

POST-SECONDARY FUNDING information for Métis Students 2025

1. Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards (BBMA) Open Jan 1 March 31 deadline

The Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards endowment fund provides awards to Métis Albertans demonstrating financial need, commitment, and a desire to be gainfully employed can realize self-sufficiency through the advancement of their post-secondary education and skills development.

Each year approximately 250 awards are approved by the BBMA Panel.

Award Criteria:

- **Be Métis** (Proof of Métis identity must be provided before any award is confirmed.)

Proof of Alberta Métis identity, or application for citizenship to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government (OMG) or the Métis Settlements of Alberta, we will consider the following as proof of Alberta Métis Identity:

- Picture of your Otipemisiwak Citizenship Card or Certificate
- Picture of your Alberta Métis Settlement Membership card
- If you do not have one of these options, you can submit a letter from the OMG or Métis Settlements of Alberta saying that you have applied for membership

If you are approved for an award, your citizenship or membership will need to be confirmed before the award can be finalized.

- **Intend to pursue post-secondary** education; leading to a degree, diploma, certificate or license (**enrolment confirmation not required to apply by March 31**)
- Be an **Alberta resident**

Award Information:

- Along with the completed online application students will be required to upload:
- Proof of Métis Identity
- One reference form is required and one optional
- A copy of most recent transcripts
- Awards candidates will be advised of conditional awards by email in early July of each year

See: www.bbma.ca

2. Rupertsland Institute (RI) Post-Secondary Education (PSE)

Training funding for clients are approved on a case-by-case basis based on actual expenses, clients are eligible for:

- Up to \$9,000 in tuition and fees for year 1 of full-time study
- Up to \$10,000 in tuition and fees for year 2 of full-time study
- Up to \$11,000 in tuition and fees for year 3 of full-time study
- Up to \$15,000 in tuition and fees for year 4 of full-time study with a hold-back of \$1,000 until receipt of documentation to demonstrate successful completion of the program of study
- Up to \$12,000 total for any programs of study above a bachelor's degree with a holdback of \$1,000 until receipt of documentation to demonstrate successful completion of the program of study
- Up to \$750 per course to a maximum of 30 credits for part-time studies in degree programs

Childcare support on a case-by-case basis for student enrolled in three (3) or more courses per semester to a maximum of three (3) dependents ages twelve (12) and under of \$15 per training day up to \$75 per week, per child.

Rupertsland Institute Post-Secondary Education Program (PSE)					
Diploma Year 1	Diploma Year 2 extended studies	Degree Year 1	Degree Year 2	Degree Year 3	Degree Year 4 extended studies
N/A	N/A	up to \$9,000 per academic year	up to \$10,000 per academic year	up to \$11,000 per academic year	\$1500 per 3 credit course
Priority will be given to Metis citizens who were not funded for the completion of a program.					
Open – See the Rupertsland Institute website for updates					
Rupertsland Institute METIS Online Services - Final Year Program					
Diploma Year 1 Full Time	Diploma Yr 2 Full Time	Degree Year 5 Final		After Degree Final 2 semesters	
Up to \$9,000 tuition/fees	Up to \$9,000 tuition, income support if eligible	Funded under PSE \$900 per 3 credit course		Funded under PSE	
Priority will be given to Metis citizens who were not funded for the completion of a program.					
Open April 1, 2024					

Rupertsland Institute Post-Secondary Education (PSE) program is made possible by a funding agreement between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA). **No connection to the BBMA program, separate applications will be required.**

- If certificate program, go to Metis Training to Employment <https://www.rupertsland.org/employment-services/eligibility-requirements/>
- PSE funding applications for January 2025 start (half of an academic year), if approved, will receive half of the amounts noted above
- Rupertsland will fund Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees, at Colleges or Universities within Canada.
- Once you complete your portion of the Rupertsland application, you will be assigned to an Advisor who will work with you to complete the latter half of the application requirements. Sometimes students will go on an Advisor waiting list as they are processing other winter applicants/returning students.
- Rupertsland funding is available across Canada must be a Métis citizen and Alberta Resident

More information on RLI website <https://www.rupertsland.org/find-out-more-about-funding-through-rupertsland-institute/>

To apply go to <https://apply.rupertsland.org/>

Questions email inquiries@rupertsland.org

Frequently asked questions: <https://www.rupertsland.org/post-secondary-funding/frequently-asked-questions/>

3. Métis Scholar Awards (Rupertsland MSA) varied deadlines

The Métis Scholar Awards program is funded through endowment agreements negotiated at post-secondary institutions across Alberta through the <https://www.rupertsland.org/metis-education-foundation/> and Rupertsland Institute. The endowments and awards are administered directly by each post-secondary institution. Métis Scholar Awards are available at the following institutions and all applications must be submitted directly to the appropriate post-secondary institution:

More information see: <https://www.rupertsland.org/metis-scholar-awards/>

- [Athabasca University](#)

