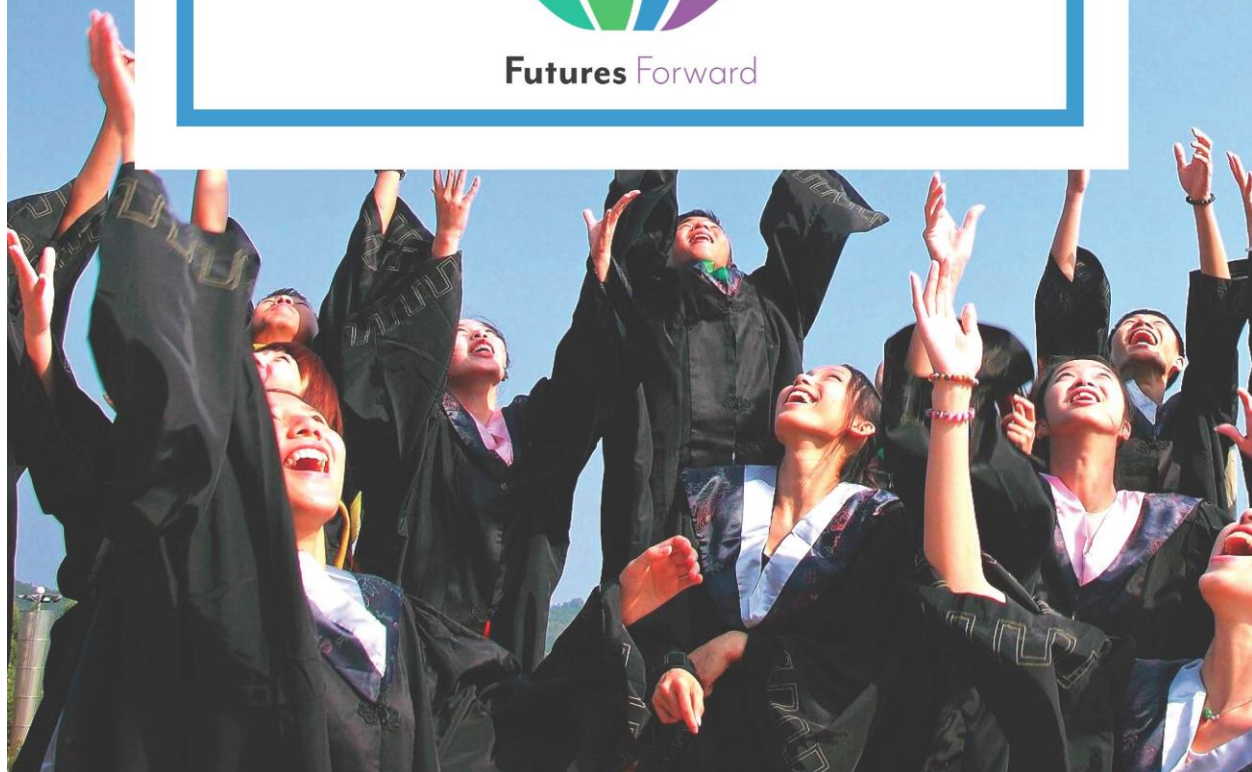

2020 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

FOR CURRENT & FORMER
YOUTH IN CARE IN MANITOBA



Futures Forward



INTRODUCTION

Futures Forward is committed to assisting current and former youth-in-care with achieving their post-secondary goals. It is hoped that this guide will provide information and resources to assist youth with financing their education effectively.

Every effort has been made to provide up-to-date information within this guide. For current information on bursary/scholarship availability, eligibility requirements, and application deadlines, please contact the bursary program/institution directly. In the event there are errors, omissions, or additional awards that may be helpful to include in future editions, please contact: lhildebrand@yesmb.ca Futures Forward would like to thank Shirley Delorme-Russell, the General Authority, and the Louis Riel Institute for initial development of this Scholarship Guide.

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FUTURES FORWARD

As a collaborative partnership based in Winnipeg, Futures Forward offers services and supports for current and former youth in care. We assist youth ages 15-29 in the areas of mental health, housing, employment, education, and financial counselling.



