

## Aboriginal Educational Resource List

### Scholarships, Bursaries, Awards, and Grants



### Aboriginal Youth In/From Care

These scholarships are available to young people of aboriginal descent who have been involved with the Child Welfare system (i.e. in or from government care).

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#### **National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE)**

*Deadline: June 30*

Funding: 4 scholarships of \$1,500 are given each year to children of NUPGE members

#### Criteria:

The scholarship for Aboriginal Canadians is open to all Aboriginal Canadian students who plan to enter the first year of a Canadian public post-secondary education institution full-time in 2006-2007 and who are the children of, or foster children of, a member of the NUPGE.

For more information:

[www.nupge.ca/news\\_2005/n27oc05a.htm](http://www.nupge.ca/news_2005/n27oc05a.htm)



## External (General) Scholarships

These scholarships are available to all young people of aboriginal descent regardless of your 'care' status.

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### BC Hydro:

#### 1) Aboriginal Peoples

*Deadline: April 2nd*

Funding: 8 scholarships of \$1,000

**Criteria:**

Available to individuals who are status/non-status Indians, Inuit or Métis and are residents of B.C. who plan to enroll in a full-time post-secondary institution in Canada, or who are attending a full-time post-secondary institution in Canada, in any field of study.

For more information:

[www.bchydro.com/community/scholarships/scholarships878.html](http://www.bchydro.com/community/scholarships/scholarships878.html)

#### 2) Randy Brant Memorial Scholarship

*Deadline: April 2nd*

Funding: one \$2000 scholarship

**Criteria:**

This scholarship is awarded to the top aboriginal scholarship applicant based on a combination of academic achievement and outstanding community involvement. No essay is required.

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### First Citizens Fund

BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

(Administered by: BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres)

*Deadline: May 26th 2007, by 4:30pm!*

Funding: The maximum level of assistance is \$700 per year for Band or Tribal Council funded students and \$2000 per year for non-funded students.

**Criteria:**

Aboriginal students that ordinarily reside in BC and are enrolled full-time in a recognized post-secondary university or college in a minimum two year program are eligible to apply. You must also submit a transcript. Start applying as soon as possible as it is on a first come first serve basis.

For more information:

[www.bcaafc.com/](http://www.bcaafc.com/)

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## **Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY) Bursaries and Scholarships**

*Deadline: October 13 5pm Eastern Standard Time (EST)*

Funding: Varies

### Criteria:

All Canadian Aboriginal full-time students (status, non-status, Métis and Inuit) can apply for a scholarship or bursary from FAAY. All Canadian Aboriginal full-time students (status, non-status, Métis and Inuit) can apply for a scholarship or bursary from FAAY.

For more information:

[www.ccab.com/faay/faay-apply.php](http://www.ccab.com/faay/faay-apply.php)

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## **Indian and Northern Affairs Canada**

*Deadline: Varies depending on the scholarship*

Funding: Varies depending on the scholarship

### Criteria:

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. To apply for bursaries the organizations that are awarding them must be contacted. Contact information is provided on the Web site.

For more information: <http://sdiprod1.inac.gc.ca/abs/main.asp?lang=E>

[www.sdiprod1.inac.gc.ca/abs/Search.asp?lang=E](http://www.sdiprod1.inac.gc.ca/abs/Search.asp?lang=E)

(Start your search by selecting Bursary Search on the sidebar menu)

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## **Minerva Foundation for BC Women**

*Deadline: June 1st*

Funding: Varies

### Criteria:

The Foundation assists single mothers in advancing their education; re-trains mature women returning to the workforce after a long absence; advances women in non-traditional fields of study; assists immigrant and aboriginal women and women with disabilities to overcome educational barriers. The bursary will be granted on the basis of financial need and academic proficiency.

For more information:

[www.theminervafoundation.com/awards/education.html](http://www.theminervafoundation.com/awards/education.html)

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## **Much Music**

*Deadline: Late November (Please check the website)*

Funding: \$5000

### Criteria:

Open to all Aboriginal Canadians under 29. This scholarship - created in partnership with AYN (Aboriginal Youth Network) - will be awarded to the individual who best demonstrates skill, talent, excellence and enthusiasm in pursuing a future in the broadcast industry.

