

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

In addition to federal and provincial loans, grants and bursaries, there are several forms of assistance available to Aboriginal students to help with the cost of their post-secondary education. You must submit an application and meet the eligibility requirements to be considered for these awards.

ACCESS Bursaries - (Provincial) - Provide bursary assistance to students funded through the ACCESS Program. If you are eligible, you will receive 60% of your assessed need in Canada Student Loans up to a maximum of \$210/week of study. The remainder of your need is provided in ACCESS Bursary. You can apply directly to the ACCESS Program at a Manitoba college or university. Approximately 53% of ACCESS students are of Aboriginal ancestry.

To apply for an ACCESS bursary, contact the ACCESS Program at your school.

- University of Manitoba (Winnipeg) UMAP: 1 204 474-8803
- University of Manitoba (Winnipeg) Engineering ACCESS Program ENGAP: 1 204 474-9872
- University of Manitoba (Thompson) Faculty of Social Work : 1 204 677-1453
- Brandon University - Teacher Education BUNTEP: 1 204 727-7393
- Red River College (Winnipeg) ACCESS: 1 204 632-2186
- Keewatin Community College (The Pas): 1 204 627-8517
- Keewatin Community College (Thompson): 1 204 677-6402
- Winnipeg Education Centre Education or Social Work 204 668-8160, ext. 21

Prince of Wales/Princess Anne Awards - (Provincial) - \$200 per year is available if you are a Canadian Aboriginal student studying full time in Manitoba (or in a program elsewhere in Canada not available in Manitoba) and have a financial need of at least \$1 assessed by Manitoba Student Aid. You must meet all Student Aid eligibility criteria. You are automatically assessed for this award when you complete a student loan application and declare your Aboriginal ancestry.

Aboriginal Education Awards - The Business Council of Manitoba, in partnership with the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada, offers awards to assist Aboriginal students with the cost of tuition, books and supplies for the program year. To qualify, you must maintain full-time studies (minimum 60% course load) and be in financial need. You are eligible to receive up to \$3,000 for university or \$1,500 for college programs. Apply directly to the awards office/Aboriginal Services Office at your public college or university in Manitoba. Application deadline is March 1, and all successful applicants are notified. The screening committee considers personal achievements, academic standing and financial needs. This program is unrelated to the Manitoba and Canada Student Loans programs.

Millennium Manitoba Opportunity Grants - for Aboriginal Students - (Provincial) - Up to \$4,000 (of assessed tuition or assessed need, whichever is less) is available to eligible independent Aboriginal students in the first year of a multi-year post-secondary education program.

