

MEF MÉTIS SCHOLAR AWARD

Donor: Métis Education Foundation (MEF)

Value: \$2,500

Number: 4

Description of the Award

This award is to alleviate the costs of tuition, learning resources and to encourage the postsecondary achievement of Métis undergraduate students while attending Athabasca University.

Conditions of Eligibility

An applicant must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply for this award:

- Be a Canadian citizen
- Be enrolled as a full-time student in a university certificate or bachelor's degree or have completed over the previous academic year at least 12 AU credits (4 courses) leading to an undergraduate degree offered by AU
- Demonstrate financial need
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.3, or better, at the time of application
- Provide proof of Métis heritage by submitting one of the following;
 - a. A photocopy of a valid Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) membership card (which can be obtained by applying to the MNA Head Office) or valid Métis membership in any of the following: Métis Settlements of Alberta, Métis Nation of Ontario, Manitoba Métis Federation, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation British Columbia; or
 - b. A photocopy of a parent's, grandparent's, aunt's/uncle's, or sibling's valid membership card in any of the above named Métis organizations (along with proof of this kinship connection); or
 - c. Other valid proof of Métis genealogy (as validated by either MNA/ RLI)
- Submit an essay of at least 500 words detailing their background/experience with the Métis community and describing how the receipt of a Métis Scholar Award will support the recipient's academic goals and/or benefit his/her community in the future
- Not be receiving RLI Métis Training to Employment (MTE) funding for the same course of study
- Not be a Registered or Treaty Indian

AU students who are based in Alberta will be given first priority in terms of award selection. If there are not enough applications from Alberta-based students, then those students who are based within the Métis Homeland (as defined by the Métis National Council) will be given second priority.

A student who receives an award in one academic year is eligible to apply for and, if selected, to receive an award in a subsequent academic year for a maximum of two awards per student.



Annual Application Submission Deadline
January 15th

Application Instructions

Submit your application here: [Student Awards Application Submission](#) Or navigate back to award listing to submit.

Award Notification

Successful applicants should expect to be notified within one month of the selection committee convening to choose recipients.

Questions?

Visit the Athabasca University Awards website located at: <http://www.athabascau.ca/registrar/studawrds.php>
Email your inquiries to: awardsinfo@athabascau.ca or call toll free 1-800-788-9041, extension 6197 or 780-675-6197.

APPLICATION FORM FOR MEF MÉTIS SCHOLAR AWARDS

Before completing this application form, please ensure that you meet all the eligibility criteria and that you can demonstrate the qualities of the selection criteria.

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Athabasca University Student Identification Number:

Social Insurance Number:

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Mailing Address:

Mailing Address 2:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Country:

Primary Telephone Number:

Alternate Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Are you an Alberta resident*? **Yes** **No**

"Resident" means a person who has maintained permanent residence in Alberta for a period of 12 months immediately prior to the enrollment date for the term of study program described in his application for a scholarship or award under this Regulation, excluding the time spent at a post-secondary educational institution, or ii) whose parents or guardians have maintained permanent residence in Canada for 12 consecutive months and are resident in Alberta on the enrollment date for the term of study program described in his application for a scholarship or award under this Regulation.

If you are not a resident of Alberta, do you reside within the Métis Homeland (as defined by the Métis National Council)? **Yes** **No**

If yes, please provide the location.

Are you a Canadian citizen or lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence? **Yes** **No**

B. CURRENT POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION

Complete the information requested below to the best of your ability. Information will be verified with your student record, and other sources, if required.

In which undergraduate program are you enrolled?

Have you completed a minimum of 12 AU credits towards the AU undergraduate degree? Yes No

What is your cumulative GPA? (Go to MyAU portal, click on "Request Transcript", click on "Preview" to view your GPA)

Have you received this award in the past? Yes No If yes, when?

C. PROOF OF MÉTIS HERITAGE

Please provide proof of your Métis Heritage, as defined on the first page of the application form under **Conditions of Eligibility**.

D. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Are you employed? No Yes

If yes, does your employer pay for your tuition or subsidize your education? No Yes

If yes, use the space below to explain the percentage your education is subsidized and to provide a brief explanation of the tuition payment/subsidization arrangement that you have with your employer:

Provide the number and ages of the dependent children for which you are legally responsible and that are living with you:

Provide an explanation of other dependents for which you are legally responsible and that are living with you:

Following is a list of allowable **monthly** expenses. Select the marital status that best describes your situation.

Allowable Monthly Costs		
Your Household Status	Monthly Allowable Expenses Rent/Mortgage, Utilities, Food, Transportation	Total Monthly Costs you are claiming – Tick one line only
Single student living at home	\$539	\$539
Single student living away	\$1,128	\$1,128
Single parent – one child	\$1,991	\$1,991
Single parent – two children	\$2,583	\$2,583
Single parent – three children	\$3,175	\$3,175
Married/common law – no children	\$2,174	\$2,174
Married/common law – one child	\$2,766	\$2,766
Married/common law – two children	\$3,358	\$3,358
Married/common law – three children	\$3,950	\$3,950
For each additional child beyond three, add \$ 592	Type the monthly additional child amount in the cell to the right (number of additional children x \$ 592)	
Child care/babysitting	Type the monthly amount paid for child care/babysitting in the cell to the right using one of the two formulas below: Allowable child care/ babysitting cost is \$ 365 per month per child without receipts Actual child care/babysitting costs may be considered with receipts up to a maximum of \$ 1,000 per month per child.	

