Financial Assistance Resources: First Nation, Inuit and Métis Students and Learners

Indigenous Bursary Tool
Link

Ontario Indigenous Travel Grant
This grant can assist you with the cost of travelling between your remote First Nations community to the postsecondary school you are attending.
Ontario Indigenous Travel Grant

Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training
Post-Secondary and high school students are eligible to receive funding for both transportation and books if you have a Greater Toronto Area address. Review website for details.
Annual Bursary

Métis Nation of Ontario
MNO Scholarships and Bursaries - Métis Nation of Ontario
Post-Secondary Education Travel Support Program - Métis Nation of Ontario

DreamCatcher Fund
Funding Opportunities
Education Funding

Future Generations Fund (Group application option also)
Individual Call for Applications

Other Search Tools:
| UniversityStudy.ca
ScholarshipsCanada - Find Scholarships, Student Awards, Bursaries & Financial Aid
SmartScholar
Indigenous Students | your source to 1000s of opportunities for Indigenous Students

List compiled by Indigenous Education and Cultural Services, Ontario Tech University. Updated April 2026.

OSAP Indigenous Student Bursary

Applicants Must:

- Be in publicly assisted colleges and universities in Ontario and an approved Aboriginal institute in Ontario.

The amount of bursary available varies and can range from $1,000 to $3,500. The actual amount awarded is determined by your school. Contact your school's financial aid office for details.

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Indspire Post-Secondary Education Program

Full and part time studies in college, university, skilled trades, apprenticeships, and technology programs. There is one application for all of Indspire's bursaries, scholarships, and awards (with a few exceptions that you'll see below). You only need to complete the application once to be considered for all applicable bursaries, scholarships, and awards. ***Application Deadlines: August 1, November 1, and February 1. (Annually)***

Bursaries and Scholarships

John Wesley Beaver Awards

- Indigenous students pursuing programs with a potential to lead to a career in the electricity/energy industry with a focus on Engineering, Science & Technology

Bruce Power Indigenous Post-Secondary Scholarship

- The Building Brighter Futures Indigenous Post-Secondary Award, which provides $4,000 to local Indigenous students who have completed at least one year of postsecondary education or apprenticeship programs.

Hydro One Awards Scholarship

- This award is granted annually to students studying in the energy industry related disciplines at a recognized university or community college. In addition to a cash award, recipients will be offered a paid work term/summer position with Hydro One.

Canada Post Aboriginal Incentive Award

- Canada Post gives $2,000 grants to Indigenous Peoples who have renewed their educational learning. You're eligible to apply if you:
  - Are a Canadian and a member of a First Nation, Métis or Inuit community
  - Have been out of school for 1 year or more and are returning
  - Have already returned to school and completed 1 full year of studies

Cheekbone Beauty Scholarship Fund

TD Scholarship for Indigenous Peoples
Link

Together with AFOA Canada, a not-for-profit led by Indigenous Peoples, 25 scholarships are available to be awarded annually, worth up to $60K over 4 years.

The Joseph Poitras Métis Bursary Fund (and other MNO Major Targeted Bursaries)
Link

This bursary is available for a Métis who has demonstrated both financial need and a desire to improve their life or employability through additional education or training programmes. It is not restricted to high school students and has no upper age limits.
** *Preference will be given to applicants with a connection to the Oshawa Durham Region Métis community,* but does not preclude consideration of others.
The Application Deadline is October 15th of each year.

FIRST Robotics Canada
FIRST Robotics Indigenous Scholarship

FIRST Canada is proud to offer $5000 CAD to one recipient (non-renewable) to encourage Indigenous peoples across Canada (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) to pursue post-secondary studies in certificate, diploma, applied degree and bachelor's degree programs.
One scholarship will be awarded per school calendar year.

Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario
Awards & Scholarships

ETFO offers one learning bursary and two scholarships annually to First Nations, Métis and Inuit women who are entering their first year of a full-time undergraduate degree at an accredited university in Ontario.
This award is not intended to support a master's or doctorate program.

Export Development Canada Scholarship
Indigenous Community Leader Scholarship

An Indigenous student, First Nations status or non-status, Métis, or Inuit ("FNMI") pursuing studies at a Canadian college, university or CEGEP for the 2025/2026 academic year. Must demonstrate exceptional leadership within the FNMI community.

First Nations Child and Family Caring Society
Awards and Scholarships

- Peter Henderson Bryce Award | The Caring Society
- Jordan's Principle Scholarship | The Caring Society
- Spirit Bear Award | The Caring Society
- Shannen's Dream Scholarship | The Caring Society

ATCO Indigenous Education Awards Program
Link

The Merit, Bursary, Scholarship and Bridging Awards are available to select students who demonstrate leadership capabilities and strive to be role models in their school and community.

