



ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MATURE INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Alberta Blue Cross has established three awards for mature indigenous students entering their first year of a program at an accredited post secondary institution in Alberta.

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 opens September 1 and closes January 15 each year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Requirements

- Applicants are a member of a First Nation or band, or have Inuit, Métis or Indian Status as referenced on the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada website.
- Applicant must be defined as a mature student by their post-secondary institution.
- 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.

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 5, 2019. Scholarships will be disbursed by February 28, 2019.

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR APPLICATION

Information and application forms are available on the Alberta Blue Cross web site at 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 mature 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); 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 **Scholarships for first year mature 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)
- Reference letters** (minimum one)

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

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

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

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