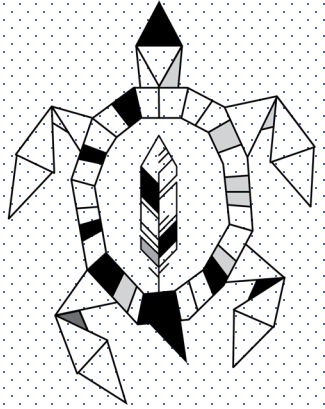


INDIGENOUS* JD STUDENT FUNDING GUIDE

A guide to bursaries, loans and funding opportunities for First Nation, Inuit and Métis JD students at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law



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* Please note that Indigenous and Aboriginal are used interchangeably in this document. Our preference at U of T Law is to use Indigenous when speaking generally about First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people but some bursaries, scholarships, etc. continue to use Aboriginal.

FINANCIAL AID AT THE LAW SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION

Determining how you will finance your legal education can sometimes be an overwhelming process. The Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto wants to ensure that a legal education is financially accessible to all JD students, and the Faculty's Financial Aid Committee has strived to create a financial aid system that is transparent and equitable to all students who require assistance. The Faculty awards financial aid primarily on the basis of demonstrated financial need. Our mission statement is:

The Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto shall be accessible to the best and brightest students irrespective of financial means. The goal of the Financial Aid Program is to ensure that all of the Faculty's graduates will be able to make career choices based on interest rather than debt-induced financial pressures.

Students seeking assistance should always start with the [Financial Aid Office](#), and familiarize themselves with the general types of financial aid available to all JD students, including government loans, Faculty bursaries, interest-bearing loans, and scholarships and prizes.

This guide is to be used in conjunction with the Financial Aid [Policies and Procedures Booklet](#), and is aimed specifically at University of Toronto JD Students of Indigenous/Aboriginal descent (including First Nations (Status and Non-Status), Métis and Inuit). This guide is for informational purposes only. Students are responsible for confirming eligibility requirements and deadlines, as the contents of this document are subject to change. All detailed financial aid questions should be directed to the Financial Aid Office, the Manager, Indigenous Initiatives, or the administrators of external funding.

HOW FINANCIAL AID IS CALCULATED

In order to determine which students have the greatest financial need, all students are expected to access and report personal and family resources and government assistance before being considered for Faculty financial assistance. Specific rules have been set by the Financial Aid Committee with respect to the personal and family contributions that are required by the Program. These rules are set out in the [Financial Aid Booklet](#).

A deemed basic budget is set by the Financial Aid Committee and applied to all students. A set of allowable expenses may be claimed in addition to the deemed basic budget is published in this booklet. A student's personal/family deemed contributions, government assistance, income from different sources and assets are then deducted from the student's allowable budget. If the allowable budget is greater than the personal/family resources and government assistance, the student may be eligible for a Faculty of Law bursary and /or an interest subsidy on eligible students' lines of credit amounts.

The Formula:

Allowable expenses + Deemed expenses - Resources (following, if applicable):

- Student personal contribution (income/assets/investments)
- Spousal deeming contribution
- External scholarships*
- Parental deeming contribution
- Summer earnings deeming contribution
- Government student loans

= Unmet Financial Need (covered or met through a combination of bursaries and interest-free loans)

Faculty Bursaries will be allocated to students who demonstrate the greatest financial need after their personal resources and government student financial assistance have been taken into account. Bursary awards will be given to those students who qualify for an interest-free loan and who incur a minimum level of indebtedness. This minimum level changes year by year. Please see the [Financial Aid Booklet](#) for the most up to date rules, information and details.

*Note: Indigenous students' external funding received due to Indigenous status are not included as external scholarship

U OF T LAW AND INDSPIRE

Please note that the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto has a special relationship with Indspire that increases the amount of financial aid available to Indigenous students. **ALL INDIGENOUS STUDENTS WHO REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AT U OF T LAW MUST APPLY TO INDSPIRE AS WELL AS THE FACULTY'S FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM!!!**

Visit [Indspire's website](#) for information regarding deadlines and how to apply. If you have questions, ask the Manager, Indigenous Initiatives or the Financial Aid Office for more information.

