

Indigenous Careers Award 2017-2018

The Alberta Advanced Education (AAE) Indigenous Careers Award is intended to encourage a larger proportion of Indigenous Albertans to pursue and complete post secondary studies in certificate, diploma or bachelor's degree programs that lead to high-demand career outcomes in Alberta.

Refer to Appendix 'A' for a list of applicable undergraduate programs.

NAME: Indigenous Careers Award

FUNDING PROVIDED BY: Government of Alberta

AMOUNT: \$2000

NUMBER: Up to 26 Annually

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES: October 1, 2017

January 15, 2018

Eligibility Requirements

1. Indigenous Ancestry – Students must be Status Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/First Nation, Metis or Inuit. Students must provide proof of their Indigenous ancestry. *Refer to Appendix 'A'*
2. Students must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada and an Alberta resident. *Refer to Appendix 'A'*
3. Students must be enrolled in at least 60% (or 40% if ASD documented permanent disability and approved for reduced course load) of a full course load. *Refer to Appendix 'A'*
4. Students must be actively enrolled in any one of the applicable undergraduate programs listed on Appendix A.
5. Students are eligible for the award during any year of their program.
6. Students must be in satisfactory academic standing as determined by AU.
7. Students are eligible to apply a maximum of two times per academic year.

Selection Criteria

1. Highest cumulative GPA (minimum required is 2.0)
2. Applicant must have successfully completed a minimum of 9 AU credits.

Appendix A

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Applicable undergraduate programs include;

- Bachelor of Administration
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Health Administration
- Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Management
- Bachelor of Professional Arts
- Bachelor of Science
- University Certificates
 - Accounting
 - Advanced Accounting
 - Advanced E-Commerce
 - Computing and Information Systems
 - Computers and Management Information Systems
 - Counselling Women
 - E-Commerce
 - English Language Studies
 - Finance
 - Game Development and Programming
 - Human Resources and Labour Relations
 - Heritage Resource Management
 - Industrial Relations & Human Resources
 - Labour Studies
 - Management
 - Management Applications
 - Management Foundations
 - Marketing
 - Public Administration
- University Diploma in Health Administration
- University Diploma in Inclusive Education

Indigenous Ancestry – Students must be Status Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/First Nation, Métis or Inuit.

Students must provide proof of their Indigenous ancestry. Acceptable forms of proof include one of the following;

- Certificate of Indian Status, a status card or a valid band membership card
- Letter from their band verifying their status
- Métis membership card or letter issued by the Métis Nation he or she is registered with
- Letter or membership card from the Métis Settlements General Council
- A certified copy of a Nunavut Trust Certificate card or Inuit beneficiary card
- Letter of support from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) or Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
- For a non-status person, a letter of support from a FNMI organization

Students must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada and an Alberta resident.

As defined by AAE, an Alberta Resident is;

- A person who has maintained permanent residence in Alberta for a period of 12 months immediately prior to attending a post-secondary institution, or
- A person whose parents or guardians have maintained permanent residence in Canada for 12 consecutive months and reside in Alberta, or
- A person whose spouse/partner is an Alberta resident, or
- A person declared, or who falls within a class of persons declared, to be a resident in Alberta by the Minister.

Clarification on particular cases may be determined by AU in consultation with AAE, Student Aid Alberta.

Full Time Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, students must be enrolled in full time studies. This means at least 60% (or 40% if ASD documented permanent disability and approved for reduced course load) of a full course load.

Refer to: [Full Time Enrolment Status](#) and/or [Full Time Status for Financial Aid Students](#) for complete details regarding full time eligibility for undergraduate students.

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Indigenous Ancestry and Residency Requirements	Eligible Programs of Study
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>Eligible program bands are based on Government of Alberta's forecast of high-demand careers in Alberta. The program bands are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Education including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood Education and Childcare Physical, Natural & Applied Sciences Technologists Health Sciences including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinesiology Social Sciences limited to the following programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child and Youth care Community Support Worker Social Work Addictions Studies/Counselling/Service Worker
Eligible School Requirement	Program Bands Not Eligible
<p>You must be attending a participating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> public post-secondary school in Alberta, or First Nations College in Alberta 	<p>The following program bands are not eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Languages, Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities Legal & Security Recreation
Course Load and Study Requirements	Other Eligibility Criteria (if required)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must be enrolled in the 2017-18 Fall and/or Winter semester in order to be considered for these awards. A semester 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> switch your program of study from an eligible program to an ineligible program before the award is paid, or withdraw from studies or drop from full-time to part-time studies before the award is paid. 	
Credential Types	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. University transfer programs are only eligible if they are in the program bands described in the right-hand column. E.g. General university transfer or Open Study programs would not be eligible but an education transfer program that leads directly to a Bachelor of Education program would be eligible. 	
How to Apply	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	

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Indigenous Ancestry

Please indicate your Indigenous Ancestry:

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

Documentation Requirements: 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

Citizenship Status: (check one)

- Canadian Permanent Resident Protected Person

Social Insurance Number

Gender: Male

Female

Another/Prefer not to disclose

Birthdate

Day	Month	Year
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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 (obtained from Alberta Transcript of High School Achievement)