For more information:

[www.muchmusic.com/mays/](http://www.muchmusic.com/mays/)

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## National Aboriginal Achievement Awards

### 1) Post-Secondary Education

*Deadline: June 1st of each year*

Funding: Assessed individually

Criteria:

Must be a Canadian resident Aboriginal individual who is either First Nation status or non-status, Métis or Inuit enrolled as a full-time student at the post-secondary level in a program of study that is a minimum of two academic years- at an accredited university, college or CEGEP and pursuing a certificate, diploma or degree studying in the fields of business, science, law, engineering, information technology, technical studies, education, social work and social sciences.

For more information: [www.naaf.ca/html/education\\_program\\_e.html](http://www.naaf.ca/html/education_program_e.html)

### 2) Aboriginal Health Careers

*Deadline: May 1st of each year*

Funding: Accessed individually

Criteria:

Must be a Canadian resident Aboriginal individual who is either First Nation status or non-status, Métis or Inuit enrolled as a full-time student at the post-secondary level in a program of study that is a minimum of two academic years- at an accredited university, college or CEGEP and pursuing a certificate, diploma or degree; there is an exception made for one-year upgrading programs such as nurse practitioner after a Bachelor of Science in Nursing medicine, nursing, dentistry, biology, chemistry, physiotherapy, pharmacy, clinical psychology, laboratory research and technology and any other health field in which a study of the hard sciences is a pre-requisite. Please check the web site for the complete list of requirements

For more information: [www.naaf.ca/html/education\\_program\\_e.html](http://www.naaf.ca/html/education_program_e.html)

### 3) Fine Arts & Cultural Projects

*Deadline: March 1st (for studies that begin after June 1st); Sept 30th (for studies that begin after December 1st)*

Funding: Accessed individually

Criteria:

Must be a Canadian resident Aboriginal individual who is either First Nation status or non-status, Métis or Inuit enrolled in an undergraduate and graduate programs at accredited Canadian universities or technical colleges in the fields such as visual or media arts, musical theater, dance, and other creative pursuits that support fine arts activities such as arts administration, stage management, or sound engineering, as well as marketing studies and such other studies that promote the self-employment and entrepreneurial skills of the arts enrolled in graduate level Fine arts studies outside of Canada accepted for an apprenticeship, internship or on the job training with a museum, theatre, gallery, cultural or media centre provided you have first completed formal studies in the internship or apprentice field.

For more information: [www.naaf.ca/html/education\\_program\\_e.html](http://www.naaf.ca/html/education_program_e.html)

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## **RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program**

*Deadline: January 31st*

Funding: 5 \$4,000

### Criteria:

Each year, five students will receive \$4,000.00 annually for their education expenses, to a maximum of four years at university or two years at college, in disciplines related (but not restricted) to the financial services industry you are a status Indian, Non-status Indian, Inuit or Métis, you are a permanent resident/citizen of Canada you can provide proof of acceptance (with transcript of marks) or are already attending a university or college listed in the Directory of Canadian Universities, in a discipline relevant to the banking industry (e.g. business, economics, computer science) you maintain a full course workload leading to a recognized degree, certificate or diploma you are in need of financial assistance to pursue your education.

For more information:

[www.rbc.com/uniquecareers/campus/aboriginal-student-awards.html](http://www.rbc.com/uniquecareers/campus/aboriginal-student-awards.html)

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**For additional assistance with exploring scholarships, bursaries, awards & other financial aid, go to:**

## **Aboriginal Scholarship and Bursary Guide**

There are over 380 scholarship and bursary listings under these three categories:

1. General Listings
2. Listings by School
3. Listings by Province

Scholarship search tips and other online resources are also available on this website.

Scholarships listed on this website are not specifically designed for Aboriginal students but ARE STILL accessible to Aboriginal students who meet the selection criteria specific to that scholarship. Aboriginal students ARE NOT limited to apply only for scholarships designated “Native” or “Aboriginal”.

For more information:

[www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html](http://www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html)