

Alberta Blue Cross
50th Anniversary
SCHOLARSHIPS
for Aboriginal Students



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STUDENTS**

The ABC Benefits Foundation has established three awards for Aboriginal students to provide support for these young Albertans in their quest for higher skills and meaningful employment, and to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Alberta Blue Cross.

Scholarships are based on scholastic achievement in Alberta Grade 12 diploma examinations, financial need, and community involvement. The amount of the award varies according to the institution the student will be attending.

**ELIGIBILITY
CRITERIA**

Residency requirements:

Applicants must be Registered Indian, Inuit or Métis and must have been residents of Alberta during their previous year of study. Applicants must have just completed their final year of high school and be entering into the first year of post-secondary studies at an accredited Alberta post-secondary institute.

Courses to be considered in determining academic success:

Applicants will be evaluated based on the results as shown on their Alberta Education High School transcript. The top five courses with a minimum five credit value will be averaged to determine a percentage score.

Other considerations:

Students must be enrolling in the first year of any full-time post-secondary certificate or diploma program of two or more years duration.

Financial need and community involvement will also be evaluated in determining the recipients of the scholarship.

Students will be ineligible if receiving more than \$3,500 in other awards, bursaries, or scholarships for the current academic year.

Students should be in grade 12 in the year they apply.

VALUE

Three awards will be issued each year. Values are based on the institution the individual is attending. Awards range from \$375 to \$1,250.

**APPLICATION
PROCEDURES**

Information and application forms are available on the Alberta Blue Cross web site at www.ab.bluecross.ca

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Your application must include:

- a copy of your Alberta Education High School transcript;
- a list or description of your involvement in community and school-sponsored events over the past two years;
- two recent letters of reference on letterhead paper: one from your high school, and one from someone in the Aboriginal community, or a program director or supervisor from an Aboriginal association with which you have been involved;
- proof of Aboriginal status (for example, a photocopy of your Métis or First Nations Status Card);
- a letter confirming your attendance from one of the the accredited post-secondary educational institution named on the back page of this application (most registrar's offices can provide this for you); and
- a short (500 to 1,500 word) essay about you and the reasons why you are applying for the scholarship.

Application forms must be faxed or mailed to:

**Alberta Blue Cross, Corporate Offices
10009-108 Street NW, Edmonton AB T5J 3C5
Fax: 780-498-8383**

**APPLICATION
DEADLINE**

Applications must be received by September 30.

**PRESENTATION
OF THE AWARD**

Awards will be disbursed by December 1 of each year.

Information about other scholarships offered by Alberta Blue Cross is available by phoning Customer Services at 1-800-661-6995 or by visiting our web site: www.ab.bluecross.ca.

NOTE: DECLARATION ON BACK PAGE MUST BE SIGNED

**HAVE ALL OF THE QUESTIONS BEEN ANSWERED AND ALL DOCUMENTS INCLUDED?
(In order to be considered for this scholarship, your application must be complete.)**

CHECKLIST

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- proof of Aboriginal status (for example, a photocopy of your Métis or First Nations Status Card);
- a letter confirming your attendance from one of the accredited post-secondary educational institutions named below (most registrar's offices can provide this for you); and
- a short (500 to 1,500 word) essay about you and the reasons why you are applying for the scholarship.

Note: Financial need is a requirement for this scholarship.

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DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS, AND DECLARE THAT:

- a. all information provided is true and complete and I understand it is subject to audit;
- b. I will be a full-time student at the institution named for the period stated;
- c. I will immediately notify Alberta Blue Cross if I withdraw from full-time studies before completing one semester of studies;

**I authorize Alberta Blue Cross to release information including my name
and award value if I receive a scholarship.**

Please circle: Yes or No

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

NAMES OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

Alberta College of Art & Design
Ambrose University College
Athabasca University
Augustana University College (U of A)
Blue Quills First Nations College
Bow Valley College
Canadian University College
Concordia University College
Fairview College (NAIT)
Grande Prairie Regional College

Keyano College
King's University College, The
Lakeland College
Lethbridge College
MacEwan College
Maskwachees Cultural College
Medicine Hat College
Mount Royal College
NAIT
NorQuest College

Northern Lakes College
Olds College
Old Sun Community College
Portage College
Red Deer College
SAIT
St. Mary's University College
University of Alberta
University of Calgary
University of Lethbridge



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