OBTAINING FUNDING FROM YOUR BAND OR NATION



FOR FIRST NATIONS STUDENTS ...

Band funding may be available for Status First Nations students. Select bands are outlined in the following pages of the booklet. To determine eligibility and availability of funding, **students must directly contact their Band's Education Office**. In Ontario, some bands have their funding administered together. For instance, the [Southern First Nation Secretariat](#) issues the funding for five southern Ontario reserves (including the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation, the Caldwell First Nation, and the Oneida Nation of the Thames). All funders have their own application forms, deadlines, policies, and priorities.

Typically, the deadline for fall funding is normally in the spring prior to the start of the fall term. Students have to re-apply for band funding every year, and there are no guarantees that funding will be granted every year. A fully funded student would receive tuition, books and a monthly living allowance. Monthly living allowances generally run from \$700 - \$1000 for a single student, or higher for students with dependants.

Please note that if a student is receiving funding from their community, including tuition and living allowances, **the funding will not be included as external scholarships**. For assistance in understanding how your funding would be calculated, please contact the staff of the Financial Aid program, at: financialaid.law@utoronto.ca or (416) 978-3716.

FOR INUIT STUDENTS ...

Inuit students who were residents of the northern territories prior to the academic year may be eligible for funding support from their respective territorial governments. In Ontario, the funding is administered by the Mississaugas of the New Credit Education Office.

Please note that if a student is receiving funding from their community, including tuition and living allowances, **the funding will not be included as external scholarships**. For assistance in understanding how your funding would be calculated, please contact the staff of the Financial Aid program, at: financialaid.law@utoronto.ca or (416) 978-3716.

FOR MÉTIS STUDENTS ...

The Métis Nation of Ontario administers bursaries for any student who identifies as Métis and can demonstrate financial need. There is no requirement to be a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario for these awards. Métis students from across Canada are considered.

Applications for these bursaries are administered through the central University of Toronto, with final decisions being made by the Métis Nation of Ontario. Funding applications are due in late November each year. Additional information can be accessed through this [link](#).

Please note that if a student is receiving funding from their community, including tuition and living allowances, **the funding will not be included as external scholarships**. For assistance in understanding how your funding would be calculated, please contact the staff of the Financial Aid program, at: financialaid.law@utoronto.ca or (416) 978-3716.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES
AVAILABLE TO INDIGENOUS STUDENTS**



On the following pages of this guide, you will find a few examples of scholarships and bursaries that are available for Indigenous students studying law. This list is not exhaustive **and please remember that the information contained in this booklet is subject to change (including due dates!)**; please conduct your own research to verify application deadlines and for additional opportunities using search engines such as Google and Indigenous Services Canada's [Indigenous Bursaries Search tool](#).

Keep in mind that you should not limit yourself to Indigenous scholarship designations. There are numerous scholarships offered by companies and organizations that award financial aid, which may be applicable to you.

If an Indigenous student receives an external scholarship that is NOT tied to their status as an Indigenous person, please note that under the policies of the Financial Aid Office, 50% of the first \$15,000 and 70% of amounts higher than \$15,000 of bursary/scholarship funding will be deemed as part of students' resources. Resources for bursaries/scholarships would count against eligibility for financial aid. For assistance in understanding how your funding would be calculated, please contact the staff of the Financial Aid program, at: financialaid.law@utoronto.ca or (416) 978-3716.