Transitional Supports to Post Secondary

- Information about Tuition Waivers, bursaries, student aid and other funding options
- Assistance with completing post-secondary applications and bursary applications
- Assistance with career/education exploration, program selection, and exploring funding options

Employment Services

- Assistance with career planning, developing resumes and cover letters, interview preparation and job search assistance
- Free training opportunities, referrals to community resources

Youth Service Navigation + Mental Health Supports

- Advocacy, or assistance with government agencies and applications
- Assistance with obtaining proper ID
- Support with housing, mental health, and addictions
- Free counselling and mental health supports

Financial Counselling

- Information and assistance with banking and credit, budgeting and spending plan, rental agreements, navigating debt such as cell phone contracts and student loans
- Free income tax preparation for simple returns
- Financial incentives up to \$100 for participation

For more information, please visit: <https://www.futuresforward.ca/>

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Application Deadline

January 30
 January 31
 January 31
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 February (TBA)
 February 1
 February 15
 February 28
 March - TBA
 March 31
 March 31
 March 31
 May 15
 May 31
 May 31
 Spring – TBA
 June – TBA
 June - TBA
 June 1
 June 1
 June 30
 June 30
 July 12
 July 15
 July 15
 August 1
 September 2
 September 17
 September 30
 September 30
 September 30
 October – TBA
 October 1
 October 31
 November 1
 November 15
 November 21
 December - TBA
 December 15

SECTION 1: Preparing to Apply for School and Scholarships

Post-secondary education can be more affordable than most students think. There are numerous scholarships, bursaries, tuition waivers, and other sponsorship options available. However, **students lose many funding opportunities because they simply do not apply!** The only way to become a successful applicant to available funding is to do your homework. Seek out available funding opportunities and apply to as many of them as possible. Also **pay attention to the stated deadline dates, review what information and documentation you need, and apply early.**

Below is a brief definition of terms as they appear in this guide:

- A **Bursary** is usually given to a recipient based on demonstrated financial need and satisfactory academic progress.
- A **Scholarship** is given to a recipient primarily based upon academic achievement.
- An **Award** usually involves multiple criteria such as academic achievement, demonstrated financial need, and school or community involvement.

Sources of Money for School

There are five basic sources of money for school:

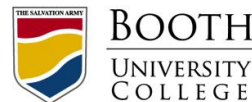
- 1) **Sponsorship** comes from an organization, such as a First Nation band, the Manitoba Metis Federation, or the Manitoba Government which may cover tuition, books and a living allowance. Sponsorship does not have to be paid back. It varies according to student need, financial ability of the organization, and other criteria. See section 3 for more information.
- 2) **Student Loans** can come from the government or a financial institution, however the loan money has to be paid back. Government Loans (available through Manitoba Student Aid) don't have to be paid back until after you graduate and generally have a much lower interest rate. Bank loans have to be paid back regularly and have higher interest rates.
- 3) **Internal Awards** are the scholarships and bursaries that are only available to students at a particular school. There are numerous internal awards to choose from in each educational institution. Go to your school's **website** and search *financial aid and awards*. Apply for as many awards as you can!
- 4) **External Awards** are awards that are available outside your college or university. These awards are specific to students, not to schools, although in some cases they will only be for students at certain schools. Look for external awards information at your advisor's office, student centers, and related websites.
- 5) **Part-time/summer employment:** Try and save at least 40% of each summer job paycheck towards school for the upcoming year. Open a bank account specifically for money for school, and make a personal commitment not to use that money for other things. Save as much money as you can throughout the year before entering post-secondary. Once school starts, there may also be opportunities to work on campus (jobs such as student unions, house-keeping, catering services, teaching assistants, etc).

SECTION 2: Tuition Waiver Program

Established in 2012, nine participating colleges and universities in Manitoba have each established a fund to support current or former Youth-In-Care. Each of the institutions have their own requirements for entrance, eligibility, renewal, and other procedures that you must meet in order to receive funding.

Tuition Waiver students are also eligible to apply for **Living Supports** through Manitoba Economic Development and Training to cover books and supplies, transportation, rent, and other living costs.

