



BCIT Financial Aid and Awards
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Awards for Aboriginal Students

This section is comprised of awards available through external sources. "External" describes scholarships, bursaries, and awards that are not administered by BCIT. The student is responsible for inquiring and applying through the appropriate agency as indicated in the award description. In most cases, the awards are available to students from other institutions. Criteria and application procedures vary greatly and in some cases students must have a connection or affiliation to the donor organization.

The BCIT Financial Aid and Awards office publicizes external award information for general reference only. The information was current at the date of publication. Please note that government and other programs are subject to changes and modifications at any time.

ALL Nations Trust Company Endowment Fund Awards

Award(s): Numerous bursaries.

Programs: Any full-time program.

Criteria: Applicants must be Aboriginal secondary or post-secondary students who are committed to attaining personal and educational success. Open to individuals currently living within or originally from one of the following Tribal Regions: Kootenay, Lillooet, Okanagan, Shuswap, Thompson.

Contact: All Nations Trust Company, Suite 208 West, Yellowhead Highway, Kamloops, BC V2H 1H1. (250) 828-9770 Toll Free: 1-800-663-2959 Fax: (250) 372-2585.

Website: www.antco.bc.ca

BC Hydro Scholarships

Description: Scholarships are offered to individuals who are status/non-status Indians, Inuit or Metis who are residents of BC and who plan to enroll in or who are attending a public post-secondary institution in any field of study.

Website: www.bchydro.com/scholarships

BC Indian Arts and Welfare Society Memorial Bursary

Award(s): Annual bursaries.

Programs: Any full-time program.

Criteria: Applicants must be Aboriginal students from the province of BC and must be planning to enter one of the established universities, colleges, technical or vocational institution on a full-time basis.

Contact: The Honourable Secretary, BC Indian Arts Society, 212 - 701 Esquimalt Road, Victoria, BC V9A 3L5.

Deadline: Consult the Society.

BC Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, First Citizens' Fund Student Bursary Program

Description: Bursaries up to \$2,000 for Aboriginal students (Status, Non-status and Metis) who are normally a resident of BC

Website: www.gov.bc.ca/arr/prgs/fcfund/fcfund.htm

BCR Group of Companies' Aboriginal Scholarship Program

Description: Several scholarships from \$500-\$1,000 available to second year Aboriginal students.

Website: <http://pse-esd.ainc-inac.gc.ca/abs/ResourceDisplay.asp?ID=139&lang=E>

CANADIAN Association of Broadcasters Scholarships - Aboriginal Peoples' Internship Award

Description: The award, valued at up to \$10,000, offers an Aboriginal Canadian a 4-month program at any one of the Global Television Network stations.

Website: www.cab-acr.ca/english/about/awards/scholarships/default.shtm

GLOBAL Television Network Aboriginal Peoples' Internship Award

Description: An internship valued at up to \$10,000 for Aboriginal students in Broadcast and Media Communications.

Website: www.ayn.ca/Edu-globalintern.aspx

HEALTH Sciences Association of BC (HSA)

Description: Several awards for HAS members, children of members or Aboriginal students studying in the health sciences field

Website: www.hsabc.org

INDIAN and Northern Affairs Canada, Post-Secondary Student Assistance Program

Award(s): Provides financial assistance, through administering authorities such as First Nation councils, to eligible Registered Indian students enrolled in, or accepted to, eligible post-secondary education programs. DIAND also funds some programs designed for First Nation students at First Nation and post-secondary institutions.

Website: http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/index_e.html

KERMODE Friendship Society

Description: Bursary amounts between \$100 and \$1,000.

Website: <http://www3.telus.net/kermode/>

Mungo MARTIN Memorial Awards

Award(s): Annual awards of \$100 to \$500.

Programs: Any full-time program.

Criteria: Must be of First Nations ancestry, living in BC and a full-time student furthering their education, vocational training and/or skills or competence in Native Art.

Contact: President, Mungo Martin Memorial Awards Society, Box 883, Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1T2. Fax: (250) 752-3076

Deadline: Open.

Chief Joe MATHIAS British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship Fund

Description: Up to \$15,000 available to Aboriginal students with financial need and merit.

Website: http://www.fnesc.ca/current_issues/news_scholarships.php

Bill and Elsie MORE First Nations Bursary

Description: A number of bursaries up to \$500 for First Nations students.

Website: <http://pse-esd.ainc-inac.gc.ca/abs/ResourceDisplay.asp?ID=94&lang=E>

NATIONAL Union of Public and General Employees, Scholarship for Aboriginal Canadians

Description: One \$1,000 scholarship for Aboriginal students who are children or foster children of a National Union of Public and General Employees member.

Website: <http://www.nupge.ca>

WEYERHAEUSER Company Limited Diversity Education Awards

Description: Awards up to \$3,000 for students who are either: Aboriginal, female, disabled or a visible minority.

Website: www.weyerhaeuser.com/citizenship/philanthropy/universities.asp

Other Resources

In addition to the listed awards, BCIT students are encouraged to research additional sources of money for post-secondary education. There are a number of web sites listed here to get your research started.

Aboriginal Links: Canada and US

www.bloorstreet.com/300block/aborcan.htm

Aboriginal Multi-Media Society

www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html

The Aboriginal Youth Network

<http://www.ayn.ca> - enter **scholarship** as the search word

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada

<http://www.aucc.ca>

BC Awards Online

<http://bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca>

Canadian Council for Aboriginal Bursaries

www.ccab.com

Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation

www.millenniumscholarships.ca

CanLearn Interactive

www.canlearn.ca/

First Nations House of Learning, University of British Columbia

www.longhouse.ubc.ca/

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca>

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF)

www.naaf.ca

Scholarships Canada

www.scholarshipscanada.com

Service Canada

www.youth.gc.ca

Studentawards.com

www.studentawards.com