Students who intend to apply for external awards should review the rules and policies regarding such awards outlined in the 2021-22 [Financial Aid Booklet](#). Many bursaries are accessible through Indspire's Building Brighter Futures program. **All Indigenous students who apply for financial aid must also apply to Indspire, as this allows the law school to increase the overall funding available for Indigenous student financial aid (via federal grant matching program).**

For Ontario residents (including University of Toronto students) and National Scholarships

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
Indspire: Building Brighter Futures	Varied	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to all Indigenous students studying full-time and part-time at the undergraduate level. Awards are based on financial need • Awards are based on demonstrated financial needs and academic merits • Students are matched to bursaries and scholarships based on their program and level of study. For a full breakdown of available funds, please visit Indspire Funding 	Feb 1, Aug 1, & Nov 1.
University of Toronto President's Award for Outstanding Native Student of the Year	\$4,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The award will be given to students of Indigenous ancestry (Status, Non-Status, Métis, Inuit). The recipient will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, and previous and/or intended contribution to the Indigenous community. Student must be studying full-time and involved in course work • One award is given to an undergraduate student and one is given to a graduate/second-entry professional program (e.g., law) • Students typically apply for this award the year that they graduate 	June 1
Canada Post Awards for Indigenous Students	\$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to Indigenous students who returned to school after one year in the workforce, and have recently completed one year of their students • Students must submit an essay detailing their efforts obtaining an education 	August 31

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
Dr. Lillian McGregor Indigenous Award of Excellence & Marilyn Van Norman Indigenous Student Leadership Award	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous students studying at the University of Toronto Students who demonstrate financial need Preference given to applicants demonstrating contribution to the Indigenous community through volunteerism and involvement with the First Nation House and/or Indigenous Student Groups 	Feb 1
Métis Nation of Ontario Bursary	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous students studying at the University of Toronto Students who demonstrate financial need 	Nov 1
APUS Bursaries	\$500-\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part-time students Bursaries provided on the basis of financial need 	Jan 29, Jun 18, Jul 23, & Oct 9
Rosalind Murray Bradford Scholarship	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergraduate students of Indigenous ancestry In second, third, or fourth year of study Must submit two letters of reference: One from teaching staff at the University of Toronto, and another outside the university describing your involvement with the Native community 	Nov 1

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
Indigenous Bar Association Law Student Scholarship	\$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must be an Indigenous law student currently enrolled in law school who has finished their first year of legal studies. • Have a demonstrated interest in serving the Indigenous community and the Creator with honour and integrity 	June 30
NWAC Helen Bassett Commemorative Student Award	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be currently pursuing post-secondary studies (priority is given to students who are studying law or are in a law-related field) • Be an Indigenous woman, gender-diverse, or Two-Spirit person under 31 years of age • Demonstrate a commitment to improving the situation of Indigenous women and youth in Canada politically, culturally, economically, or otherwise 	July 16
The Gertrude Elgin Robson Scholarship for Aboriginal Students	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time Indigenous students • Preference given to students who demonstrate financial need and are associated with First Nations House 	TBD
Bennet Scholar	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be current full-time undergraduate students of Indigenous backgrounds or whose parents did not attend College/University • Demonstrate financial need 	Nov 1

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
<u>Harvey Bell Memorial Prize</u>	Up to \$1,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awards are granted based on the probable contribution the student might be expected to make as a lawyer in establishing the rights of Aboriginal people and the student's academic record in law school In the event that the awards committee is unable to reach a decision based on the above criteria, preference may be given to a student who is a Saskatchewan resident 	July 31
<u>TC Energy Indigenous Legacy Scholarships</u>	Up to \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous students pursuing a full-time post-secondary education Must be located in a community near TC Energy's operations or projects Demonstrate financial need 	TBD: January
<u>National Union of Public and General Employees Scholarship for Indigenous Students</u>	\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous students pursuing a post-secondary education The winner will be determined on the basis of a 750 to 1000 word essay 	TBD
<u>The Paul R Trivett Bursary Program</u>	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First-year students enrolled in a full-time post-secondary program related to law and/or policing Nishnawbe Aski Nation Membership 	November 27