Participating Institutions



ELIGIBILITY:

- ✓ Must be a current or former youth-in-care in Manitoba
- ✓ Meet the program admission requirements and have applied directly to the college or university*
- ✓ Be applying for full-time studies (at least 18 credit hours per year or 60% course load)
- ✓ UM, UW and USB applicants - must demonstrate financial need

*Please check with your school for institutional specific information

RENEWAL:

- ✓ Maintain a 2.0 GPA (Grade level C)
- ✓ Maintain full-time student status (at least 18 credit hours/year or 60% course load)
- ✓ UM, UW and USB students – continue to demonstrate financial need
- ✓ Maintain continued contact with the post-secondary institution and Tuition Waiver Coordinator

Our Tuition Waiver Coordinator can help you apply to school, choose the right path and program for you, and apply for a Tuition Waiver and other funding to assist you in paying for post-secondary.

Applications forms are available at: <https://www.futuresforward.ca/tuition-waivers>

For questions, please contact:

Laura-Lynne Hildebrand
Tuition Waiver Coordinator
(204) 987-8661 Ext. 671
lhildebrand@yesmb.ca

All Tuition Waiver Applications **MUST** be submitted to the Tuition Waiver Coordinator in order to be considered. Applications are due **March 31** of each year.

SECTION 3: Sponsorship Options

1) First Nations Band Funding

The program aims to improve the employability of First Nations and eligible Inuit students by providing them with funding to access education and skills development opportunities at the post-secondary level. Eligible post-secondary levels include community college diploma or certificate programs, undergraduate programs, and advanced or professional degree programs.

The program is administered by the First Nation or the First Nations or Inuit designated organization that determines the funding and selection criteria in accordance with national guidelines. Eligible costs covered by the program may include tuition, books, travel support and living allowances.

For application forms and deadlines, **contact your local band office.**

<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033682/1531933580211>

2) Manitoba Economic Development and Training – Skills and Employment Partnerships

Skills and Employment Partnerships (SEP) assists eligible individuals who need training to find employment. SEP provides **support services and financial support for programs 12 to 52 weeks, or up to 2 year programs** for high demand occupations.

You may be eligible if you fit into one of these categories:

- Have a current or previous Employment Insurance (EI) claim
- Employed individuals who are low skilled
- In receipt of Provincial Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) benefits
- An individual who is unemployed or about to lose your job

To apply, visit a Manitoba Jobs and Skills Development Centre with a piece of photo ID.

For locations: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/ites/contact.html>

To learn more, visit: https://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/ites/tes/jobs_careers.html

3) MMF: Metis Employment & Training – Post-secondary Financial Assistance

Metis Employment & Training (MET) provides support to Metis students entering full-time studies in:

- College, Technical Institute or University Diploma or Certificate Programs that are 2 years or less in length
- Final year of study in a first undergraduate degree program
- Apprenticeship Technical Training
- There must be an identified labour market need for the occupation in which the training is being considered

Financial sponsorship for eligible clients may include tuition and course fees, books, supplies and equipment, and living allowance supports. For more information, visit: http://www.mmfemployment.ca/financial_sponsorship.php

4) The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples – ISET Program

The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples provides assistance and funding for training and skills development to Aboriginal Peoples living off-reserve. Priority is given to Non-Status Aboriginal candidates. Funding may cover tuition, books/supplies, and living costs. Applications take 4-6 weeks to process.

Eligibility:

- Candidate must be Aboriginal (Non-Status, Status, Metis, or Inuit) living off-reserve
- Candidate is currently unemployed or under employed (minimum wage, limited hours, etc.)
- Candidate has documentation showing he/she has applied to their home band, local Tribal Council, MMF, etc. for training funds, but was denied for reasons outside of the client's control
- Client has been accepted in a program meeting the eligibility criteria – 1-year certificate, 2-year diploma, final year of a degree program/other skills training program, or adult basic education/GED

For application forms visit: <http://www.abo-peoples.org/asets-aboriginal-skills-and-employment-training-strategy/>

5) CAHRD: Skill Development Training

The Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development (CAHRD) supports Indigenous individuals in the Winnipeg area completing training that will lead to sustainable employment. Allowable costs include: tuition, books and supplies, etc. Sponsorship is limited.

Eligibility:

- Must be Indigenous (Status, Non-Status, Metis, Inuit) and over the age of 18
- Academic upgrading linked to skill training, vocation and/or skills training and apprenticeship training (classroom portion). Generally no longer than 52 weeks, but consideration of up to two years of high-demand occupations.
- All participants must be unemployed, a registered client of CAHRD and have an open return to work action plan developed with a CAHRD case manager.

