



Student Financial Aid and Awards
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Awards for Aboriginal Students

This section is comprised of awards available through external sources. "External" describes scholarships, bursaries, and awards that are not administered by BCIT and in no way is the following list exhaustive. The student is responsible for inquiring and applying through the appropriate agency as indicated in the award description. In most cases, the awards are also available to students from other institutions. Criteria and application procedures vary greatly and in some cases students must have a connection or affiliation to the donor organization.

The BCIT Student Financial Aid and Awards office publicizes external award information for general reference only. The information was current at the date of publication. Please note that government and other programs are subject to changes and modifications at any time.

ALL Nations Trust Company Endowment Fund Awards

Award(s): Endowment fund awards.

Programs: Any full-time program.

Criteria: Applicants must be Aboriginal secondary or post-secondary students who are committed to attaining personal and educational success. Open to individuals currently living within or originally from one of the following Tribal Regions: Kootenay, Lillooet, Okanagan, Shuswap, Thompson.

Contact: All Nations Development Corporation, Suite 213 West, 345 Yellowhead Highway, Kamloops, BC V2H 1H1. Phone: (250) 314-1573 or Toll Free: 1-888-562-5333

Fax: (250) 372-2585 or by email at andevco@antco.bc.ca.

Website: www.antco.bc.ca under Ancillary Services.

Helen BASSETT Commemorative Scholarships

Award(s): Available for 4 young Aboriginal women in the amount of \$1000 each.

Description: The Helen Bassett youth scholarships are awarded to applicants pursuing post secondary level studies that can demonstrate commitment to improving the situation of Aboriginal women and youth in Canada politically, culturally, economically or otherwise.

Website: <http://www.nwac-hq.org/en/youthscholars.html>

Deadline: Summer 2008.

BC Aboriginal Student Award

Award(s): \$1,000 - \$3,500

Description: The Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society is offering awards of \$1,000 - \$3,500 for Aboriginal learners. The program is open to BC residents of Aboriginal ancestry who have been active in their school or community and are planning to study in:

- An approved trades training or apprenticeship program,
- A certificate or diploma program, or
- An undergraduate or graduate degree program.

Website: <http://www.bcscholarship.ca/web/aboriginal>

Deadline: May 15.

BC Hydro Scholarships

Award(s): \$1,500 (8 awards) - \$2,000 (1 award)

Description: Scholarships are offered to individuals who are status/non-status Indians, Inuit or Metis who are residents of BC and who plan to enroll in or who are attending a public post-secondary institution in any field of study.

Website: www.bchydro.com/scholarships

Deadline: April 16.

BC Indian Arts and Welfare Society Memorial Bursary

Award(s): Annual bursaries.

Programs: Any full-time program.

Criteria: Applicants must be Aboriginal students from the province of BC and must be planning to enter one of the established universities, colleges, technical or vocational institution on a full-time basis.

Contact: The Honourable Secretary, BC Indian Arts Society, 212 - 701 Esquimalt Road, Victoria, BC V9A 3L5.

Deadline: Consult the Society.

BC Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs First Citizens' Fund

Description: Bursaries up to \$2,000 for Aboriginal students (Status, Non-status and Metis) who are normally a resident of BC and are enrolled full-time in a minimum two-year program are eligible to apply for a First Citizens Fund student bursary.

Website: www.bcaafc.com

BCR Group of Companies' Aboriginal Scholarship Program

Description: Several scholarships from \$500-\$1,000 available to second year Aboriginal students.

Website: <http://sdiproduct1.inac.gc.ca/abs/ResourceDisplay.asp?ID=139&lang=E>

HEALTH Sciences Association of BC (HSA)

Description: Several awards for HAS members, children of members or Aboriginal students studying in the health sciences field.

Website: www.hsabc.org

INDIAN and Northern Affairs Canada, Aboriginal Bursary System

Description: The purpose of the Aboriginal Bursary System is to provide Aboriginal students with a valuable tool to facilitate their pursuit of post-secondary studies. These awards are made available by various organizations and institutions. Bursaries may be searched by regions, disciplines, providers and key words.

Website: <http://sdiproduct1.inac.gc.ca/abs/main.asp?lang=E>

INDIAN and Northern Affairs Canada, Post-Secondary Education Programs

Award(s): Provides financial assistance, through administering authorities such as First Nation councils, to eligible Inuit and Status Indian students enrolled in, or accepted to, eligible post-secondary education programs. DIAND also funds some programs designed for First Nation students at First Nation and post-secondary institutions. Students wishing to pursue post-secondary studies should contact their band office or the regional office of DIAND.

Website: http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/edu/ense_e.html

KERMODE Friendship Society

Description: Bursary amounts between \$100 and \$1,000.

Website: <http://kermode-fs.ca/Bursaryapplicationform.pdf>

Mungo MARTIN Memorial Awards

Award(s): Annual awards of \$100 to \$500.

Programs: Any full-time program.

Criteria: Must be of First Nations ancestry, living in BC and a full-time student furthering their education, vocational training and/or skills or competence in Native Art.

Contact: President, Mungo Martin Memorial Awards Society, Box 883, Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1T2. Fax: (250) 752-3076

Deadline: Open.

Chief Joe MATHIAS British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship Fund

Description: Up to \$15,000 available to Aboriginal students with financial need and merit.

Website: http://www.fnesc.ca/current_issues/news_scholarships.php

Deadline: June 30th.

Bill and Elsie MORE First Nations Bursary

Description: A number of bursaries up to \$500 for First Nations students.

Website: <http://pse-esd.ainc-inac.gc.ca/abs/ResourceDisplay.asp?ID=94&lang=E>

NATIONAL Union of Public and General Employees, Scholarship for Aboriginal Canadians

Award: \$1500 scholarship.

Description: One \$1,500 scholarship for Aboriginal students who are children or foster children of a National Union of Public and General Employees member.

Website: <http://www.nupge.ca>

Deadline: June 30th.

Other Resources

In addition to the listed awards, BCIT students are encouraged to research additional sources of money for post-secondary education. There are a number of web sites listed here to get your research started.

Aboriginal Links: Canada and US

www.bloorstreet.com/300block/aborcan.htm

Aboriginal Multi-Media Society

www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html

The Aboriginal Youth Network

<http://www.ayn.ca> - enter **scholarship** as the search word

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada

<http://www.aucc.ca>

BC Awards Online

<http://bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca>

Canadian Council for Aboriginal Bursaries

www.ccab.com

Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation

www.millenniumscholarships.ca

CanLearn Interactive

www.canlearn.ca/

First Nations House of Learning, University of British Columbia

www.longhouse.ubc.ca/

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca>

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF)

www.naaf.ca

Scholarships Canada

www.scholarshipscanada.com

Service Canada

www.youth.gc.ca

Studentawards.com

www.studentawards.com