

Financial Aid

Here at Indigenous Services, we are trying to make looking for financial aid as easy and effortless as possible. There is currently a Financial Aid advisor, Danielle Robinson available to you during office hours (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings) or by appointment through drobin56@uwo.ca. She is available to answer all of your questions regarding OSAP, OSAP applications, and external funding.

Below is a chart of some of the current scholarships and bursaries available to you through Western University and from outside sources.

2017 Scholarship/Bursaries/Grants Available for Indigenous Students

Name of Award	Link	Description/Eligibility Criteria	Deadline
JUST LEAVING HIGHSCHOOL			
Alberta Blue Cross 50th Anniversary SCHOLARSHIPS for Aboriginal Students	https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/aborapp.pdf	<p>Scholarships are based primarily on community involvement, personal goals and financial need. Scholastic achievement may be evaluated for applicants who choose to submit Alberta Education High School transcripts. The amount of the award varies according to the institution the student will be attending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must be Registered Indian, Inuit or Métis and must have been residents of Alberta during their previous year of study. • Applicants must be enrolling in the first year of any full-time post-secondary certificate or diploma program of two or more years duration. • Applicants must clearly describe their community involvement, personal goals and financial need. • Applicants are ineligible if they are receiving more than \$3,500 in other awards, bursaries or scholarships for the current academic year. 	September 30th
Taking Flight Scholarship	http://www.cmmf72.org/en/taking-flight-scholarships	The Taking Flight Scholarship was established in 2009 to encourage Aboriginal high school and post-secondary students wishing to pursue a career in mining. With start-up funding from De Beers Canada and Diavik Diamond Mine (a joint venture between Rio Tinto and Harry Winston), four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded annually to qualifying students across Canada. Successful candidates will be announced in July and scholarships will be awarded in September.	April 15 th October 15 th
TD Scholarship for Community Leadership	https://www.tdcanadatrust.com/products-services/banking/student-life/scholarship-for-	Available to all students across Canada who are now in their final year of high school (outside of Quebec) or final year of CEGEP (in Quebec) in the 2014/2015 school year.	Early December

	community-leadership/index.jsp		
Four Directions Scholarship Awards	http://www.oneca.com/for-directions-scholarships.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student of aboriginal ancestry graduating from an Ontario Secondary School with O.S.S.D of the current school year (proof of ancestry may include a status card, Métis card, or a letter from an elder, community member, or official). • Good academic standing throughout the school year. • 75% overall average in graduating year • Proceeding into a post-secondary institution full time program • Involvement in the community and/or school extra-curricular activities. • Recommended by Secondary School, First Nation Community or Education Counsellor. • Leadership qualities, dedication and good attendance. 	June 30 th
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ALL POSTSECONDARY LEVELS

Indspire	https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full time student • Identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Metis, Inuit) • Can only apply once per calendar year 	February 1 st August 1 st November 1 st
National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund	http://www.nibtrust.ca/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full time student • Identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Metis, Inuit) 	June 1 st
Applied Indigenous Scholarship @ WESTERN	http://indigenousscholarship.uwo.ca/student_opportunities/index.html	The Interdisciplinary Initiative (IDI) in Applied Indigenous Scholarship is pleased to invite applications for scholarships from Indigenous students currently enrolled at Western University and its affiliated Colleges. These awards are intended to support Indigenous students who are pursuing academic studies with the future goal of utilizing their degree within an applied Indigenous community context. We welcome applications from Indigenous students across all disciplines.	Spring
Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation	http://www.dcfund.ca/index.php?id=education-support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Students (Elementary, Secondary and Post-Secondary levels) from Low Income Families or Special Needs Students • Individual Students for Very Unique Courses and/or Under Very Unique Circumstances • Student Exchanges • Attendance at Established Educational Institutions (Canada and International) • Organized School Events and Trips 	Mid-July for September start and mid-October for January start.
Kathleen Blinkhorn Aboriginal Student Scholarship	http://www.onpha.on.ca/onpha/web/Membership/Scholarships/Content/Me	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must be an Aboriginal student <u>living in non-profit housing*</u> in Ontario 	March