To apply: New applicants must attend a CAHRD Orientation Session and complete a Level Placement Test (LPT). CAHRD Orientation Sessions are held every Tuesday at 10am and Thursday at 1pm in Room 304 - 181 Higgins Avenue, Winnipeg. To register, please call (204) 989-7110.

6) Manitoba Moon Voices – ISET Program

Manitoba Moon Voices ISET (Indigenous Skills & Employment Training) program is able to provide funding which may include supports such as tuition, living allowance, child care, job starts and other resources that can help Indigenous women and gender diverse people reach their employment and skills training goals.

Eligibility:

- Must be Indigenous women and/or gender diverse (Status, Non-Status, Inuit & Metis) living off-reserve
- Must also be unemployed, under-employed or able to demonstrate risk of being unemployed
- Be accepted or applying to a program meeting the eligibility criteria – 1-year certificate, 2-year diploma, or final year of a degree program

For more information, contact: Shannon Hoskie: ph: 204-942-1828 or email shoskie@mmvi.ca
Website: <https://www.manitobamoonvoices.com/projects/>

SECTION 4: Provincial Supports

1) Manitoba Student Aid – Loans, Grants and Bursaries

Manitoba Student Aid provides financial assistance for post-secondary studies in the form of loans, bursaries and grants for eligible applicants. You do not need to pay back your grants and bursaries - only loans are paid back. After you complete your education, your student loan will begin accumulating interest and you will need to make payments 6 months afterwards.

With your Manitoba Student Aid application, you may be eligible for various grants and bursaries, including:

- Manitoba Bursary
- Canada Student Grant for Full-time/Part-time Students with Dependents
- Canada Student Grant for Full-Time/Part-time Students
- Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities
- Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities
- Aboriginal Education Award

Online applications are available mid-June for the following school year. To apply, you will need your direct deposit information, your program and course load information, your income tax return information from the previous year, etc. For more information and to apply, visit: <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/msa/>

2) Apprenticeship Manitoba - Financial Supports

The Manitoba Government covers the major portion of tuition fees for apprentices when they attend technical/in-school training. This provides apprentices the opportunity to pay much lower tuition fees in comparison to most other post-secondary options. In some cases, employers may also choose to assist their apprentice with tuition fees and books. Bursaries with Apprenticeship Manitoba include:

- ACCESS to Apprenticeship Bursary, due **May 31** each year
- Tim McLean Memorial Fund, due **May 31** each year
- High School Apprenticeship Program (HSAP), **ongoing**

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/apprenticeship/generalinfo/grantstax.html>

3) Manitoba Housing: BUILDINGFoundations Bursary

Description: Manitoba Housing's bursary fund provides **\$1,000** bursaries to post-secondary students living in subsidized rental housing in Manitoba or receiving a rental subsidy funded by Manitoba Housing. Bursaries are awarded based on academic achievement and community participation. At least five of these Bursaries are available to students of Indigenous Ancestry, either First Nations, Inuit or Métis students. One of the ten \$1,000 bursaries is available for a graduate student studying at a Manitoba university.

Eligibility: You must be living in subsidized rental housing or receive a rental subsidy funded by Manitoba Housing, including those living in direct-managed housing, sponsor-managed housing, non-profit housing, co-op housing, and urban native housing

For more information and to apply, visit: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/tenants/bursary.html>

Deadline: Applications are accepted until **September 30th** each year.

SECTION 5: Scholarship Opportunities for current & former youth-in-care

1) Advancing Futures Bursary

The Advancing Futures Bursary is being offered to former youth in care and/or youth on extensions of care who are attending post-secondary education on a full or part time basis. This bursary, coordinated through the Futures Forward program, is intended to assist individuals with education costs to support their training and employment pathway. Bursaries of **up to \$10,000** will be based on academic merit (min 2.0 GPA), financial need and commitment to education and career pathway.

Eligibility: Participants must meet ALL of the following criteria:

1. A resident of Manitoba
2. A Youth in Care or Former Youth in Care in Manitoba
3. You are a **CURRENT** student at a recognized post-secondary institution
 - a. Full-time or Part-time

Applications are available at <https://www.futuresforward.ca/advancing-futures-bursary>

Application deadline: **January 31st of each year**

2) Vision Catchers Fund

This fund was established to assist youth (16-21 years old) in the care of a General Authority agency or service region to develop their strengths, maximize their potential and pursue their career aspirations.

