



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.

Also, visit [BCIT's Aboriginal Services](#) for more information.

Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada (AFOA), Norman Taylor Memorial Bursary Program

Award(s): Four \$1000 bursaries.

Programs: Business Administration, Business Management, Accounting Program, Commerce and/or finance related such as the AFAO Aboriginal Financial Management Program (AFM).

Criteria: Aboriginal Ancestry (Proof of First Nations, Inuit or Metis status), attending post-secondary school as a full-time student (proof of enrolment), completed application form and letter of personal introduction included. Financial need will be a consideration.

Contact: Email application packages to pr@afoa.ca or fax to 613.722.3467.

Website: www.afoa.ca/ilc

Deadline: July 24.

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.

ASTTBC/FortisBC First Nations Bursaries

Award(s): up to three \$1000 bursaries

Description: FortisBC in partnership with the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC (ASTTBC) Foundation provides bursaries to First Nations students pursuing a career in applied science or engineering technology. Must be a resident of BC who is a full-time student enrolled in any technology program accredited by ASTBC and/or CTAB. For a list of eligible programs: <http://www.asttbc.org/registration/technologists/programs.php>

Contact: 10767 148 Street, Surrey, BC V3R 0S4. Fax: 604-585-2790 or Email: hstevens@asttbc.org

Website: <http://www.asttbc.org/about/foundation/about.php>

Deadline: July 31.

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.ca/nwac-helen-bassett-commemorative-student-award>

BC Aboriginal Student Award & Aboriginal Teacher Education Award

Award(s): \$1,000 - \$5,000

Description: The Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society is offering awards of \$1,000 - \$5,000 for Aboriginal learners enrolled in full-time post-secondary education that is at least nine weeks long. The program is open to BC residents of Aboriginal ancestry who have been active in their school or community and are planning to study full-time in:

- An approved trades training or apprenticeship program,
- A certificate or diploma program,
- An undergraduate or graduate degree program, or
- A teacher education program, leading to certification by the BC Teachers' Council

Website: www.bcscholarship.ca

Deadline: March 31.

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 15.

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

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.

Contact: infopubs@ainc-inac.gc.ca

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.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033679/1100100033680>

KPMG's First Nations and Aboriginal Student Awards Program

Awards(s): Five student awards of \$1500 each.

Programs: Business or First Nations Financial Administration

Criteria: Must be a Canadian citizen, a Status Indian, non-status Indian, Inuit, Innu or Metis, a full-time student who is currently enrolled in or has been accepted to a university or community college and pursuing studies of Business or First Nations Financial Administration

Website: kpmg.ca/aboriginalservices

Contact: Email publicsector@kpmg.ca

Deadline: July 15.

KERMODE Friendship Society

Award(s): Bursary amounts between \$100 and \$1,000.

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

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

Criteria: Eligible applicants are members of a BC First Nation who are in financial need and demonstrate merit with respect to accessing post-secondary education including: Courses of study towards a degree, or a certificate or diploma, at an eligible post-secondary education institution; or Post-graduate studies in an eligible post-secondary educational institution.

Contact: Chief Joe Mathias BC Aboriginal Scholarship

c/o Deloitte & Touche

P.O. Box 49279, Four Bentall Centre 2100 - 1055 Dunsmuir Street

Vancouver, BC V7X 1P4

chiefjoemathias@gmail.com

Application Form: [Click here](#)

Deadline: June 15.

Dr. Jacob MCKAY Awards

Award(s): Four \$1,000 awards.

Criteria: Aboriginal self-identity; current or past attendance at an IALHA institute; enrollment in an academic or trades program at an IAHLA institute or a BC public post-secondary institution; demonstrated commitment and contribution to community, academic merit, financial need, and regional distribution.

Website: <http://iahla.ca/news>

Deadline: March 7.

NATIONAL Aboriginal Achievement Foundation – First Nations, Inuit & Metis Post-Secondary Education Bursary Award

Award(s): No set amount, every applicant is assessed individually.

Programs: Studying in the fields of business, commerce, science, law, engineering, information technology, education, social work and social sciences.

Criteria: A Canadian resident Aboriginal individual who is either First Nation status or non-status*, Inuit or Metis and recognized by the Federal Government, who is enrolled full-time in a post-secondary level program that is a minimum of two academic years and pursuing a certificate, diploma or degree or a one-year bridging, transition or certificate program at an accredited university, college or CEGEP.

Website: www.naaf.ca

Deadline: November 1 and June 1.

NATIONAL Aboriginal Achievement Foundation – Aboriginal Health Careers Bursary & Scholarship Award

Award(s): Bursary - No set amount, every applicant is assessed individually. Scholarship - \$1000.

Programs: Health sciences such as: nursing, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, lab technology, physiotherapy, dietetics, nutrition, health administration and public health policy.

Criteria: A Canadian resident Aboriginal individual who is either First Nation status or non-status*, Inuit or Metis and recognized by the Federal Government, who is enrolled full-time in a post-secondary level program that is a minimum of two academic years and pursuing a certificate, diploma at an accredited university, college or CEGEP; there is an exception made for one-year upgrading or certification programs such as nurse practitioner after a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Website: www.naaf.ca

Deadline: November 1 and June 1.

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 30.

NEXEN Aboriginal Education Award Program

Award: Eight awards annually at \$2000 each.

Description: The Nexen Aboriginal Education Award Program assists students who pursue studies relevant to the oil and gas industry.

Criteria: Must be of Aboriginal ancestry, enrolled full-time in a recognized post-secondary institution, pursuing studies relevant to the oil and gas industry, demonstrates academic achievement, demonstrates community leadership and be a Canadian citizen.

Contact: Connie Landry connie_landry@nexeninc.com or 403-699-4886

Website: <http://www.nexeninc.com/en/Community/Scholarships/Aboriginal.aspx>

Deadline: November 15.

Rose NOLAN Memorial Scholarship Fund

Description: The Rose Nolan Memorial Scholarship was established to recognize Aboriginal First Nation women who are achieving their educational and training goals while maintaining strong community involvement.

Criteria: To be eligible, you must be an Aboriginal woman (First Nations Status), a member of a First Nation community in Canada, a Canadian resident, have recently completed one year of full-time studies at any post-secondary or training institution.

Contact: Applications must be mailed to: NOLAN FOUNDATION, Rose Nolan Scholarship Fund, 9 Sandhurst Ct., Brantford, Ontario N3R 7G4

Website: www.tednolanfoundation.com

Deadline: June 30.

Trans Alta's Aboriginal Bursary

Award: up to seven bursary awards in the amount of \$3,000 each for those entering college or university programs on a full-time basis and up to three awards in the amount of \$1,000 each for those in trades programs.

Description: This bursary program is designed to encourage and assist Aboriginal people in obtaining post-secondary or trades education with preference to studies that are relevant to the electrical utility industry; support capacity-building by helping to increase the number of Aboriginal professionals in the communities where we operate; and increase the number of role models in Aboriginal communities by showcasing successful Aboriginal students through this program.

Criteria: You are an Aboriginal person, and can provide proof of your status; 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; you commit to updating TransAlta on your progress throughout the duration of your studies; and you complete and provide the information as requested by TransAlta.

Contact: Aboriginal Relations, TransAlta: 403.267.7630

Website and Application:

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

Deadline: September 15.

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 Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada

<http://www.aucc.ca>

Canadian Council for Aboriginal Bursaries

www.ccab.com

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