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<u>Kathleen Blinkhorn Aboriginal Student Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-identifying Indigenous students enrolled in a post-secondary program • Must be living in non-profit housing in Ontario during the school term 	June 18
<u>Gladys Watson Award (First Nation House)</u>	\$1,000-\$3,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be awarded to Indigenous students enrolled in graduate or second-entry professional programs • Preference given to those students who demonstrate financial need 	November 1
<u>RBC Aboriginal Student Award</u>	Up to \$4,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To qualify, you must be a full-time student with at least two years of study remaining at the time of application, and you must demonstrate financial need • Selected students are awarded up to \$4,000 each academic year for two to four years to use towards tuition, textbooks, supplies and living expenses. 	December 3
<u>CFUW Aboriginal Women's Award</u>	\$10,000-\$25,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must be a Canadian Aboriginal woman studying full-time who holds or will hold an undergraduate university degree before the award is granted 	July

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
Anishinabek Student Excellence Award	\$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time student at accredited post-secondary college or university • Registered member of one of the 39 Anishinabek First Nations 	May 28
Moose Cree Education Enhancement Fund	Up to \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time student at a post-secondary institution • Must be a registered Moose Cree First Nation member • Note: Unclear that scholarship is still provided as of 2021 	February 23
Caisse Desjardins de Wendake scholarship program	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time CEGEP or university student • Students between 17-30 years of age • Member of Caisse de Wendake for at least 90 days 	March 31
Mississauga First Nation Post-Secondary Education Funding	Varied	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time or part-time students enrolled in post-secondary institutions • Registered Mississauga First Nation member 	Rolling

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation Scholarships	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolled in a post-secondary education, and meets additional eligibility requirements detailed here Registered Six Nations band member 	Varies
Attawapiskat First Nation Post-Secondary Program	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time student enrolled in a post-secondary institution Registered member of the Attawapiskat First Nation 	Feb 15, May 15, & Oct 15
AIAI Education Annual Scholarship	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returning full-time post-secondary student Registered band member with one of the seven Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians member Nations 	May 10
Miigwewin Student Award	\$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolled in a full-time post-secondary institution Registered member of Mississaugas of Alderville, Chippewas of Beausoleil First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Pottawatomi of Moose Deer Point or Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. 	November 13

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
Big Grassy First Nation – New Gold Bursary	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time or part-time post-secondary students with a GPA of 3.0 or the equivalent • Member of the Big Grassy First Nation 	June 15
Suncor Sarnia Refinery Education bursary	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident of Ontario and an Aamjiwnaang Band Member • Enrolled full-time in a recognized/accredited post-secondary institution 	July 16
Enbridge – Aamjiwnaang bursary	Up to \$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Aamjiwnaang Band Member • Enrolled full-time in a recognized/accredited post-secondary institution 	July 16
Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Post-Secondary Scholarship Award	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered in a recognized post-secondary institution • Registered member of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation • Note: Unclear if award is still distributed in 2021 	Mar 1, May 1, & Oct 1

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
Wabun Scholarship Program	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolled in secondary or post-secondary institution Students member to Wabun's First Nations 	March 5
Barrick Operating Corporation & Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg Capacity Building Scholarships	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered band members of Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg Currently enrolled at a full-time public post secondary institution in Canada 	May 31
Sagamok Anishnawbek Post-Secondary Student Support Program	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students enrolled in a post-secondary institution who have not accessed funds from OSAP Additional eligibility requirements detailed here 	Varies
CRG Energy Indigenous Nuclear Scholarship	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolled in their first-year of a post-secondary institution Priority given to students interested in a career in the nuclear industry Registered member of the Saugeen First Nation 	TBD