Eligibility:

- Be attending a recognized university, college, technical or vocational school
- Must be 16-21 years old, in care or on an Agreement with Young Adults (AYA) with the General Authority
- Participation in an art/theatre/music program or spiritual activity; or playing for a sports team

Agencies and service regions determine the selection process and amount to be awarded per successful applicant (up to \$1,000). Award can be used towards tuition/registration fees, books/supplies, arts/music lessons, sports equipment/camps, etc. **Please contact your CFS worker for more information.**

3) Storwell Foster Children Bursary Program

Description: The successful candidate would be an active member of their community, have excellent grades and display financial need. This award is worth **\$2,000**.

Eligibility:

- Have been a foster child with an official Canadian foster care program and agrees to have the above organization verify the same.
- Be enrolled as a full-time student at a recognized post-secondary institution in Canada.
- Be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident.
- Be 24 years of age or younger at the time of application.

Deadline: **December 15th of each year** Application: <https://www.storwell.com/bursary-application>

4) Marymound Student Bursary Program

Description: Individual bursary awards on average range between \$500 and \$2,000 depending on available funds in any given year.

Eligibility:

- Presently or in the past have received services for a minimum of six months at any Marymound program
- Provide proof that he/she has been accepted to an education/training program at an accredited learning institution.

Application: Application deadlines are **July 15** and **November 15 each year**, but exceptions may be made.

Applications are available online at: <http://www.marymound.com/main/giving/bursary-fund/>

5) Keith Cooper Scholarship

Description: The Keith Cooper Scholarship (\$1,000) is **now available to all four Child and Family Services Authorities**.

Eligibility:

- Currently or formerly in the care of agencies/regional offices delivering child welfare services under any of the four Manitoba Child and Family Services Authorities.
- Has been in care of a child welfare agency/region for more than one year.
- Be planning to attend a recognized University, College, Technical or Vocational School.
- Be able to meet the institution's entry requirements.

Application: Applications are available on the VOICES website at <http://voices.mb.ca/resources/scholarships/>

Applications are due **in June of each year**.

6) VOICES Scholarships

Description: The VOICES Scholarship program includes two (2) different awards: The **VOICES Bursary** is an award of \$1,000 is given to a youth in or from care from any community in Manitoba, in recognition and celebration of how far the youth has come and where the youth is headed.

The **Marie Christian Bursary**, also known as the **Lemonade Award**, is a \$1000 award is given to youth in or from care who exhibit a positive attitude and determination to take sour circumstances and create delicious opportunities. The recipient must embody leadership qualities, including integrity, compassion, and creativity.

Application: Applications are available in the **spring of each year** through VOICES.

Check out their website: <http://voices.mb.ca/resources/scholarships/>

7) Knowles Centre Arthur E. Prior Scholarship

Description: Eligible expenses include: tuition, books, student fees, special equipment, clothing, transportation, day care costs, or other costs incurred as a requirement of the training course or program.

Eligibility:

- **Applicants must be former students or clients of Knowles Centre's** Group Care, Treatment Foster Care, Day Treatment, Sexual Abuse Treatment, or SAIL Programs.
- Applicants must have received services for a minimum of six months in one or a combination of programs.
- Applicants of all ages are welcome to apply regardless of the dates which they received services.

Applications: https://www.knowlescentre.org/arthur_e_prior_scholarship

There is no deadline to apply for this scholarship. Individuals may submit up to 3 applications in any year.

8) Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Details + Eligibility

- **\$2500 annually towards tuition** for any Canadian **full-time, 2-4 year** post-secondary **undergraduate** program or certificate at a college, university or trade school
- Student must be **currently enrolled** or **planning to enroll** in their **first** post-secondary program, at a recognized public post-secondary institution starting in **September, 2020 or January, 2021**
- Student must be **24** or under and a **Canadian citizen** or **permanent resident** on March 11, 2018
- Applicant must have to-date experienced a minimum, cumulative total of **12 months in government care** before age 18
- Student must demonstrate **financial need** and **contributions to the community**
- Can be used in addition to any other funding sources including Foundation scholarships
- **Guaranteed renewal** for length of program (2-4 year programs) totaling up to **\$10,000**

Deadline to apply: Friday, March 1, 2019 (2020 TBA). For more information, or to apply on-line visit:

<https://www.cafdn.org/for-youth/educational-support>

9) Children's Aid Foundation Scholarship

Description: Bursary awards are for a maximum of **\$2000** for full time students and up to **\$200/course** for part time students.

