The Indigenous Careers Award is designed 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.

Indigenous Ancestry and Residency Requirements

- You must be Status Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/ First Nations, Métis, or Inuit and be able to provide proof of Indigenous ancestry.
- You must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada and an Alberta resident.

Eligible School Requirement

You must be attending a participating:

- public post-secondary school in Alberta, or
- First Nations College in Alberta

Course Load and Study Requirements

- You must be enrolled in the 2021-22 Fall and/or Winter term in order to be considered for this award. Students enrolled in both terms are eligible for $2,000 per term for a total of $4,000. Students enrolled in only the Fall or the Winter term are eligible for $2,000. A term is defined as a study period of up to 17 weeks in length.
- You must be enrolled in at least 60% of a full course load.
- If you are a student with a documented permanent disability, you can be eligible if you are enrolled in at least 40% of a full course load.
- Your school determines what constitutes a full-time course load in each program.
- Co-op students, students in brokered programs, and students who are participating in an official exchange may be eligible.
- You must be in satisfactory academic standing as determined by your school - satisfactory academic standing may vary in how it is determined by school or program.
- You are not eligible to receive the award if you withdraw from studies or drop from full-time to part-time studies before the award is paid.

Credential Types

- You must be enrolled in a certificate, diploma, applied or bachelor's degree program. Students enrolled in apprenticeship technical training, integrated training, pre-employment or non-credential programs are not eligible.

How to Apply

- You must apply to the school you are attending.
- If you are a co-op student, a student in a brokered program, or participating in an official exchange, you must apply through the school that will issue your post-secondary credential.

Other Eligibility Criteria (if required)

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Indigenous Ancestry

Please indicate your Indigenous Ancestry:

☐ Status Indian/First Nations   ☐ Non-Status Indian/First Nations   ☐ Métis   ☐ Inuit

Documentation Requirements: If this is your first time applying for this award, you must provide proof of your Indigenous ancestry to your school to determine your eligibility. Acceptable documents of proof include:

- certificate of Indian Status, a status card or a valid band membership card
- letter from your band verifying your status
- membership card issued by a Métis organization the student is registered with (Métis organization must be a legal entity)
- a certified copy of a Nunavut Trust Certificate card or Inuit beneficiary card
- letter of support from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada or Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
- letter of support from a First Nation, Métis or Inuit organization (must be a legal entity) confirming the applicant's aboriginal ancestry

Schools may use discretion and accept other documentation.

Personal Information

Last Name *(current legal name)*

First Name *(current legal name)*   Middle Initial

Apartment or Box Number

Street Address (add direction, e.g. S, NW, SE, if applicable)

City/Town

Prov/State   Country   Postal/Zip Code

Mobile Number (format: 999-999-9999) *to receive text messages*

Telephone Number (format: 999-999-9999)

Email Address (mandatory)

Citizenship Status: **(check one)**

☐ Canadian   ☐ Permanent Resident   ☐ Protected Person

Social Insurance Number

Gender: ☐ Male   ☐ Female   ☐ X

Birthdate   Day   Month   Year

Are you an Alberta resident*?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

You are an Alberta resident if one of the following describes your situation:

- *You maintained permanent residence in Alberta for a period of 12 months immediately prior to attending a post-secondary school, or*
- *Your parents or guardians have maintained permanent residence in Canada for 12 consecutive months and reside in Alberta, or*
- *Your spouse/partner is an Alberta resident, or*
- *You have been declared, or fall within a class of persons declared, to be a resident in Alberta by the Minister.*

Alberta Student Number (mandatory)

Full-time Studies Information

Name of School

Program

Program Specialization/Major

Program Outcome/Credential

☐ Certificate

☐ Diploma

☐ Degree

What year of this program will you be in? (check one)

☐ 1st year or less ☐ 2nd year ☐ 3rd year ☐ 4th or 5th year

Length of your program of studies (check one)

☐ 1 year or less ☐ 2 years ☐ 3 years ☐ 4 or 5 years

Enter your program session start and end dates for the current school year.

Start			**End**		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year

Additional Questions

Declaration of Applicant

I have read and understand the instructions, and declare that:

- All information provided is true and complete and I understand it is subject to verification.
- I will immediately notify _____ if there are any changes to the information I have provided in this application.

- I authorize my post-secondary institution to disclose information collected on this application form, my program of study and any award details (if I am selected) to Alberta Student Aid, and I authorize Alberta Student Aid to collect this information from the post-secondary institution for the purposes of administering the Indigenous Careers Award under the *Student Financial Assistance Act*, including confirming my eligibility and suitability for this award, for program evaluation and for research and statistical analysis.

Signature of Applicant (in ink)

X SIGN HERE

Today's Date (in ink)

Day	Month	Year	