

INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP FOR MATURE STUDENTS APPLICATION



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PURPOSE

The Alberta Blue Cross Indigenous Scholarship for Mature Students is for individuals who have demonstrated community involvement, achievement of personal goals and who show 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. This includes graduate degrees, provided the student is enrolled in their first year.
- Applicants must clearly describe their community involvement, personal goals and financial need.
- Applicants must currently reside in Alberta and have been a permanent resident of Alberta for the past 12 months.
- Applicants must submit two 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	Lethbridge College	Red Crow Community College
Ambrose University College	MacEwan University	Red Deer College
Athabasca University	Maskwacis Cultural College	SAIT
Augustana University College (U of A)	Medicine Hat College	St. Mary’s University
Bow Valley College	Mount Royal College	University of Alberta
Burman University	NAIT	University of Calgary
Concordia University of Edmonton	NorQuest College	University of Lethbridge
Grande Prairie Regional College	Northern Lakes College	University nuhelot’jine thaiyots’j nistameyimâkanak, Blue Quill
King’s University College	Olds College	Yellowhead Tribal College
Lakeland College	Old Sun Community College	
	Portage 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 are valued at \$1,500.

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

Successful recipients will be notified by February 5. Scholarships will be disbursed by February 28.





WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR APPLICATION

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

Note: incomplete applications will not be considered.

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 pages four and five—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 pages six and seven—or, provide as an attachment to your application).
- Step 4:** Complete the declaration found on page eight.

ADDITIONAL PIECES YOU NEED TO PROVIDE INCLUDE

- proof of your status or membership (for example, a copy 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
- two 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.



INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP FOR MATURE STUDENTS APPLICATION FORM



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last name		First name		Middle initial
Address			Town/city	
Province	Postal code	Email		
Phone		Birth date (YYYY-MM-DD)	How long have you lived in Alberta? Since (MM-YY)	

EDUCATION INFORMATION

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

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS/FUNDING

Will you be receiving additional scholarship money or funding for the current academic year? Yes No

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.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list or describe your involvement with community or school-sponsored events or organizations over the past two years.

If the below box does not provide sufficient space, please continue on the next page.

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



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (continued)

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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 continue on the next page.

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



TELL YOUR STORY (continued)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to write their story.



IS YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE?

To be considered for this scholarship, your application must be complete.

CHECKLIST

Part 1—Within this application

Completed application form:

- Page 3: **Personal information**
- Page 4: **Community involvement**
- Page 6: **Tell your story**
- Page 8: Completed **declaration**

Part 2—Additional pieces you will need to provide

- Proof (copy) of **status or membership**
- A **letter confirming your admission** to a post-secondary education institution (for list of eligible institutions, see the criteria section on page one)
- Reference letters** (minimum two)

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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