Eligibility:

- A current Permanent Ward, or have been a Permanent Ward for at least one year, or be eligible for Continued Care and Support for Youth
- Under 26 years of age at the start of their current school program, or under 30 years of age if they have received scholarship or bursary funding from the Children's Aid Foundation of Canada for the same program in previous years
- Registered at or planning to attend school either full or part time year at an accredited post-secondary school

Applications open in late December for the following fall semester, and close in mid-February.

For more information, or to apply online: <https://www.cafdn.org/for-youth/educational-support>

SECTION 5: Scholarship Opportunities for Indigenous students

1) RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program

Description + Eligibility: Selected students will receive up to \$4000.00 per academic year for educational and living expenses for 2 to 4 years. You are eligible to apply to the RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program if you are Status, Non-status, Inuit or Métis and meet these criteria:

- You are a permanent resident or citizen of Canada
- You have applied or are currently attending an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada
- You maintain a full course load that leads to a recognized degree, certificate or diploma
- You have at least two years remaining in post-secondary studies as of September 2020
- You require financial assistance to pursue your education

Deadline: February 28th of each year. **Applications:** <http://aboriginalstudents.ca/site-sponsors/rbc/>

2) Indspire: Building Brighter Futures

Description: Indspire provides financial assistance to Indigenous students through its Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships, and Awards program. Awards include post-secondary education (full-time studies) as well as Apprenticeships, Skilled Trades and Technology Programs and Incentives.

Eligibility: To be eligible for financial awards from Indspire, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a Canadian Indigenous person, with proof of Indigenous status
- Be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution or training program
- Demonstrated financial need

Deadlines: February 1, August 1, and November 1

For more information and to apply: <https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/>

3) Business Council of Manitoba: Aboriginal Education Awards

Description: The Business Council offers awards for Indigenous students to assist with the cost of tuition, books and supplies during the academic year. Each award is \$3000 for university and \$2000 for college students.

Eligibility: If you are of Aboriginal ancestry you are eligible to apply for a Business Council of Manitoba Aboriginal Education Award provided you meet the following criteria;

- You are a citizen of Canada and permanent resident of Manitoba, having resided in Manitoba for the last 12 months
- You plan to attend one of the listed Manitoba post-secondary institutions in any discipline
- You plan to maintain full time student status (at least a 60% course load)
- You are in need of financial assistance

If you are receiving funding from other sources, including band funding, you may still apply for this award to cover additional costs. Application forms are available online at <http://businesscouncil.mb.ca/aboriginal-education-awards>

Application deadline is **March 31** of each year.

4) Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF)

A. THE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SUPPORT PROGRAM provides financial assistance to Métis students who are enrolled in eligible post-secondary programs. Eligible costs covered by the program may include tuition, books, travel support and living allowances (up to \$5,000 for undergraduate students; up to \$8,500 for graduate students)

Eligibility:

- Must be currently enrolled at one of the participating institutions: UW, UM, USB, BU, or UCN
- Must have proof of Metis heritage

Funding is first come, first served. Applications are due **January 31, 2020**.

For more information, and to apply online: <http://www.mmfeducation.ca/>

B. THE LOUIS RIEL BURSARY is offered through the Louis Riel Institute (LRI) in partnership with seven post-secondary institutions in Manitoba. The following is a list of participating universities and their application due dates:

- Assiniboine Community College – TBA
- Brandon University – September 30th
- University of Manitoba - October 1st and June 1st
- University of Winnipeg - September 17th
- Université de Saint Boniface – September 30th and January 31st
- University College of the North – November 21st
- Red River College – October 31st and January 30th

Eligibility:

- Must be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student at one of the participating institutions (undergraduate and graduate programs are eligible)
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Proof of Metis heritage

Application: For more information: <http://www.louisrielinstitute.com/120-scholarshipbursary-deadlines.php>

5) Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak - \$1,000 Trades Scholarship

Description: Scholarships of **\$1,000** will be awarded to Indigenous students who are enrolled in a full-time Trades program at a recognized post-secondary institution in Winnipeg. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to assist with tuition expenses and is provided directly to the institution on their behalf.

