Box 2370  
Sardis Main Station  
Chilliwack, BC V2R 1A7

Tel: (604) 8589431  
Fax: (604) 8588488  
Email: [coqualee@dowco.com](mailto:coqualee@dowco.com)



## **NAAF – National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation**

NAAF is a nationally registered charity with a mandate to provide financial support to First Nations, Inuit and Metis individuals who are pursuing education and professional development.

### **Aboriginal Health Careers Bursary & Scholarship Awards**

- Students are eligible if they are pursuing accredited health studies leading to employment in the health professions and have demonstrated the potential for academic success.
- Fields of study include medicine, nursing, dentistry, biology, chemistry, physiotherapy, pharmacy, clinical psychology, laboratory research and technology and any other health field in which a study of the hard sciences is a prerequisite.
- Eligible programs of study include certificate programs, undergraduate, professional and graduate degree programs of at least two academic years at accredited Canadian colleges and universities, CEGEPs and technical institutes.
- Study outside of Canada is considered for support at graduate level.

### **Fine Arts Bursary Awards**

- Eligible fields of study are all areas related to the visual, performing, media, graphic and literary arts.
- Eligible programs of study include fine arts degree programs, advanced training and professional development.
- Internships are also eligible for funding assistance provided the student has received formal instruction in the internship field, prior to the internship itself.

## **PostSecondary Education Awards Program**

- To be eligible, students must be enrolled as a fulltime student at the postsecondary level in a program of study that is a minimum of two academic years at an accredited university, college or CEGEP and pursuing a certificate, diploma or a degree
- Eligible fields of study include business, science, law, engineering, information technology, technical studies, education, social work and social sciences

**Deadline for application is June 1st**

### **Apply to**

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation

PO Box 759

2160 Fourth Line

Ohsweken, ON NoA 1M)

Tel: (416) 9260775

Toll Free: 18003299780

Fax: (416) 9267554

Toll Free: 18003299780

Email: [faayinfo@ccab.com](mailto:faayinfo@ccab.com)

Web link: <http://indspire.ca/scholarships>



## **Native American Students Financial Aid**

This page provides information about financial aid for Native American students. Some Canadian citizens are eligible.

Please note: Native American students with at least 50% Indian blood who were born in Canada are eligible for Title IV federal student aid under the jurisdiction of the Jay Treaty of 1794, subsequent treaties, and US Immigration Law.

Web link: <http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/natamind.phtml>



## **New Relationship Trust (NRT) First Nations Scholarship Program**

Successful applicants will be eligible for a maximum of four consecutive years of undergraduate postsecondary funding, a maximum of two years at the Master's level and a maximum of two years at the Doctorate level.

However, scholarships are awarded annually and students must reapply to the program for any subsequent years.

See web site for further information.

**Deadline for application is July 15**

Faxed applications are not accepted.

### **Apply to**

New Relationship Trust  
Suite 1008 – 100 Park Royal  
West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2  
Tel: (604) 9253338  
Fax: (604) 9253348  
Web: <http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/initiatives/education>



### **NSERC**

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) is encouraging Aboriginal participation in four different awards programs.

These programs are open to all Inuit, Métis, Status and NonStatus First Nation people.

The programs are as followed:

- The Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA) programs offers qualified undergraduate students the opportunity to work on a challenging research project in a university or industrial environment for up to four months (minimum salary of \$5000 for 16 weeks).
  - This is a great summer job opportunity for students registered in an honors bachelor's degree program in natural sciences or engineering.
- The Postgraduate Scholarships (PGS) program provides financial assistance (\$17,300 to \$19,100 per year) for up to four years to students pursuing a master's or doctoral degree in the natural sciences or engineering.
- The Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF) program provides financial support (\$35000 per year) for up to two years to the most promising young researchers in the natural sciences and engineering.
- The University Faculty Awards (UFA) program is open to women and Inuit, Métis, Status and NonStatus

First Nation people who are being considered for university faculty positions in natural sciences and engineering.

This program makes a substantial contribution, for up to five years, to the salary of each successful candidate nominated by a Canadian university.

**Application deadline is November 1st**

**Apply to**

Scholarships and Fellowships Division  
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research

350 Albert Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 1H5  
Tel: (613) 9955521  
Web link: [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/index\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/index_eng.asp)



### **Nuu-chah-nulth Post-Secondary Scholarships**

The Post Secondary Funding Program provides support for programs that lead to a Bachelor's, Master's or PhD in a recognized Public BC Institution.

The NTC provides tuition and living support for qualified members of the Nuuchahnulth First Nations.

Post Secondary Education Staff use the Post Secondary Policy to administer this program, and it runs on a fiscal year basis.

Every year, post secondary students are required to apply for education funds by filling out and returning a post secondary application to their First Nations office, or to the NTC by January 31st.

### **Contact**

Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council  
Box 1383  
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2  
Tel: (250) 7245757  
Fax: (250) 7230463  
Web link: <http://www.nuuchahnulth.org/tribal-council/educ/index.html>



## **Royal Bank Aboriginal Student Awards**

Five Awards of up to \$4000 per year for up to four years at university or two years at college are available.

You are eligible if you are a Status Indian, NonStatus

Indian, Inuit or Métis, and are a permanent resident/citizen of Canada who will be or already is attending a university or college listed in the Directory of Canadian Universities.

You must maintain a full course load leading to a recognized degree, certificate or diploma relevant to the banking industry (e.g. business; economics, computer science) and you show financial need.

**Application deadline is January 31st**

### **Apply to**

Coordinator

RBC FINANCIAL GROUP ABORIGINAL STUDENT AWARDS

RBC Financial Group

1 PVM, 10th Floor, West

Montreal, PQ H3B 4S6

Email: [aboriginalstudentawards@rbc.com](mailto:aboriginalstudentawards@rbc.com)

Fax: (514) 8745453

Web link:

[http://www.rbc.com/careers/aboriginal\\_student\\_awards.html](http://www.rbc.com/careers/aboriginal_student_awards.html)



## **UBC Aboriginal Awards**

The University of British Columbia has a number of scholarships and bursaries available specifically for Aboriginal students.

You must provide documentation of your status as an Aboriginal student, such as a Status Indian Card, Métis Card, or formal letter from a recognized organization.

Additional requirements for some awards are listed on the application.

Check off the awards you want to be considered for.

<http://www.students.ubc.ca/finance/types-of-financial-support/scholarships-awards/awards-for-aboriginal-students/>



**UBC Okanagan Aboriginal Awards**

UBC Okanagan has two entrance scholarships for Aboriginal students.

One scholarship, worth \$5,000 per year for four years, is available to a high school student entering first year at UBC.

The second scholarship is for a student transferring from college or another university.

This scholarship is worth \$5,000 per year for two years (it may be renewed for a third year).

You can apply through our Major Entrance Scholarship program.

