

The Indigenous Careers Award is designed to encourage Indigenous Albertans (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) to pursue and complete post-secondary studies in certificate, diploma, applied degree, and bachelor's degree programs.

Indigenous Ancestry and Residency Requirements	How to Apply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must be Status Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/First Nations, Métis, or Inuit and be able to provide proof of Indigenous ancestry. You must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada and an Alberta resident. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must apply to the school you are attending. If you are a co-op student, a student in a brokered program, or participating in an official exchange, you must apply through the school that will issue your post-secondary credential.
Eligible School Requirement	Other Eligibility Criteria (if required)
<p>You must be attending a participating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> public post-secondary school in Alberta, or First Nations College in Alberta 	
Course Load and Study Requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must be enrolled in the 2025-26 Fall and/or Winter term in order to be considered for this award. Students enrolled in both terms are eligible for \$2,000 per term for a total of \$4,000. Students enrolled in only the Fall or the Winter term are eligible for \$2,000. A term is defined as a study period of up to 17 weeks in length. You must be enrolled in at least 60% of a full course load. If you are a student with a documented permanent disability, you can be eligible if you are enrolled in at least 40% of a full course load. Your school determines what constitutes a full-time course load in each program. Co-op students, students in brokered programs, and students who are participating in an official exchange may be eligible. You must be in satisfactory academic standing as determined by your school - satisfactory academic standing may vary in how it is determined by school or program. You are not eligible to receive the award if you withdraw from studies or drop from full-time to part-time studies before the award is paid. 	
Credential Types	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must be enrolled in a certificate, diploma, applied or bachelor's degree program. Students enrolled in apprenticeship technical training, integrated training, pre-employment or non-credential programs are not eligible. 	

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Indigenous Ancestry

Please indicate your Indigenous Ancestry:

Status Indian/First Nations Non-Status Indian/First Nations Métis Inuit

Documentation Requirements: If this is your first time applying for this award, you must provide proof of your Indigenous ancestry to your school to determine your eligibility. Acceptable documents of proof include:

- certificate of Indian Status, a status card or a valid band membership card
- letter from your band verifying your status
- membership card issued by a Métis organization the student is registered with (Métis organization must be a legal entity)
- a certified copy of a Nunavut Trust Certificate card or Inuit beneficiary card
- letter of support from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada or Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
- letter of support from a First Nation, Métis or Inuit organization (must be a legal entity) confirming the applicant's aboriginal ancestry

Schools may use discretion and accept other documentation.

Personal Information

Last Name (current legal name)

Middle Initial

First Name (current legal name)

Apartment or Box Number

Street Address (add direction, e.g. S, NW, SE, if applicable)

City/Town

Prov/State

Country

Postal/Zip Code

Mobile Number (format: 999-999-9999) to receive text messages

Telephone Number (format: 999-999-9999)

Email Address (mandatory)

Citizenship Status: (check one)

Canadian Permanent Resident Protected Person

Social Insurance Number

Gender: Male Female X

Birthdate	Day	Month	Year

Are you an Alberta resident*? Yes No

*You are an Alberta resident if one of the following describes your situation:

- You maintained permanent residence in Alberta for a period of 12 months immediately prior to attending a post-secondary school, or
- Your parents or guardians have maintained permanent residence in Canada for 12 consecutive months and reside in Alberta, or
- Your spouse/partner is an Alberta resident, or
- You have been declared, or fall within a class of persons declared, to be a resident in Alberta by the Minister.

Alberta Student Number (mandatory)