Eligibility:

- Must be of Indigenous descent (Status, Non-status, Métis or Inuit) and 30 years of age or younger.
- Must provide proof of registration in a full-time Trades program at a recognized post-secondary institution located in Winnipeg.
- Show a combination of academic achievement and community leadership.
- Preference will be given to students interested in careers with the City of Winnipeg.

Deadline: December 13, 2019 (mid-December each year).

For applications: https://winnipeg.ca/indigenous/oan/employment_dev.stm

6) Conoco Phillips Canada Indigenous Awards Program

Description: The Indigenous Awards Program has been developed to provide financial assistance to Indigenous students pursuing high school upgrading and post-secondary education. Awards of up to \$3,000 are granted on a yearly basis and may be used to cover portions of tuition, books or living expenses.

Eligibility:

- You are of Indigenous ancestry
- You are a Canadian citizen
- You are enrolled in a full-time program at an accredited Canadian institution
- You demonstrate promising academic qualifications and leadership skills
- You require financial assistance to pursue education

Application deadline: **June 30**. To apply, visit: <http://awards.conocophillips.ca/>

7) TransCanada Community Scholarships

Scholarship Categories:

1. **Community Leaders:** 1 scholarship x \$10,000; 100 scholarships x \$2,500
 - In support of students who demonstrate a strong community commitment through leadership, volunteerism, community involvement or other activities that benefit their community.
2. **Indigenous Legacy:** 1 scholarship x \$10,000; 75 scholarships x \$5,000
 - In support of Indigenous students (First Nation, Métis, Inuit or Non Status) pursuing any full-time, post-secondary program at a registered education institute.
3. **Trades:** 1 scholarship x \$10,000; 100 scholarships x \$2,500
 - In support of students who are entering or enrolled in a qualifying trades program at a registered education institute, including mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, welding, pipe fitting and camp related positions.

For more information and to apply visit: <https://www.tcenergy.com/community-investment/scholarships/>

Applications will be available online in January 2020 and are due **May 15, 2020**

8) ATCO: Indigenous Education Awards

Description: Our Indigenous Education Awards Program supports First Nation, Inuit and Métis students across Canada by providing financial assistance to help them in their quest for higher education.

There are three different awards available:

1. **Merit Awards (\$500)** – for students completing Grades 10 – 12, including upgrading
2. **Bursaries (\$1,000)** – for students enrolled in trade, diploma or certificate programs
3. **Scholarships (\$1,500)** – for students enrolled in degree or graduate programs

Eligibility: You can apply for one of our Indigenous Education Awards if you:

- Are a Canadian Indigenous person
- Are enrolled full-time in high school (including upgrading) or an accredited post-secondary institution or training program

2020-2021 applications will be available in March and **due July 15 of each year**

For more information: <https://www.atco.com/en-ca/our-commitment/indigenous-partnerships/indigenous-education-programs.html>

9) Husky Energy Scholarships for Indigenous Students

Description: Husky awards scholarships to up to five new recipients each year:

- Maximum of four years of funding for University programs. Three scholarships of \$5,000.
- Maximum of two years of funding for College or Technical Institute programs. Two scholarships of \$3,500.

Eligibility:

- 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

To apply, visit: <http://www.huskyenergy.com/responsibility/aboriginal-relations/scholarships.asp>

Deadline for application: **Last business day before June 1st.** For any assistance, contact Universities Canada at awards@univcan.ca.

10) National Indigenous Brotherhood

Description: The NIB Trust Fund accepts applications for education programs aimed at healing, reconciliation and knowledge building. The funds in NIB Trust have been made available through the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement and are available to First Nations and Métis students. Applicants can apply for **up to \$20,000**. However, in the 2018-2019 school year, the average amount awarded to a successful individual was **\$3,800.00**.

Eligibility: Priority is given to former students of residential schools, but all First Nations and Métis over the age of 18, at the time of application, with a valid social insurance number are eligible for funding through a competitive application process.