	Provide receipts with application.	
Child support payment	Type the monthly amount of payment in the cell to the right	
Tuition and education fees	Determine the amount paid for tuition and education fees in the last year and divide by 12. Type the monthly amount in the cell to the right	
Education supplies, equipment	Calculate the amount paid for education supplies/equipment in the last year and divide by 12. Type the monthly amount in the cell to the right.	
Total expenses	Add the applicable total household status amount, additional child allowance, child care - babysitting, child support payment, tuition, education fees, and supplies/equipment costs and type the total in the cell to the right.	

Provide a **monthly** dollar value for the income resources listed in the table below (tab to adjacent column to enter amount). The monthly dollar value can be determined by dividing any annual gross amounts by 12:

Monthly Income or Resources	
Wages or salaries net income for the previous 12 months. Divide by 12 and enter monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Spouse's or partners monthly net income for the previous 12 months. Divide by 12 and enter monthly amount in the space to the right:	

Assistance from others for the previous 12 months. Divide by 12 and enter monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Band funding for the previous 12 months. Divide by 12 and enter monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Training allowance for the previous 12 months. Divide by 12 and enter monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Employment insurance (EI) benefits for the previous 12 months. Divide by 12 and enter monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Social Assistance benefits for the previous 12 months. Divide by 12 and enter monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Assured income for the severely handicapped (AISH) for the previous 12 months. Divide by 12 and enter the monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Workers' compensation benefits for the previous 12 months: Divide by 12 and enter the monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Alimony and/or child support for the previous 12 months: Divide by 12 and enter the monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Disability benefit: for the previous 12 months: Divide by 12 and enter the monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Orphans benefit for the previous 12 months: Divide by 12 and enter the monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Federal student loans for the previous 12 months: Divide by 12 and enter the monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Provincial student loans for the previous 12 months: Divide by 12 and enter the monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Scholarships, grants, etc. for the previous 12 months: Divide by 12 and enter the monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Other monthly resources (children's benefits, pensions, rental property, business). Do not include CTB, GST Credit, and Income Tax refunds for the previous 12 months. Type in the shaded box below to list other resource(s) and amounts. Divide by total other resources by 12 and enter the monthly amount in the space to the right:	
Total monthly income or resources	

Provide an explanation of resources available to you that could potentially assist with funding your education (savings in bank, retirement savings plan, assets, and so forth):

One of the following may be provided to support your application. Either save and attach to this application when downloaded or email separately to awardsapplication@athabascau.ca

A federal and/or provincial student finance Notice of Assessment(s) for the current term required if you received government student loans, or

A recent Revenue Canada Notice of Assessment, or

A recent Employment Insurance or Social Assistance statement required if applicable to your application

E. SHORT ESSAY RESPONSES

Write a **500** word essay detailing your background/experience with the Métis community and describing how the receipt of a Métis Scholar Award will support your academic goals and/or benefit your community in the future.

F. REQUIRED CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE

I certify that the information provided in this application and in the accompanying documentation is true, accurate and complete. I authorize the provision of any information held or to be held by Athabasca University, and others relating to my application, including but not limited to personal evaluations and transcripts, to the Student Awards Unit of Athabasca University and the Selection Committee chosen for this scholarship. I understand and accept that: (1) such information will be used by the Student Awards Unit and the awards selection committee of Athabasca University for the purposes of selection, for statistical analysis, and to facilitate ongoing administrative correspondence with applicants, necessary to further the objective of the Athabasca University Student Awards Program and to improve selection process; (2) the Athabasca University will not release application evaluation or the results of the evaluation process, except to inform me if my application has been accepted for an award; and (3) for all questions regarding my personal information held on file by the Athabasca University, including updates thereof, I may reach an Athabasca University representative through the contact information provided within this award package; and (4) if my application is selected for this award, I authorize the publication of my name and the name of the award received on the Athabasca University website and in reports to governing bodies of Athabasca University. I understand that should my application be selected for this award, I am subject to the reporting obligations of the Canada Revenue Agency regarding scholarships, fellowships, bursaries, study grants, and artists project grants. Finally, if my application is selected for this award, I will: (1) provide a thank you letter to the Student Awards Unit of Athabasca University to be forwarded to the donor of the award and (2) agree to a request for a photo opportunity should one be forthcoming.

Name of Applicant:

Date:

Your personal information is collected under the authority of section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. F-25 and the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, S.A. 2003, c. P-19.5.