

# Alberta Blue Cross 50th Anniversary **SCHOLARSHIPS** for Aboriginal Students



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ABC 81096 Aboriginal Scholarship 2016/11



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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 primarily on community involvement, personal goals and financial need. Scholastic achievement may be evaluated for applicants who choose to submit Alberta Education High School transcripts. The amount of the award varies according to the institution the student will be attending.

**ELIGIBILITY  
CRITERIA**

**Requirements**

- Applicants must be Registered Indian, Inuit or Métis and must have been residents of Alberta during their previous year of study.
- Applicants must be enrolling in the first year of any full-time post-secondary certificate or diploma program of two or more years duration.
- Applicants must clearly describe their community involvement, personal goals and financial need.
- Applicants are ineligible if they are receiving more than \$3,500 in other awards, bursaries or scholarships for the current academic year.

**Enhancing your application**

Applicants may also choose to submit reference letters and copies of their Alberta Education High School transcripts for evaluation. While these items are not mandatory, they may be submitted for evaluation and can strengthen the application.

**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](http://www.ab.bluecross.ca)

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

- a list or description of your involvement with community or school-sponsored events or organizations over the past two years (please use the space provided in the application form or provide as an attachment to your application);
- 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 institutions 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) story about yourself including your financial reasons for applying for the scholarship, your educational and personal goals and how you would like to give back to your community (please use the space provided in the application form or provide as an attachment to your application).

You can also strengthen your application by submitting the following **optional** items for evaluation:

- a copy of your Alberta Education High School transcript; and
- reference letters from relevant individuals or organizations, including your high school, someone within the Aboriginal community or a program director or supervisor from an Aboriginal association with which you've been involved.

Application forms must be faxed or mailed to:

**Alberta Blue Cross, Corporate Offices  
10009-108 Street NW, Edmonton AB T5J 3C5  
Fax: 780-498-8096**

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Applications must be received by September 30 of each year.

## **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](http://www.ab.bluecross.ca).

**NOTE: DECLARATION ON BACK PAGE MUST BE SIGNED**



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list or describe your involvement with community or school-sponsored events or organizations over the past two years. Attach additional information if more space is required.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED (IF REQUIRED).

## TELL YOUR STORY

In 500 to 1,500 words, please provide a short story about yourself including your financial reasons for applying for the scholarship, your educational and personal goals and how you would like to give back to your community. Please use the space below or attach your response to your application.

RESPONSE ATTACHED (IF REQUIRED).

**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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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 check one: Yes  No**

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

## LIST 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 University  
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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