2020-2021 applications will be available in Spring 2020 and are due in **June of each year**.

For more information: <https://www.nibtrust.ca/individuals/>

11) Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards (MAYAA)

Description: MAYAA recognizes the outstanding achievement of Manitoba's Aboriginal youth who exhibit high standards of excellence, dedication, leadership and accomplishments in the following areas: Academic, Athletic, Artistic, Cultural, Community/Volunteer, Business/Entrepreneurial, Health, Personal Achievement, and Employment in a Traditional Field.

To be eligible for an \$1,000 award, the nominee must:

- Must be age 16-24 of Aboriginal ancestry
- Must be a resident of the Province of Manitoba
- Must consent to the nomination and complete a written biography
- Be willing to be interviewed by the selection committee

Nominations are due in **October** of each year, with an awards gala to follow in November.

For more information, visit: <http://mayaa.ca/>

SECTION 6: Other Scholarship Opportunities

1) Westland Foundation Scholarships

Description: Westland Foundation Education Fund Scholarships are available toward **first year tuition fees at Red River College, the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg for inner-city graduates.** For RRC, every A or B (70%+) earned at the end of each year from Grades 7 through 12, in eligible Inner Winnipeg schools, becomes a credit toward a Westland Foundation scholarship. For UM and UW, an 80% earned is required. The scholarship is available to students for up to 30 months from the date of their Grade 12 graduation.

Deadlines:

- **RRC: Sept 2** (fall start); **February 15** (winter start)
- **UM: June 30**
- **UW: July 12**

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://westlandfoundation.ca/scholarships/>

2) Eleanor Plunchinski Scholarship

Description: These two **\$2,500** scholarships will be awarded once annually. The funds will be issued directly to the educational institution for tuition fees or to the bookstore for book costs.

Eligibility:

- Experience of mental illness or significant substance use challenge
- At least 20 years of age and a resident of Manitoba
- Accessing therapeutic support/mental health services
- An identified profession area goal
- A demonstrated need for financial assistance
- Will be enrolled full-time at an accredited Manitoba post-secondary institution by: March 31, 2020

Application deadline: **March 31, 2020.** Successful applicants will be notified in May 2020.

IMPORTANT: Applicants are NOT eligible if they are currently participating in a government- sponsored job training or receiving major financial support. Applications will be available at: www.mbwpg.cmha.ca

SECTION 7: Post-Secondary Institution Awards

There are numerous scholarships and bursaries to apply for at each post-secondary institution in Manitoba. These awards are often referred to as internal awards and can usually be found under the heading “*Financial Aid and Awards*” on a school website.

University of Manitoba

Visit: http://umanitoba.ca/student/fin_awards/

The University of Winnipeg

Visit: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/awards>

Red River College

Visit: <https://www.rrc.ca/future-students/awards>

Assiniboine Community College

Visit: <https://assiniboine.net/registrar/student-aid-awards/awards>

Brandon University

Visit: www.brandonu.ca/scholarships

Booth University College

Visit: <https://www.boothuc.ca/admissions/scholarships-financial-aid/>

Canadian Mennonite University

Visit: <http://www.cmu.ca/become.php?s=financial&p=aid>

Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology

Visit: <http://mitt.ca/admissions/awards-financial-aid>

Providence University College

Visit: <https://www.prov.ca/admissions/financing-your-education/scholarships-bursaries/>

Université de Saint-Boniface

Visitez: <http://ustboniface.ca/bourses>

University College of the North

Visit: www.ucn.ca/awards

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/universitycnawards/>

Appendix A: Useful websites and databases

These website databases will help identify numerous external awards and scholarships you might be eligible for across Canada. Simply enter basic information about yourself and the website will search its database to bring up a list of awards you might be eligible for.

Indigenous Bursaries Search Tool (Government of Canada)

- <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1351185180120/1351685455328>

Scholarship/award database websites:

- www.scholarshipscanada.com
- www.studentscholarships.org/
- www.disabilityawards.ca
- www.manitobascholarships.ca
- www.canlearn.ca
- www.studentawards.com

For more information about post-secondary institutions and programs across Canada, and awards available for different schools and programs, check out:

- www.canadian-universities.net
- www.univcan.ca
- www.schoolfinder.com
- www.schoolsincanada.com