



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MATURE INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

APPLICATION



PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY

PURPOSE

The Alberta Blue Cross Scholarship for Mature Indigenous Students is for individuals who have demonstrated community involvement, and achievement of personal goals and who demonstrate financial need. This scholarship is for students who are defined as “mature” by their post-secondary institution.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application process closes January 15.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants are a first nation band member, or have Inuit, Métis or Indian Status as referenced on the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada website.
- Applicants must be enrolled in the first year of any full-time post-secondary certificate or diploma program of two or more years duration.
- Applicants must clearly describe their community involvement, personal goals and financial need.
- Applicants must have been residents of Alberta during their most recent year of study.
- Applicants must submit three reference letters for evaluation.
- Applicants must be accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution from the list below.

LIST OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

Alberta College of Art & Design	Lakeland College	Portage College
Ambrose University College	Lethbridge College	Red Crow Community College
Athabasca University	MacEwan University	Red Deer College
Augustana University College (U of A)	Maskwacis Cultural College	SAIT
Blue Quills First Nations College	Medicine Hat College	St. Mary's University
Bow Valley College	Mount Royal College	University of Alberta
Canadian University College	NAIT	University of Calgary
Concordia University of Edmonton	NorQuest College	University of Lethbridge
Grande Prairie Regional College	Northern Lakes College	University nuhelot'ine thaiyots'i nistameyimâkanak, Blue Quill
King's University College	Olds College	Yellowhead Tribal College
	Old Sun Community College	

Information about other scholarships offered by Alberta Blue Cross is available on our website at ab.bluecross.ca.

VALUE

Alberta Blue Cross issues three awards each year. Awards range from \$750 to \$1,500.

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

Successful applicants will be notified by February 28. Scholarships will be disbursed by March 5.



WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR APPLICATION

Information and application forms are available on the Alberta Blue Cross website at <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/aboutus/indigenous-scholarships.php#maturestudent>

Note: incomplete applications will not be considered. Your application must include the following:

FOLLOW THE BELOW STEPS TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION.

Step 1: Complete the application form found on page three.

Step 2: Include a list or description of your involvement with the community or school-sponsored events or organizations over the past two years (please use the space provided on page four or provide as an attachment to your application)

Step 3: Share a short (500 to 1,500 word) story about yourself, including your financial reasons for applying for the scholarship, your educational and personal goals and how you would like to give back to your community. (Please use the space provided on page five or provide as an attachment to your application); and

Step 4: Complete and sign the declaration found on page six.

ADDITIONAL PIECES YOU NEED TO PROVIDE

- proof of your status or membership (for example, a photocopy of your Métis Status card, Indian Status card or band or First Nations membership card);
- a letter confirming your attendance from one of the accredited post-secondary educational institutions named within this application (most registrar's offices can provide this for you);
- a copy of your Alberta Education High School transcript; and
- reference letters from relevant individuals or organizations, including your high school, someone within the indigenous community or a program director or supervisor from an indigenous association with which you've been involved.



APPLICATION FORM



We are collecting the personal information on this form under the authority of Section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act), as being directly related to and necessary to determine your eligibility for a scholarship. If you have any questions about the collection of this information please contact Alberta Blue Cross, Corporate Communications, 10009-108 Street, Edmonton AB T5J 3C5, 780-498-8100 ext. 8108.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last name		First name		Middle initial
Address			Town/city	
Province	Postal code	Phone	Email	
Birth date (YYYY-MM-DD)	How long have you lived in Alberta? Since (MM-YY)		Do your parents reside in Alberta? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Name of high school	Town/city	Province	Date of high school completion (MM/YYYY)
Which post-secondary educational institution do you plan to attend?		Location	
Program name	Degree or diploma sought	Entry date for program (MM-YYYY)	Program length

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS/FUNDING

<p>Will you be receiving additional scholarship money or funding for the current academic year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If you answered "Yes" to the above, please provide details below on the amount and nature of this funding. Please note that you are ineligible for this scholarship if you are receiving more than \$7,000 in other awards, bursaries or scholarships for the current academic year.</p>
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list or describe your involvement with community or school-sponsored events or organizations over the past two years. Attach additional information if more space is required.

If the below box does not provide sufficient space, please use the following page.

☐ Check here if you have provided additional information or have typed and attached your community involvement.



TELL YOUR STORY

In 500 to 1,500 words, please provide a short story about yourself, including your financial reasons for applying for the scholarship, your educational and personal goals and how you would like to give back to your community. Please use the space below or attach your typed response to your application.

If the below box does not provide sufficient space, please use the following page.

☐ Check here if you have provided additional information or have typed and attached your community involvement.



TELL YOUR STORY (CONTINUED)



IS YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE?

In order to be considered for this scholarship, your application must be complete.

CHECKLIST

Part 1—Within this application

Completed Entrance scholarship for indigenous students:

- ☐ Page 3: **Personal information**
- ☐ Page 4: **Community involvement**
- ☐ Page 5: **Tell your story**
- ☐ Page 6: Signed **Declaration**

Part 2—Additional pieces you will need to provide

- ☐ Proof (photocopy) of **status or membership**
- ☐ A **letter confirming your admission** to a post-secondary education institution (list under eligibility criteria section)
- ☐ A copy of your **Alberta Education High School transcript**
- ☐ **Reference letters** (minimum one)

Part 3—Submission

- ☐ Collect the items listed under the checklist sections **Part 1 and Part 2**
- ☐ Ensure your application is complete and error free.
- ☐ Email or mail your application to the address listed below.

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I have read and understand the instructions and declare that:

- a. all information provided is true and complete and I understand it is subject to audit;
- b. I will be a full-time student at the institution named for the period stated; and
- c. I will immediately notify Alberta Blue Cross if I withdraw from full-time studies before completing one semester of studies.

I authorize Alberta Blue Cross to release information, including my name and the award value, if I receive a scholarship.

Please check one: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of applicant _____

Date (YYYY-MM-DD) _____

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Email (preferred)
scholarships.indigenoustudents@ab.bluecross.ca

Or mail to:
**Alberta Blue Cross, Community Impact
10009 108 Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3C5**

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