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
Shawanaga First Nation Post-Secondary Funding Program	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be on the Shawanaga First Nation Band list • Enrolled or accepted for enrolment in a post-secondary institution for a program of studies 	May 1
Wasauksing Post-Secondary Sponsorship Program	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a registered member of the Wasauksing First Nation • Enrolled in a post-secondary institution 	TBD
Community Foundation Grey Bruce Scholarships and Bursaries Program	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students from Grey & Bruce Counties (or Manitoulin Island for Band-specific First Nation education bursaries) in Ontario • Portal for various scholarships and bursaries with different eligibility requirements. For more details please see here • Includes: Chippewas of Nawash, M'Chigeeng, Sheguiandah, and Wikwemikong First Nations 	May 31
Serpent River First Nation Postsecondary Student Support Program	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered member of Serpent River First Nation • Applicant has resided in Canada for at least one year prior to acceptance at a Canadian College or University 	November 13

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
Chapleau Cree First Nation Post-Secondary Student Support Program	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Indians of Chapleau Cree First Nation Resident in Canada for 12 consecutive months prior to the date of application for funding Accepted by an eligible post-secondary institution into either a degree, diploma or certificate program, or a University Entrance and Preparation Program (UCEP) 	June 1
Ralph Akiwenzie Scholarship	Up to \$3,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Band Member of Chippewas of Nawash Met the college and/or university entry requirements, and are applying to any Canadian college or university, and are working towards your diploma 	March 31
Henvey Inlet First Nation Post-Secondary Education Assistance	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered member of the Harvey Inlet First Nation Applicants must meet University/College entrance requirements and be accepted for enrolment 	May 15
Michipicoten First Nation Post-Secondary Student Support Program	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered member of the Michipicoten First Nation Applicant must be enrolled in a post-secondary institution 	TBD

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
<u>Wauzhushk Onigum Legacy Education Fund</u>	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered status member of Wauzhushk Onigum Nation Must be listed with Wauzhushk Onigum Nation in accordance with the Indian Registry Program as officially declared by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and/or officially acknowledged by Wauzhushk Onigum Nation 	August 15
<u>Missanabie Cree First Nation Post-Secondary Fund</u>	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the Missanabie Cree First Nation Normally a resident of Canada for 12 consecutive months prior to the date of application for funding Maintenance of a minimum of a 2.0 GPA 	May 15
<u>Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Post-Secondary Assistance Fund</u>	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Enrolled in a post-secondary institution 	June 1
<u>BluEarth Aboriginal Clean Energy Scholarship</u>	Up to \$3,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful candidates will have an opportunity to be partnered with a BluEarth team member who will act as a learning partner throughout their academic year 	September 15

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
<u>Indigenous Learning Centre Bursaries</u>	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bursaries allocated must be used for the program of study and the academic year 2021-2022 • Available to students wishing to pursue a career in Finance and Management disciplines • Attending a post-secondary school as a full-time student 	July 7
<u>Modern Métis Woman Scholarship</u>	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a Canadian Citizen attending a Canadian University • Must identify as a woman and as Métis 	October 31
<u>Rick Edgar Youth Achievement Award</u>	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must be under 24 years of age • Applicants must display some achievement of excellence in the area of interest and provide documented confirmation of the opportunity being offered 	June 15

For Alberta residents

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
<u>Sam Bull Memorial Scholarship</u>	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must be a First Nations person who is a resident of Alberta enrolled in a full-time law and/or political science program. 	February 15
<u>Alliance Pipeline Aboriginal Student Award</u>	Up to \$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must be active members of an Aboriginal Community (band or settlement) in Alberta Recipients will be chosen based upon the relevancy of the program to the oil and gas industry, the applicant's career aspirations, and the proximity of the applicant's permanent residence to AP's operations 	July 1
<u>ATCO Pipelines Aboriginal Education Awards Program</u>	\$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must be of Aboriginal ancestry and originate from within 50km of ATCO Pipeline facilities in Alberta (see website for more details) 	July 15
<u>Altalink Aboriginal Scholarship Program</u>	\$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipients must be Alberta-born Treaty 6, 7, or 8 students, or Métis students who lived in Alberta for a minimum of 5 years Recipients will be selected for the awards based on financial need, scholastic achievement, community involvement and career and life goals 	October

