

ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

Note: Each educational institution will have their own scholarships and awards that are open to their students. It is important to pay attention to the deadlines for early conditional awards as well as the requirements for guaranteed scholarships.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada – Aboriginal Bursary System (<http://pse-esd.aic-inac.gc.ca/abs/main.asp?lang=E>)

The purpose of the Aboriginal Bursary System is to provide Aboriginal students with a valuable tool to facilitate their pursuit of post-secondary studies. These awards are made available by various organizations and institutions. Bursaries may be searched by regions, disciplines, providers and key words.

Directory of Aboriginal Scholarships, Bursaries, and Awards – Edmonton Public Schools

http://www.visions.ab.ca/res/edaboriginalscholarships_08.pdf

Information on terminology, opportunities for junior and senior students, post-secondary scholarships and additional websites. Great resource!

D.R. Simmons Memorial Scholarship (<http://www.publications.gov.sk.ca/details.cfm?p=12556&cl=2>)

Two awards, each valued at \$500, is available to a Saskatchewan students of First Nations or Métis ancestry. Applications can be printed from the government website.

Deadline: October 15

Foundation for Advancement of Aboriginal Youth Scholarships – Many scholarships varying in amount

Open to Inuit, Métis, status and non-status aboriginal Canadian citizens who are involved in volunteering with the community and family. The scholarships are also based on academics, career goals, leadership and role modeling. Contact the website for more information and go to programs (FAAY).

Deadline: October 15

RBC Royal Bank Aboriginal Student Awards Program - 5 to 8 x \$4000 per year to a max of 4 years

You must be a status, non0status, Inuit or Métis student. The final selection of the award recipients are primarily based on personal and academic achievements and individual financial need.

Deadline: June 15

Aboriginal Student Education Rewards Program – 6 available (only 1 for SK)

http://www.primustel.ca/en/business/affinities/aboriginal/pdf/aboriginal_student_scholarship_program.pdf

For students that are status, non-status Indian, Inuit or Métis that can provide proof of acceptance or are already attending a university or college in Canada in a full-time degree, diploma or certificate program and are in need of financial assistance. For more information go to the link above or email info@aboriginallink.com.

Deadline: January 31

Sasktel Métis Scholarship – 8 x \$2000

This scholarship is open to entrance and undergraduate students enrolled in a post-secondary institution directly related to telecommunications (engineering, business, computer science, etc). Candidates must self declare as Métis, be a SK resident, demonstrate academic ability to be a successful in course of study, enrolled or plan to enroll in full-time studies at a post-secondary institution in SK, demonstrate financial need, submit a statement of no more than one page attesting to leadership skills and community involvement, which includes a 50-word biography.

Deadline: May 1 and October 1 of each year

Sasktel and Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) Scholarships – 6 x \$1500

Established to encourage Aboriginal students to pursue post-secondary education in the fields directly related to telecommunications (preference given for electronics and computers, however, business, accounting and marketing are also considered). Students must also have a minimum 75% average in classes taken.

Deadline: November 1

Cameco Bernard Michel Scholarship – University of Saskatchewan

Up to \$20 000 in financial support for a Saskatchewan Aboriginal student enrolling Engineering, Commerce or Geology at the University of Saskatchewan. The scholarship includes the opportunity for summer employment with Cameco, working alongside a professional staff mentor, and a two-year employment contract after graduation. For more information please contact awards@usask.ca.

Deadline: June 1