	mbership/Scholarships/Kathleen Blinkhorn Scholarship/Kathleen Blinkhorn Aboriginal Student Scholarship Fund.aspx?hkey=a8d352a7-2c30-4df3-a1e0-e97e1150cd53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must be enrolled in a program at a recognized college, university or private trade school • must be studying full or part-time (minimum 60% course load) for the upcoming school year 	
John Wesley Beaver Memorial Award	https://mypowercareer.com/student-awards/john-wesley-beaver-memorial-award/	Ontario Power Generation sponsors up to two awards annually, one female and one male. The Award is valued at \$3,000 for College recipients and \$5,000 for University recipients. All Ontario residents who are First Nations, Inuit or Métis, and enrolled in a full-time post secondary institution in Ontario are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to applicants from Ontario communities.	May 31 st
Metis Nation of Ontario Bursaries and Scholarships Program @ WESTERN	http://www.metisnation.org/programs/education-training/education/bursaries-scholarships/	Métis students can apply for the Métis Student Bursary Program (MSBP) at the Financial Aid Office, Aboriginal Student Liaison Centre or through Student Support Services at the participating college or university.	N/A
Joseph Morrison Legacy Fund	http://josephmorrisonlegacyfund.ca/studentbursary/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be First Nations, Metis or Inuit residents of Ontario, age 16 – 30 years; • Be registered full-time as a returning student in a post-secondary accredited institution; • Have good academic standing (B average); • Relate how they have met life challenges and kept moving toward their goals; • Have demonstrated financial need. 	October
Senior Citizen's Bursary @ WESTERN	http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/pdfs/Senior%20Citizen%20Bursary%20Application%20-%202012%20Summer.pdf	Available to Canadian citizens or permanent residents 60 years of age or older and awarded based on financial need.	N/A
Skills Awards for Aboriginal Youth	http://www.fpac.ca/aboriginal/skills-award/	These awards are given to two individuals that exemplify the qualities of strong academic standing, commitment to the forest products industry, and a demonstrated commitment to their Aboriginal community.	October 31 st
Bill 7 Award (LGBTQ+)	https://bill7award.ca/apply/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are attending or accepted by a Post-Secondary Educational Institution in the Province of Ontario • You are pursuing your FIRST post-secondary program of study • You identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, two-spirited or queer (LGBTQ) • You have demonstrated financial need 	Early August
RBC Royal Bank Scholarship for Aboriginals	https://scholarships.rbc.com/Overview.aspx	Status and non-status Indians, Inuit or Métis pursuing post-secondary education	December

Ken Dryden Scholarship (Youth in Care)	http://youthincare.ca/ken-dryden-scholarship/	As a young person in/from care, all you need do is apply. As a child welfare worker, foster parent or friend, please tell any eligible young person of this scholarship opportunity, and offer your help.	January
Little National Hockey League Bursaries	http://www.lnhl.ca/memorial-scholarships.html	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicant must be a former player of the Little NHL and be a full-time student attending a College or University program for the 2016-17 academic year. 2. Application must submit picture with application, which may be used for promotional purposes on the LNHL website and other LNHL advertising. 3. Two (2) letters or emails to support applicant's commitment to sports and education. 4. Most recent marks from post-secondary program need to be submitted along with application. 5. Application must be complete, signed by applicant 5. Application must be complete, signed by applicant and submitted by the deadline posted 	March
The Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards (Returning Students)	https://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/pages/aboutus/details.page?article=aboriginaleducation	The Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards celebrate the hard work and determination of individuals of Aboriginal heritage who have embraced a renewed pursuit of learning. The awards are open to all Aboriginal Canadians who have been out of school for at least one year, who have since decided to return to an educational system, and who have been back at school for at least one full year.	N/A
UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL			
Dr. Valio Markkanen Aboriginal Undergraduate Award of Excellence @ WESTERN	N/A	Talk to Indigenous Services staff for more information on application process and deadline	Spring
Western's Bursary, Work Study and Need Based Award Programs @ WESTERN	https://student.uwo.ca/ps/heprdweb/?cmd=login&languageCd=ENG&	The Bursary, Work Study and Need Based Award programs are all based on financial need, and are all applied for via the online Financial Assistance Profile Application. The application will be made available through the Student Center	Every Semester
Dennis Cromarty Memorial Fund	http://www.cromartyfund.ca/	Award currently unavailable: New mandate in motion	N/A
Leonard S. (Tony) Mandamin Scholarship	http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/Scholarships/48625/Leonard-S.-Tony-Mandamin-Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must identify as Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit, Metis) • Canadian Citizen • Able to possibly work after graduation 	October 1 st
GRADUATE LEVEL			

