



The Centre for Indigenous Student Services

Indigenous Scholarships & Awards

1. Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation Education Fund

Deadline: Spring/Summer Sports - February 1 - July 31

Fall/Winter Sports - August 1 - January 31

Amount: Varies

Field of Study: N/A

Description: The fund finances low-income students with unique courses and/or under very unique circumstances, student exchanges and organized school events and trips. The fund does not give financial support towards tuition, fees, supplies, or living expenses.

<https://www.dcfund.ca/index.php?id=education-support>

2. Ontario Power Generation: John Wesley Memorial Award

Deadline: August 1, November 1, February 1 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Amount: \$5,000

Field of Study: Engineering, law, environmental studies, business, Indigenous studies, communications, human resources, technology, trades or other disciplines related to Ontario Power Generation's business

Description: An award granted to students of Indigenous ancestry currently enrolled full-time at an accredited university in Ontario.

<https://www.opg.com/working-with-opg/careers/student-awards/Pages/John-Wesley-Beaver-Memorial-Award.aspx>

3. Ontario Power Generation: University Engineering Award

Deadline: N/A

Amount: \$2,400

Field of Study: Electrical, computer, mechanical, chemical, environmental, or nuclear engineering

Description: The award is offered to a qualified student that is a member of an employment equity target group (women, Indigenous people, people with disabilities, or visible minorities). The applicant must be currently enrolled full-time and be in their second year of an electrical, computer, mechanical, chemical, environmental or nuclear engineering program.

<https://www.opg.com/working-with-opg/careers/student-awards/Pages/University-Engineering-Award.aspx>

4. Kin Canada Bursaries

Deadline: February 1

Amount: \$1,000

Field of Study: Any

Description: The bursaries are open to students enrolled in an accredited post-secondary program full-time. Applicants will demonstrate financial need, volunteer involvement and knowledge of Kin Canada.

<https://www.kincanada.ca/apply>

- 5. Indspire: Horatio Alger Indigenous Achievement Scholarship**
Deadline: February 1, August 1 and November 1, 11:59 pm EST
Field of Study: Any
Description: For Indigenous 4th year students attending full-time studies in a post-secondary program.
<https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/>
- 6. Indspire: The Bill Messenger Scholarship**
Deadline: March 1, 11:59 pm EST
Amount: up to \$10,000
Field of Study: Any
Description: To support self-identifying Indigenous men attending post-secondary studies and have demonstrated commitment to the Friendship Centre Movement in Ontario.
<https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/>
- 7. RBC Capital Markets Canada Pathways Diversity Award Program**
Deadline: Thursday, December 8, 2022, 11:59 pm EST
Amount: \$5,000 + summer employment
Field of Study: Business, economics or engineering program
Description: Awards for women and anyone who identifies as a visible minority, female, Indigenous, LGBT+, Veterans, and/or persons with disabilities. Successful candidates will have an opportunity to work as a summer analyst at RBC Capital Markets in Toronto. Recipients will also be paired with a senior professional at RBC Capital Markets, who will serve as a mentor.
<https://www.rbccm.com/en/careers/scholarships.page>
- 8. The United Church of Canada Foundation**
Deadline: March 15
Amount: N/A
Field of Study: Any
Description: For Indigenous youth (18-29 yrs old) enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies and, demonstrating both financial need and academic excellence. The scholarship may be awarded for multiple years to support the studies of selected candidates.
<https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/wp-content/uploads/Endowment-Fund-for-Indigenous-Post-Secondary-Education-application-1.pdf>
- 9. Miziwe Biik: Post-Secondary and Apprenticeship Bursary**
Deadline: N/A
Amount: TBA
Field of Study: Any
Description: For Indigenous students living within the Greater Toronto Area that are enrolled in a full-time post-secondary program at an accredited institution (student support is also available).
<http://miziwebiik.com/services/awards-and-bursaries/bursary/>
- 10. NWAC: Helen Bassett Commemorative Student Award**
Deadline: July 14th, 2023, at 11:59 PM, EST.
Amount: \$1,000
Field of Study: Any, preference given to law or justice related fields
Description: Awards are given to 4 Indigenous women, under 31 years of age, currently enrolled in post-secondary studies that can demonstrate financial need. They also must express a commitment to improving the situation of Indigenous women and youth politically, culturally, economically, or otherwise.
<https://www.nwac.ca/get-involved/helen-bassett-award/>

11. Desjardins Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: March 1- 31, 2024

Amount: \$2000

Field of Study: Any

Description: Successful applicants have community and volunteer involvement, commitment to their studies and show financial need.

<https://www.desjardins.com/ca/about-us/social-responsibility-cooperation/education-cooperation/desjardins-foundation/academic-scholarships/index.jsp>

12. Ontario Expropriation Association Bursary

Deadline: N/A

Amount: \$2,000

Field of Study: Accounting, business, Management, Economics, Land use management, Development Law (LL.B, J.D., B.C.L.) or any program related to the field of expropriation

Description: Students must write a paper with a topic related to expropriation and submit to the Ontario Expropriation Association.

