



# **ALBERTA BLUE CROSS**

## **ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS**

Alberta Blue Cross has established three awards for indigenous students who are completing their high school education and entering their first year of post-secondary study at an accredited institution.

## PURPOSE

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These scholarships are based primarily on community involvement, personal goals and financial need. Scholastic achievement will also be considered. The amount of the award varies according to the institution the student will be attending.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

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The application process opens September 1 and closes January 15 each year.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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### Requirements

- 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  
Ambrose University College  
Athabasca University  
Augustana University College (U of A)  
Blue Quills First Nations College  
Bow Valley College  
Burman University  
Concordia University of Edmonton  
Grande Prairie Regional College  
King's University College

Lakeland College  
Lethbridge College  
MacEwan University  
Maskwacis Cultural College  
Medicine Hat College  
Mount Royal College  
NAIT  
NorQuest College  
Northern Lakes College  
Olds College

Old Sun Community College  
Portage College  
Red Deer College  
SAIT  
St. Mary's University College  
University of Alberta  
University of Calgary  
University of Lethbridge

**Information about other scholarships offered by Alberta Blue Cross is available on our website at [ab.bluecross.ca](http://ab.bluecross.ca).**

## VALUE

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

## PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

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Successful applicants will be notified by February 5, 2019. Scholarships will be disbursed by February 28, 2019.

# WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR APPLICATION

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Information and application forms are available on the Alberta Blue Cross website at [ab.bluecross.ca/aboutus/aboriginal-scholarships.php](http://ab.bluecross.ca/aboutus/aboriginal-scholarships.php)

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

## Part 1: Within this application form

- the Alberta Blue Cross Scholarship for first-year indigenous students (page one);
- a list or description of your involvement with community or school-sponsored events or organizations over the past two years (please use the space provided in the application form on page two or provide as an attachment to your application);
- 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 in the application form on page three or provide as an attachment to your application); and
- a signed declaration (page four).

## Part 2: Additional pieces you will 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.







## IS YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE?

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

### CHECKLIST

#### Part 1—Within this application form

Completed **Entrance scholarship for indigenous students:**

Page 1: Personal information form (**Questions 1 to 6**)

Page 2: Community involvement (**Question 7**)  
(or an attached typed copy)

Page 3: Tell your story (**Question 8**)  
(or an attached typed copy)

Page 4: 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 educational institution (list under eligibility criteria section)

A copy of your **Alberta Education High School transcript**

**Reference letters** (minimum one)

### DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS AND DECLARE THAT

- all information provided is true and complete and I understand it is subject to audit;
- I will be a full-time student at the institution named for the period stated; and
- 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

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

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DATE

#### 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.

Application forms must be emailed or mailed to  
**[scholarships.indigenoustudents@ab.bluecross.ca](mailto:scholarships.indigenoustudents@ab.bluecross.ca)**

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