Graduate Bursary Assistance @ WESTERN	http://grad.uwo.ca/current_students/student_finances/bursary.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be in an eligible Category II graduate program (see above) • Must have been assessed with the maximum government student loan amounts (OSAP) and have unmet need under the assessment AND negotiate the loans • You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident to apply • Must apply for government student loans* (e.g. OSAP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are not eligible for government student loans, but meet the residency requirements, then please complete the application and Student Financial Aid will contact you if additional information is required. • There is a separate section available for indigenous (First Nation, Inuit, Metis) students to apply. 	N/A
Ontario Graduate Scholarship @ WESTERN	http://grad.uwo.ca/news/ogs.html	Since 1975, the Ontario government, in partnership with Ontario's publicly assisted universities, has encouraged excellence in graduate studies at the master's and doctoral levels through the awarding of Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS). OGS awards are merit-based scholarships available to students in all disciplines of graduate study. The OGS program is jointly funded by the Province of Ontario and Ontario universities. The province of Ontario contributes two-thirds of the value of every award the university provides one-third through private donations to Western.	N/A
Dr. Valio Markkanen Aboriginal Graduate Award of Excellence @ WESTERN	N/A	Talk to Indigenous Services staff for more information on application process and deadline.	Spring

Program Specific

Medical

Dr. Tomer Levey Memorial Bursary	http://www.aht.ca/nr/bursaries-and-awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be of Aboriginal, Inuit or Métis descent; • Are currently in good standing at a Medical school; • Have their home community in Ontario; • Desire to work within the Aboriginal Community upon completion of their education; • Require financial assistance for medical studies. 	May 31 st
Indigenous Medical School Scholarship	http://www.cfpc.ca/Indigenous_Medical_Student_Scholarship/	The CFPC Indigenous Medical Student Scholarship recognizes a top First Nations, Metis or Inuit medical student in Canada who has shown an interest in or commitment to a	March 1 st

		career in family medicine. Indigenous medical students in the second last year of study, graduating class of 2018, are eligible to apply.	
Schulich Financial Assistance	N/A	In order to be considered for bursaries and need-based awards, an online Admission Bursary Application must be submitted and will become available through the Office of the Registrar.	N/A
HBA			
Kenneth R. Good Family First Nations Student Award @ WESTERN	https://www.ivey.uwo.ca/hba/admission/tuition-finances/award-finder/?ft_page=4	Awarded to a student in HBA Year 1 who is a Registered Status Indian according to the Indian Act, based on academic performance (minimum 70% average). If a recipient from HBA Year 1 cannot be found, this award will be offered to a student in MBA who is a Registered Status Indian according to the Indian Act, based on academic achievement (minimum 78% average). As a third preference, the award will be open to students in HBA Year 2 as a continuing award, if a recipient was selected in the previous year. The award section within the AEOI/HBA application considers candidates for all Ivey HBA Admission scholarships. There is not a separate award application for this scholarship. Applicants who do not complete the award section of their HBA application will not be considered for an Ivey HBA admission award. This award was established by a generous gift from the Late Kenneth R. Good (HBA '53) and the Good Family through Foundation Western.	N/A
Nursing			
Charlotte Carter Memorial Scholarship	https://student.ftlams.com/result.aspx?surl=1a4248ad-333d-4384-a410-5dd892bbd545&sa=CART	Available to a full-time student of Native descent (Status, Non-Status, Inuit or Metis) enrolled in the second-year of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at either a college or a university in Ontario that is recognized by the Ontario College of Nursing. A 2-page essay must be submitted that describes the applicant's qualifications for the award. The applicant must provide two letters of reference from native-community leaders. This is a continuation scholarship that is available to the recipient for each year of their program, providing that the recipient maintains a full course load and good academic standing (minimum GPA of 3.0).	Early October
Counselling			
ONECA Post-Secondary Student Award	http://www.oneca.com/sc_holarships.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time Post-Secondary student of aboriginal ancestry in their second year of their field of study 	End of June

