



Local First Nations Scholarship Program Application

- The Local First Nations Scholarship is awarded to local First Nations students based on their outstanding academic excellence and meaningful and impactful contributions to First Nations communities.
- Awarded annually to current Western **main campus** students who are First Nations from the local territories that are associated with the London District Chiefs Council (LDCC), whose nations have longstanding relationships with the land and place upon which Western University is geographically located.
- This scholarship is based on the program and course load. Students registered **full-time** on Western's main campus in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs will be awarded \$3000.00 per course for a maximum of \$15,000 in an academic year. Students registered in **part-time** undergraduate and graduate programs will be awarded \$3000.00 per course for a maximum of \$9000.00 in an academic year.

Application Requirements & Information

- All applicants must be from a local First Nation community associated with the London District Chiefs Council (LDCC).
- All applicants must submit a declaration of Indigenous citizenship or membership. This includes: (1) two documents demonstrating proof of citizenship or membership to the Indigenous Nation claiming you, and (2) a statement of relational positionality. For guidance on submission requirements, please refer to the list of approved modes of affirmation. The declaration can be submitted here <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/indigenous/student/>
- All applicants must be registered on Western's main campus as an undergraduate, graduate, or professional program at the time of application.
- All applicants must complete an application form and submit a 2000-word limit essay that explains (a) who they are, (b) why they are worthy recipients of this scholarship, and (c) how they will use their education to contribute to First Nations communities. For students reapplying, please do not submit the same essay from previous applications.
- If the applicant has any special considerations that need to be considered in their application, they should include a statement of up to 250 words along with their essay.
- All applicants must provide unofficial transcripts, which can be uploaded from the applicant's Student Centre. The student's current academic records with Western will be considered by the review committee, including any other transcripts used in the admission process, depending on their year of study. If additional information is required, the review committee will contact the applicant directly.
- All applicants must provide a name and email address for one reference, either an educational contact (e.g., teacher, faculty member) or a community representative (Elder, mentor, cultural teacher).
- Eligibility for OSAP will be impacted because this scholarship program is reported in Western's system, as per OSAP policy.

Local First Nations Scholarship Program: Application Guidelines and Procedures

Only a **completed** application package will be reviewed. Use this checklist to ensure that you have submitted all the required information.

Please send your completed application directly to Donna Noah, the Indigenous Financial Aid Coordinator, at dnoah@uwo.ca.

A completed application package will contain the following pieces of information:

- ☐ A completed Local First Nation Scholarship Program application form, including your original signature and date (PDF)
- ☐ **Essay** (PDF, 2000-word limit) which includes the following:
 - Who you are?
 - Why you are a worthy recipient of this scholarship?
 - How have you and/or will you use your education to advance First Nation communities?
 - If you have any special considerations that need to be factored into your application, please include a 250-word max statement.
- ☐ **Transcripts** (PDF or JPEG), Academic records with Western and other transcripts used in the admission process, dependent on the year of study.
- ☐ **Student Declaration of Indigenous Citizenship or Membership** completed online. <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/indigenous/student/>
- ☐ **Reference Form and Letter** (PDF) From an academic, professor/teacher, faculty member, elder community representative or mentor who will complete the reference form and provide a signed reference letter **directly** to Donna Noah (dnoah@uwo.ca).
- ☐ **Submit one complete application package**, including this completed checklist guideline form as an email attachment to Donna Noah (dnoah@uwo.ca), Indigenous Financial Aid Coordinator, by September 30th at 11:59 p.m. (EST).

Local First Nation Scholarship Program: Application Form

A. PERSONAL DATA

Last Name:	First Name and Middle Initial
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UWO Student #:	Email address:
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Faculty:	Program:	Year of Study:
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Level of Study:	Full-time or Part-time:
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Number and Street Name:	Apartment or Unit Number:
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City, Town, or Post Office:	Province:	Postal Code:	Area Code and Telephone:
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Local First Nation Membership:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aamjiwnaang First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Caldwell First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Chippewa of the Thames First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Eelūnaapèewii Lahkèewiit Delaware Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> Munsee Delaware Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Kettle & Stoney Point First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Oneida Nation of the Thames <input type="checkbox"/> Bkejwanong Territory

B. REFERENCE

Name of Reference	Position	Institution	Email

C. DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all information given on this application is true and complete in every respect. I understand that I may be required to repay all or part of this assistance if the information is found to be inaccurate for any reason.

Signature

Date