

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

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Indigenous Bursary Tool

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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.

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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 GTA address. Review website for details.

[Student Funding](#)

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](#)



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.*

[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](#)

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](#)

[Boys and Girls Club of Canada - Indigenous Youth of the Year](#)

[FIRST Robotics Indigenous Scholarship](#)



The Joseph Poitras Métis Bursary Fund

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The Joseph Poitras Métis Bursary Fund has been established in recognition of Joseph's strong advocacy for educational opportunities for Métis youth. 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.

WTS Toronto Chapter

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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.*

ATCO Indigenous Education Awards Program

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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.

Ontario First Generation Bursary

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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.

Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association

[Scholarship Application - Kathleen Blinkhorn Aboriginal Student Scholarship](#)

Each year, the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association offers five scholarships of \$2,000 to Indigenous students who reside in non-profit housing in Ontario. This funding is available to help Indigenous students with their post-secondary education costs including tuition, books, technology, and transportation.



Export Development Canada Scholarship

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Native Women's Association of Canada

[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.

TD Scholarship for Indigenous Peoples

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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.

Women in Mining-Indigenous Trailblazer Award

- 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
- Current Women in Mining Canada board members are not eligible, nor are previous winners of the Indigenous Trailblazer Award. Winners of other awards in the Trailblazer Awards Series are eligible, provided they meet all other criteria.

[Trailblazer Awards](#)



TC Energy Scholarship

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.

[Scholarships Canada](#)

**will re-open in January 2025.

Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario

ETFO offers this bursary annually to First Nations, Métis and Inuit women who are entering a publicly-funded faculty of education or ETFO FNMI women members who are taking a qualification/upgrading course from a publicly-funded university/institution. Up to four bursaries of up to \$1,250 and a certificate of recognition may be granted. This award is not intended to support a master's or doctorate program.

[Awards & Scholarships](#)

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](#)

College/University/Community/Program Specific

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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Metis Nation of Ontario

Bursary-University of Toronto

This bursary is intended to cover unmet educational costs based on financial need. It is not re-payable and is considered taxable income. *Applicants must be* a Métis student.

Application Deadline: November 1, 2024

[Link](#)

Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nation Education Outreach

Open to all students who experience a shortfall in their funding, they can receive up to 1,500.00 for college programs and up to 3,000 for university. The money awarded will go directly to their tuition. Email jpigeon@scugogfirstnation.com or alyssa.mcleod@ontariotechu.ca to receive the application form.