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have successfully completed their first year in a program that has a counselling component at an • Ontario Post-Secondary Institution • 75% overall average in first year • Proceeding into the second year or graduate year of the same program • Involvement in the community and/or school extra-curricular activities • Recommended by Education Counsellor or a Teacher • Leadership qualities, dedication and good attendance 	
Journalism			
Native American Journalists Association Scholarship	http://www.naja.com/students/naja-scholarships/	The Native American Journalists Association is committed to increasing the representation of Native journalists in mainstream media. NAJA supports and empowers members through annual scholarship opportunities for high school, college and graduate students. Each year, NAJA offers annual scholarships ranging from \$500-\$2,000 to Native American students pursuing journalism degrees at a higher learning institutions.	Late Summer
Finance			
Norman Taylor Memorial Bursary Program	http://www.afoa.ca/afoadocs/L1/BursaryScholarship/BursaryApp_Guide2014.pdf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal Ancestry (Proof of First Nation, Inuit or Métis status) • Attending post-secondary school as a full-time student (Proof of enrolment) • Academic Programs include: Business Administration; Business Management; Accounting Program; Commerce • and/or finance related such as the AFOA Canada Certified Aboriginal Financial Management (CAFM) Program • Completed Application Form and to include a Letter of Personal Introduction (see page 2 for requirements) • Financial need will be a consideration 	Late July
Indigenous Learning Center Bursary Program	https://www.afoa.ca/afoa/en/ILC_Charity/ILC_Bursary/en/Indigenous_Learning_Centre/ILC_Bursary_and_Scholarship/ILC_Bursary.aspx?hkey=0484b735-5cf8-4f89-9466-774fb7522dd1	The application process is open to indigenous post-secondary students enrolled in the following Academic Programs: Business Administration; Business Management; Accounting; Commerce and/or Finance related programs.	Late Summer – Early Fall
Law			
NWAC Helen Bassett Commemorative Student Award	https://www.nwac.ca/get-involved/helen-bassett-award/	Awards are provided to 4 Aboriginal youth from each of the four directions as per NWAC's cultural framework: North, South, East, and West. The NWAC Youth Helen	N/A

		<p>Bassett Commemorative Award is coordinated by the Youth Department and the selection process and committee are led by Aboriginal youth.</p> <p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be currently pursuing post-secondary studies (priority is given to students who are studying law or are in a law related field) • Demonstrate financial need • Be an Aboriginal woman under 31 years of age • Demonstrate a commitment to improving the situation of Aboriginal women and youth in Canada politically, culturally, economically or otherwise 	
Science/Engineer/Tech			
Derrick Kamanga Memorial Award	http://www.ofntsc.org/events/derrick-kamanga-memorial-award-application-deadline	<p>The OFNTSC encourages you to nominate a deserving First Nations student today! Anyone can nominate a student - family, friends, teachers or school councilors. Each year the OFNTSC awards four Student Achievement Awards for a \$1000/award and one Derrick Kamanga Memorial Award for \$2000. To be eligible for one of the Awards, nominees must meet these eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be enrolled/registered in a recognized college/university in a science/technology/engineering program • Must not be a recipient of the award in the past two years • Must be from an Ontario First Nation • Must be of First Nations ancestry • And must be in good academic standing 	Late June
Husky Energy Aboriginal Education Award	http://www.huskyenergy.com/responsibility/aboriginal-relations/scholarships.asp	<p>Husky helps Aboriginal students living in communities near its operations pursue post-secondary education. The Company also provides opportunities for work experience and professional development through the Aboriginal Mentorship Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship preference is given to students: • With demonstrated financial need • With work experience and community involvement • Studying Business, Engineering, Geosciences, Environmental Studies, Computer Sciences, Law, or skilled trades, including power engineering and instrumentation technician courses <p>Husky awards scholarships to up to five new recipients each year:</p>	June 1 st

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of four years of funding for University programs. Three scholarships of \$5,000 awarded per school year. • Maximum of two years of funding for College or Technical Institute programs. Two scholarships of \$3,500 awarded per school year. 	
CN Canadian Diversity Scholarships	http://jobs.cn.ca/en/CanadianScholarships/#.WhRFCWcUrcs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belong to one or more of the following groups: women, visible minorities, person with disabilities, aboriginals, veterans • Enrolled in a technical, undergraduate or graduate degree (more specific on the website) • Who are the best-in-class (only those applicants who obtained an average of 80% or above over that last three semesters of studies will be considered) • Who are interested in a summer internship at CN 	April 30 th