<http://www.oea.on.ca/bursary/bursary/BursaryForm.pdf>

13. Meridian's Commitment to Communities Sean Jackson Scholarship

Deadline: April 30, at 11:59 pm EST

Amount: \$10,000

Field of Study: Any

Description: For secondary students entering their first year of studies at a Canadian college or university. The applicant must display outstanding commitment to their community through volunteering that involves initiating community projects and/or demonstrating leadership.

<https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/Scholarships/52083/Meridian-s-Commitment-to-Communities-Sean-Jackson-Scholarship>

14. Tourism Cares Academic Scholarships

Deadline: February 21 - April 1, 11:59 EST

Amount: Varies

Field of Study: Tourism, travel, or hospitality related program

Description: open to students enrolled in post-secondary studies in the United States or Canada. Successful applicants are chosen based on academic merit.

<https://www.tourismcares.org/academic-scholarships/>

15. Retail Education Scholarship Program

Deadline: April 1 2024

Amount: \$1,000 - \$3,000

Field of Study: Retail, business, fashion, marketing, or any retail related post-secondary program

Description: For students interested in a career in retail and are currently working within the retail industry while pursuing their education. Selected winners will also have the opportunity to attend STORE – Canada's BIGGEST Retail Conference – and the Excellence in Retailing Awards Gala held in Toronto.

<https://www.retailcouncil.org/resources/education/retail-education-scholarship-program/>

16. Student Essay Contest

Deadline: TBA

Amount: \$250 - \$1,500

Field of Study: Any

Description: Applicants write an essay on the given topic relating to public policy and the role of markets. Contest is open to undergraduate and graduate students.

<https://www.fraserinstitute.org/education-programs/west/students/essay-contest>

17. Dr. Tomer Levy Memorial Bursary

Deadline: May 31

Amount: \$5,000 and summer employment

Field of Study: Medical related program

Description: Indigenous student applicants must be in good academic standing, display financial need and must desire to work in the Indigenous community upon completion of their education.

<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/4078514441543/4078514441543>

18. BluEarth Renewables – Aboriginal Clean Energy Scholarship

Deadline: N/A

Amount: \$3,000

Field of Study: Clean energy related field

Description: Applicants must provide an application demonstrating academic merit, community involvement and explain how their studies could be transferable to the clean energy sector. Successful candidates will have an opportunity to work with a BluEarth employee who will act as a mentor during throughout their academic year.

<https://blueearthrenewables.com/our-responsibility/new-aboriginal-clean-energy-scholarship/>

19. De Beers Group Scholarship for Canadian Women

Deadline: TBA

Amount: \$4,800 USD

Field of Study: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) or STEM-related program.

Description: The awards promote the inclusion of women, especially from Indigenous communities, in post-secondary education. Applicants must be a female Canadian entering into their first-year of an undergraduate program at an accredited university. The applicants must also be enrolled in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) or STEM-related program to qualify.

<https://debeersgroup.scholarshipscanada.com/mydocuments/index.do>

20. The Cover Guy Scholarship

Deadline: TBA

Amount: \$1000

Field of Study: Any

Description: Applicants must be enrolled at an accredited post-secondary institution and write an article on a Cover Guy chosen topic, as well as, explain why they are applying for the scholarship.

<https://www.thecoverguy.com/ca/the-cover-guy-annual-scholarship/>

21. Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards

Deadline: TBA

Amount: \$2,000

Field of Study: Any

Description: Awards individuals of Indigenous heritage who have embraced a renewed pursuit of learning. Applicants must have resumed studies and completed one full year or more following a minimum of 12 months out of school.

<https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/our-company/giving-back-to-our-communities/canada->

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22. Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarship

Deadline: December 1, 2023.

Amount: \$5,000

Field of Study: any

Description: Applicants are entering their first-year post-secondary education and exhibit commitment towards completing their program. Applicants need to demonstrate critical financial need and display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity.

<https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/about-our-scholarships-programs/provincial-programs/>

23. Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Scholarship for Indigenous Peoples

Deadline: November 1

Amount: \$4,000

Field of Study: Any, journalism preferred

Description: To encourage Indigenous peoples to pursue a career in journalism. The applicant must be already attending a post-secondary institution and should be enrolled in a journalism program or actively involved with a news organization associated with the institution (ex; student paper or broadcast station).

<https://www.thecanadianpress.com/about/careers/gil-purcell-memorial-journalism-scholarship/>

24. Canada Graduate Scholarships - Master's Program

Deadline: December 1, at 8:00 pm EST

Amount: \$17,500 for 12 months, non-renewable

Field of Study: Graduate program at the master's or doctoral level in any discipline or area

Description: To help develop research skills and assist in the training of highly qualified personnel by supporting students who demonstrate a high standard of achievement in undergraduate and early graduate studies.

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM_eng.asp

For more external awards, please visit the External Awards page on the York University Student Financial Services webpage: <https://sfs.yorku.ca/scholarships/external>