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
The Rebecca Kelln Métis Bursary Fund	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Métis students pursuing a post-secondary education with demonstrated financial needs • Have been an Alberta resident for at least three years prior to applying • Demonstrate an investment in, and a commitment to, a community in Alberta 	April 30
Cyril Herbert Tobias Bursary	\$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bursary is awarded to Alberta, Manitoba, and/or Saskatchewan residents with satisfactory academic standing • Recipients will be selected on the basis of demonstrated financial need and academic standing 	Oct 15
Dr. William Morrison MacKay Memorial Award	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfactory academic standing of at least a 2.7 GPA or equivalent • Financial need and involvement in the Aboriginal community preferred 	Oct 15
Senator Hilliard McNab CM Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded annually to a Treaty Indian Members of Saskatchewan Bands 	July 31

For British Columbia residents

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
BC Hydro Aboriginal Scholarship Program	\$5,000-\$8,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision made on the basis of academic achievements and outstanding community involvement Preference for Indigenous People working toward professions relevant to BC Hydro 	April
First Citizens' Fund Student Bursary	\$700-\$1,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipients must be residents of BC for six months or more at the time of application, not including attendance at a post-secondary institutions, and registered full-time in a minimum two-year program Open to graduate students with a letter from your academic advisor confirming satisfactory progress Minimum GPA of 2.5 or a C+ grade equivalent 	Sept 30, Jan 31, & May 31
All Nations Trust Company Endowment Fund Awards	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to individuals originally from one of the following regions: Kootenay, Lillooet, Okanagan, Shuswap, Thompson Recipients selected based on their community involvement and personal achievements, academic achievement, work experience and references 	Sept 28
New Relationship Trust Foundation Scholarship Awards	Up to \$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only members of a BC First Nation are eligible to apply NRTF will award scholarships based on grades, need, and involvement within the First Nations community Successful applicants will be eligible for a maximum of two years of funding at the Master's level. A JD program is considered to be at the Master's level. 	June 29

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
<u>Ruth Williams Bursary</u>	\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous students residing or originally from British Columbia • Open to students pursuing post-secondary education and students planning to pursue entrepreneurial related activities 	July 1
<u>Canadian Aboriginal Writing Challenge – Our Story</u>	Up to \$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short story contest for Aboriginals 14-29 years of age 	March 31
<u>Post-Secondary Student Support Program</u>	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nation students who are registered Status Indians and do not have band membership • Must be a British Columbia resident for a minimum of 12 consecutive months 	July 1, & Mar 31
<u>Bill and Elsie More First Nations Bursary</u>	Up to \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any First Nations student enrolled in a post-secondary program, but preference given to students who may be unable to complete their studies because of their financial situation • Priority given to students in British Columbia 	October 31

For Atlantic Provinces residents

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
<u>Maritimes and the Northeast Pipeline MAWIW Student Awards</u>	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maliseet and Mi'kmaq students who are registered members of the MAWIW communities: Tobique, Elispotog or Burnt Church and are enrolled as full-time students 	June 30
<u>Union of New Brunswick Indians Pipeline Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maliseet and Mi'kmaq students who are registered members of the UNBI communities who are enrolled as full-time students 	July 10
<u>Donald Marshall Sr Memorial Scholarship Fund</u>	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mi'kmaw students from Nova Scotia First Nations or from the Nova Scotia General Band Registry Applicants must submit a two page essay stating their: educational goals, career plans, volunteer work, school activities, barriers students has had to overcome to do well in their field of study, cultural/community activities and awards 	August 21
<u>Nova Scotia Power Mi'kmaq Bursary</u>	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mi'kmaw students entering any year of a full time post-secondary accredited education program Applicants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, and a permanent resident of Nova Scotia for at least three years, two years of which are immediately prior to high school graduation 	April 19

For Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut residents

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
<u>Sahtu Renewable Resources Board Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must be enrolled under land claim Sahtu Dene or Métis or be NWT resident who has completed the last two years of high school in the Sahtu Settlement area • Must be full-time student in a minimum two-year program with a good academic record and must demonstrate financial need 	Open
<u>Tlicho ONE Student Financial Support Program</u>	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a Tłı̨chǫ Citizen, attending full-time in an approved program at a designated post secondary institution, which will lead to a certificate, diploma, undergrad, masters or doctoral degree 	Open
<u>NWT Law Foundation/ Graeme Garson Bursary Fund</u>	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fund is open to those able to demonstrate some distinct and valuable commitment or dedication to the NWT and its people. This can be demonstrated through residency in the NWT for at least 3 years, intention to return to the NWT after education is complete, and involvement in the community 	April 15
<u>Yukon Law Foundation Varied Student Bursary</u>	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award granted on the basis of academic achievement, residency, community involvement, and financial need • Recipients must return to the Yukon to work for at least a two-year period, or they must repay the scholarship money issued to them 	August 31

For Saskatchewan and Manitoba residents

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
<u>Cameco Northern Saskatchewan Scholarship</u>	Up to \$7,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must be residents of Saskatchewan's north and have lived in the north for a minimum of ten years or half their life preceding the date of the application • Academic performance, residency and career interests are considered; those who wish to pursue a career in the mining industry are favoured 	July 15
<u>Northern Spirits Scholarship</u>	\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Granted to residents of northern Saskatchewan based on marks and potential contribution to northern Saskatchewan 	June 30
<u>FSIN Senator Hilliard McNab CM Memorial Foundation and Scholarship Fund</u>	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to Treaty Indian Members of Saskatchewan Bands who have successfully completed two years of more of University, and who are registered to continue • Students are eligible once during undergraduate studies, and twice during graduate studies 	July 31

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
<u>Napoleon LaFontaine Economic Development Scholarship Program</u>	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to Métis students pursuing full-time education and training in academic studies that lead toward their social, cultural, and economic development 	May 1, & Oct 1
<u>SIGA First Nations Scholarship Awards Program</u>	\$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selection will be based on commitment to chosen field; level of community participation within cultural events through volunteer and charity involvement; and, individual's needs 	Oct 31
<u>IRTC Scholarship</u>	\$500-\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For First Nation citizen from an IRTC Member community (Dauphin River, Kinonjeoshtegon, Lake Manitoba, Little Saskatchewan, Peguis, Pinaymootang) 	August 31

For pre-law programs

Note: The University of Saskatchewan, College of Law, until approximately 2019, offered a Summer Program that allowed Indigenous students to complete their property law credit the summer before they started 1L. Many law schools made offers to Indigenous students to join their JD program conditional on their successful completion of this summer program. This was not done by U of T Law but we did support Indigenous students to participate in the summer program, if they so desired.

In 2020 the College of Law [announced](#) they were redesigning their program. At the time of writing, it's unclear what the future of that program looks like and Indigenous students admitted to the JD program should visit the [Indigenous Law Centre website](#) and speak with the Manager, Indigenous Initiatives if they have questions about the program and how it fits with the JD program at U of T Law.

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
Indspire Legal Studies for Aboriginal Peoples Pre-Law Bursary	Up to \$3,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible for pre-law summer program only • \$1,000 bursary and \$2,500 payable to the educational institution to cover tuition costs 	May 15
Law Youth Summer Program Scholarship for Indigenous High School Students	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to full-time high school students self-identifying as Indigenous • Demonstrated financial need and academic excellence 	May 31

For graduating JD students

Scholarship/Bursary Name	Monetary Value	Eligibility Requirements and Notes	Annual deadline
<u>LSO Repayable Allowance Program</u>	Up to \$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are specific employment, income threshold, and loan type requirements for eligibility. See link for current details 	Open
<u>Faculty of Law Post Graduation Debt Relief Program</u>	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are specific employment, income threshold, and loan type requirements for eligibility. See link for current details 	March 31
<u>Indigenous Bar Association Law Student Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While preference and priority will be given to Indigenous students currently enrolled in law school, students enrolled in the bar admissions process may be considered 	June 30