- [Bow Valley College](#)
- [Concordia University of Edmonton](#)
- [Keyano College](#)
- Kings University
- [Lakeland College](#)
- [Lethbridge College](#)
- [MacEwan University](#)
- [Medicine Hat College](#)
- [Mount Royal University](#)
- [NAIT](#)
- [NorQuest College](#)
- [Northern Lakes College](#)
- Northwestern Polytechnic College
- [Olds College](#)
- [Portage College](#)
- [Red Deer Polytechnic](#)
- [SAIT](#)
- [University of Alberta](#)
- [University of Calgary](#)
- [University of Calgary \(Entrance\)](#)
- [University of Lethbridge](#)

4. Indspire Building Brighter Futures: Bursary, Deadlines Aug 1, Nov 1, and Feb 1

Indspire's *Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards* (BBF)

Since 1996, Indspire has provided over \$217 million in financial support through more than 66,000 bursaries, scholarships and awards to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students. For a complete listing of Building Brighter Futures supports, please visit indspirefunding.ca.

Since 2004, Indspire has provided over \$115 million in financial support to more than 37,500 First Nations, Inuit and Métis students. All *Building Brighter Futures* donations are matched by the Government of Canada allowing us to be double the impact for students. For a complete listing of *Building Brighter Futures* Supports, go to:

<https://indspirefunding.ca/>

See: <https://indspire.ca/programs/students/bursaries-scholarships/> or call 1.855.INDSPIRE (463.7747)

5. Metis Settlements Strategic Training Initiatives (MSSTI)

The Metis Settlements Strategic Training Initiatives ('MSSTI') is a society formed by the Metis Settlements to provide training and educational opportunities to Metis Settlement Members. MSSTI assist our Members with entering or re-entering the workforce, retaining active employment, or enhancing their skills to advance in their chosen profession. Our top priority is to ensure that Settlement Members have meaningful opportunities for employment.

MSSTI has a variety of programs, services and partnerships available to support Metis Settlement Members

MSSTI APPLICATION:

See:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHJ2rxQN5bp9oRqpeqdl2wwjuhqM6TEpYcoVLf0adZanWRA/viewform>

Metis Settlements STI funding coordinators

Buffalo Lake	780.689-2170
East Prairie	780.523.2594
Elizabeth	780.594.5026
Fishing Lake	780.943.2202
Gift Lake	780.767-3794
Kikino	780.623.7868
Paddle Prairie	780-981-2227
Peavine	780.523.2551

6. Otipemisiwak Metis Government Scholarship Awards (OMG), deadline October 31st

Each year, Otipemisiwak Métis Government in partnership with Métis Education Foundation provides scholarships to reward outstanding academic achievement. Scholarships are open to Métis students pursuing post-secondary education. Scholarship recipients receive both monetary reward and recognition during the November Métis Week celebration.

The deadline for scholarship applications is **October 31st of the current year**. Please submit application packages to scholarship@metis.org.

Scholarship Requirements

1. Students must include completed application form, reference letter, and a written section describing qualifications

2. Students must provide proof of registration, as well as details of the post-secondary program and/or courses in which they are enrolled.
3. Nominations must include the completed nomination form, as well as a letter from the nominator.

Available Scholarships & Application Packages

Scholarship Nomination Form: You can nominate a student for any of the below scholarships by completing this form and following the submission guidelines.

- **Art L'Hirondelle (\$1,000)**: The Art L'Hirondelle Dedicated Service Scholarship is available to Métis students enrolled in construction or trades programs.
- **Bruce Gladue (\$2,500)**: The Bruce Gladue Otipemisiwak Legacy Award is available to students enrolled in any area of study.
- **Cecil Bellrose (\$2,500)**: The Cecil Bellrose Legacy Award is available to students enrolled in any area of study.
- **Delia Gray (\$1,000)**: The Delia Gray Memorial Scholarship is available to Métis students enrolled in any area of study.
- **Pearl Calahasen (\$1,000)**: The Honourable Pearl Calahasen Scholarship is available to Métis students enrolled in any area of study.
- **Gary Pruden (\$500)**: The Gary Pruden Scholarship is available to Métis students enrolled in the areas of music and sports.
- **Ernest Poitras (\$1,000)**: The Ernest Poitras Scholarship is available to Métis students enrolled in any area of study.
- **Marlene Lanz (\$2,500)**: The Marlene Lanz Otipemisiwak Legacy Award is available to students enrolled in any area of study.

- **Tom Ghostkeeper (\$1,000)**: The Tom Ghostkeeper Scholarship is available to Métis students enrolled in the areas of justice related studies.

The deadline for scholarship applications is **October 31st** of the current year. Please submit application packages to. scholarship@metis.org or see: <https://albertametis.com/programs-services/education-scholarships/>

7. Apeetogosan: The Rebecca Kelln Métis Bursary Fund, Apply January 1st to April 30th

Registration at a university or college is not required before submitting an application but confirmation of enrollment will be required before the bursary is awarded. Six (6) First year Métis students one from each region will receive an award of \$1,000.00

See: <https://apeetogosan.com/bursary/>

Apeetogosan started offering bursaries for first year Métis students back in 2007 and it was Rebecca's excitement and her full support of the bursary program that we will remember.

8. Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) First Nation, Métis and Inuit (FMNI) Bursary Open June 1 and November 15

The First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) NADC Bursary is a return service bursary of varying amounts. Students in pre-apprenticeship training, or in a certificate or diploma studies can access up to \$6,000 for their studies. Students in a Bachelor's, Masters' or PhD program can access \$10,000 per year for any year of their studies.

Applications for the 2023-2024 academic years will open in early February 2023.

To be considered for this bursary, all applications will need to be submitted through the new online application portal.

Should you be encountering any difficulties in your **return service obligations**, please contact the NADC Bursary Coordinator for more information on how to manage through the COVID pandemic at 780-624-6545

ornadc.bursary@gov.ab.ca

See: <https://nadc.ca/our-bursaries/first-nation-metis-and-inuit-bursary/>

9. National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund, Applications will be available in the April 2025

Individuals” are individual First Nation or Métis citizens over the age of 18 with a valid social insurance number. Individual applications will be funded for post-secondary education, training and certification and cultural, traditional, and language knowledge building.

Toll-free: 1-888-268-0520 or info@nibtrust.ca or <https://www.nibtrust.ca/granting/how-to-apply>

10. Edmonton Community Foundation (ECF) Awards and Bursaries varied deadlines

For more information about Student Awards, contact our staff at studentawards@ecfoundation.org or by phone at 780-426-0015. **Deadlines vary.**

For a list of all ECF scholarships and awards go to: <https://ecf.ca/student-awards/>

11. Advancing Futures Bursary, Deadline: February 1

Advancing Futures is a transitional support program for current and former youth in government care aged 18 to 24. The program provides social and emotional supports and funding to eligible students while they pursue post-secondary studies. For more information go to: <https://www.alberta.ca/advancing-futures-contact>

Email: cs.advancingfutures@gov.ab.ca or Phone: **780-415-0085**

12. Calgary Foundation, First nation Métis and Inuit Bursary, Deadline July 31

Established by members of the Thorner / Johnston/ DiMarzo Family, this bursary provides financial support to First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who plan to pursue post-secondary education.

Three awards valued at \$3,000 each, applied directly to tuition.

Applicant must:

- Demonstrate financial need
- Be attending or planning to attend full-time studies at a Canadian post-secondary institution

- Write a short 500-word essay that shares their personal story, connection to First Nations, Métis and/or Inuit heritage, describing their future plans and aspirations

See: <https://calgaryfoundation.org/grantsawards-loans/advice-for-students/undergraduate-graduate-students/>

13. Aboriginal Bursaries Search Tool

Use the Aboriginal Bursaries Search Tool to search more than 688 bursaries, scholarships and incentives across Canada, offered by governments, universities and colleges, private and public companies, individual Canadians, organizations and others aimed at Indigenous students.

See: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1351185180120/1351685455328>

14. Scholarships Canada web portal

See: <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

15. ALIS

Did you know there are hundreds of scholarships and bursaries that could help pay for your education? Many scholarships are based on academic achievement. However, others are awarded for athletic involvement, leadership, community service or areas of interest.

See: <https://alis.alberta.ca/explore-education-and-training/pay-for-your-education/apply-for-free-money-to-pay-for-school/>

16. Alberta Student Aid for a loan

If you are a full-time student needing to supplement your earnings and income sources, you may be eligible for student financial assistance

Students Finance

Student Funding Contact Centre

Toll-Free: | -800-222-6485

Edmonton: 780-427 -3722

See: <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/>

17.U of A Scholarships and bursaries

See: <https://www.ualberta.ca/registrar/scholarships-awards-financial-support/index.html>

18.U of C Scholarships and bursaries

See: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/awards>

19.Indigenous Careers Award, Contact your school for application deadlines

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 leading to high-demand career outcomes in Alberta.

Value: \$2,000 per semester, and maximum of \$4,000 per academic year

See: <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/indigenous-careers-award/>

20.Indigenous Graduate Award, Contact your school for application deadlines

The Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship recognizes outstanding academic achievement of students pursuing graduate studies in Alberta. It was established to incent the best and the brightest students, including international students, to study in Alberta.

Students must be enrolled in a master's or doctoral degree program approved by the Minister of Advanced Education at one of the following post-secondary schools:

- Athabasca University
- Concordia University of Edmonton
- University of Alberta
- University of Calgary
- University of Lethbridge
- Concordia University

The Government of Alberta offers the Indigenous Graduate Award to encourage Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) Albertans to pursue graduate studies in Alberta. All department fields are eligible for funding.

See: <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/alberta-graduate-excellence-scholarship/>

21.Canada Student grants

Until the end of the 2022 to 2023 school year, you could receive up to \$6,000 per year or up to \$750 per month of study. You can get this grant for each year of your undergraduate studies as long as you are still in school full-time. The school year runs from August 1 to July 31.

See: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid/grants-loans/full-time.html>

22.Alberta Student Aid and Grants

Alberta's low -income grant increased to \$250 per month of study from \$120 per month for eligible full-time students from low-income families in undergraduate or certificate programs of one year or less in length.

See: <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/>

See: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid/grants-loans.html>