WTS Toronto Chapter
Link

The Scholarship is open to students who meet the following criteria:

- Two Indigenous Scholarships for post-secondary school students who identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit).
- Indigenous Scholarships are open nationally to any full-time student registered in a Canadian post-secondary institution.

Indigenous applications accepted year round.

Women in Mining-Indigenous Trailblazer Award
Trailblazer Awards

- Candidates can either be nominated or self-nominate for the Award.
- Nominees must be women
- Nominees must be Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit or Métis).
- Nominators and Nominees do not need to be a member of Women in Mining Canada

TC Energy Scholarship
Scholarships Canada
In support of Indigenous students (First Nation, Métis, Inuit or Non-Status) pursuing any full-time, post-secondary program at a registered education institute, the TC Energy Program offers scholarships to students in three categories which include 77 scholarships specifically for Indigenous students. Some examples include:

- TC Energy Indigenous Legacy Scholarship worth $5,000
- TC Energy Community Leaders Scholarship worth $2,500
- TC Energy Trades Scholarship worth $2,500.

For more information about TC Energy, the scholarships they have available, and the application process please contact TCScholarships@tcenergy.com.

Ontario First Generation Bursary

Link

The Ontario First Generation Bursary is for postsecondary students whose parents have never attended post secondary studies.

Applicants Must:

- Have financial needs.
- Attend a publicly-assisted college or university in Ontario only.

Living and Learning Grant

Individuals who were in Extended Society Care and other youth 21-24 years old who left the care of a Children's Aid Society may be eligible for a Living and Learning Grant. This grant provides additional funds above the regular full-time OSAP aid limits.

Students in special circumstances | ontario.ca

Electro Federation Canada Scholarship Program

For all scholarships, preference will be given to those applicants pursuing post-secondary education in a discipline which targets a career in the Electrical industry, such as Electrical Engineering, Electrical Technologist, Electrical Technician, Industrial Distribution, Sales, Marketing, Finance, Human Resources, Management Operations, Logistics and Information Technology.

- The Ontario Energy Network (OEN) Indigenous Energy Scholarship
- Guillevin Indigenous Academic Excellence Scholarship
- Eaton Black, Indigenous, People of Colour Scholarship
- many other targeted scholarships for women in STEM; program specific, etc…..

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The RBC Future Launch Scholarship

The RBC Future Launch Scholarship is for anyone from 15 to 29 who wants to learn something new… Could $1,500 make you more future ready? Apply today.

Applicants Must:

- Be Canadian youth between 15-29 years old.
- Be enrolled part time in school or not in school at all.
- A Canadian Citizen or Permanent resident.
- Not working at RBC or a dependent of someone working at RBC.

RBC Future Launch Scholarship

RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Indigenous Youth

The RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Indigenous Youth will award 20 scholarships annually valued up to $10,000 each per year (up to 4 years) to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students across Canada demonstrating strong academic performance and community involvement.

Eligibility

- Students who self-identify as Status Indian*, a Non-Status Indian, Inuit or Métis
- Applied or currently attending an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada
- Maintain a full course load that leads to a recognized degree, certificate or diploma
- You have shown strong potential to successfully complete the post-secondary program
- You require financial assistance to pursue your education
- You are not an RBC employee or a dependent of an RBC employee

RBC Future Launch Indigenous Youth Scholarship

Native Women's Association of Canada (inactive for a couple of years)

Helen Bassett Commemorative Student Award • Native Women's Association of Canada

- Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, or gender-diverse peoples pursuing post-secondary studies, (priority given to those in law or related fields) from each of the four directions: North, South, East, and West. Applications due by July 16th.

Michael Melancon-Koffend Student Award • Native Women's Association of Canada

- young Indigenous women, Two-Spirit, or gender-diverse students from each province and territory. Applications due by July 2nd.

Nellie Makokis Carlson Commemorative Student Award • Native Women's Association of Canada

- Indigenous single mothers, two-spirited or gender diverse persons, attending a post-secondary institute. Applications due by July 9.

College/University/Community/Program Specific

KEL,KELOŦEN ₡E S,ISTEW Award

We invite all Indigenous, First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students pursuing careers in architecture or engineering to apply to the award. An award of $5,000 will be awarded annually to one successful applicant.

Applications open May 2026

Application information

Western University Office of Indigenous Initiatives - National Indigenous Scholarship Program
The National Indigenous Scholarship Program is awarded annually to three incoming Indigenous undergraduate students (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) studying full-time at Western's main campus based on their outstanding academic excellence. The National Indigenous Scholarship also recognizes the candidate's academic achievements, creative and innovative thinking, and previous or intended contributions to Indigenous communities (on and off reserve as well as urban settings).
Deadline: March annually
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