



Indspire

Indigenous education,
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Bursaries, Scholarships, and Awards

Apprenticeships, Skilled Trades, and Technology Programs Incentive Application

For First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Students

No Deadline: Open All Year Round

Background:

Indspire is an Indigenous-led registered charity that invests in the education of Indigenous people for the long term benefit of these individuals, their families and communities, and Canada. With the support of its funding partners, Indspire disburses financial awards, delivers programs, and shares resources with the goal of closing the gap in Indigenous education. To help meet the demand for trades and technology workers in Canada's oil and gas industry, in 2007 the Oil & Gas Trades and Technology (OGTT) Bursary and Scholarship program was launched with the support of BP Canada, TransCanada, Suncor Energy Foundation and Petro Canada and current Sponsors are TransCanada, Suncor Energy, Shell Canada, Imperial Oil, Apache, and Frog Lake Energy

Application due dates

There is no deadline. Applications are accepted all year round.

Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for financial awards if you meet the following criteria:

- be a Canadian Indigenous person;
- have completed an education program in an accredited institution related to Trades and Technology field such as: Electrician, Gasfitter, Heavy Duty Mechanic, Heavy Equipment Operator, Heavy Equipment Technician, Instrument Technician, Insulator, Machinist, Mechanic, Millwright, Pipe fitter – Construction, Process Operator, Valve Technician, Welder and others; or Chemical Technologist, Control, Corrosion, Environmental Technologist, Inspection, Instrumentation-Electrical, Board, Systems, Voltage, Petroleum Engineering Technologist, Power Engineering, Managing Boiler, and others;
- not be a member of the staff, board, or jury at the time of applying for funding support.

Indigenous: a person who is recognized as “one of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada” within the meaning of section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, which further states that the “aboriginal peoples of Canada includes the Indian, Inuit, and Métis peoples of Canada”. This policy (consistent with general Canadian practices) understands the term “Indians” in the Constitution to now be replaced by the term “First Nations”.

Status: a person who is registered as an Indian on the Registrar of the Federal Government's Indian Register.

Non-Status: a person who identifies as an Indian or First Nations and is not registered on the Government of Canada's Indian Register but who:

- is a direct descendant of a parent or grandparent who is/was a Registered Indian on the Government of Canada's Indian Register and holds/held a valid Status Card;
- is on a Band membership list where the Band has control of its membership list; or
- is on the enrolment, citizenship, registry or membership list of an Indigenous group under a modern land claims agreement.

First Nations: a person who self-identifies as an Indian or as First Nations, whether Status or Non- Status.

Applicants are required to provide proof of First Nation identity by providing a valid Certificate of Indian Status (a “Status Card”) or a citizenship, membership, registration, or enrolment card issued by:

- the Registrar of the Federal Government's Indian Register;
- a Band within the meaning of the Indian Act that has control of its membership list; or
- by an Indigenous group under a modern land claims agreement.

Inuit: a person who self-identifies as Inuit. Applicants are required to provide proof of Inuit identity by providing a valid Inuit identity card issued by:

- an Inuit organization that is recognized by the Government of Canada;
- an Inuit organization that is recognized by the Government of Nunavut; or

- an Indigenous group under a modern land claims agreement.

Métis: a person who self-identifies as Métis. Applicants are required to provide proof of Métis identity by providing a valid Métis citizenship, membership, registration, or enrolment card issued by:

- one of the Métis Settlements in Alberta;
- a provincial organization that is a member of the Métis National Council, which includes the Métis Nation British Columbia, the Métis Nation of Alberta, the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, the Manitoba Métis Federation and the Métis Nation of Ontario;
- an Indigenous group under a modern land claims agreement; or
- a Métis organization that is recognized by the Government of Canada.

Types of Incentive Awards Available

This program is for eligible students who have completed their program within the last 3 months. The Completion Incentive Awards allows graduates to be considered to receive \$1,000 for the full completion of their program. Submitting an application does not guarantee that an applicant will receive funding. Awards are agreed upon and awarded by a jury to applicants who meet the established criteria.

How to apply

1. Submit a fully completed and signed application form.
2. Provide the following documents with your application form:
 - **Proof of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis status as recognized by the Federal Government** - all applicants must have a valid Band/Treaty card; valid Métis membership card; or valid Inuit Beneficiary card and provide a photocopy of both the front and back of the card.
 - Students who are non-status First Nation persons must send a photocopy of the federal government card issued to parents or grandparents along with the long-form birth certificate(s) or baptism certificate(s) clearly showing the relationship to person on the band status card.
 - Students who are members of a Non-Status First Nation must provide a letter from their registry office stating that the federal government has designated and recognizes their nation as a Non-Status First Nation.
 - Students who are Métis aged 18 and over must have their own card. In the case where an applicant is awaiting issuance of their own Métis card, they can submit a photocopy of the card issued to parents along with the long-form birth certificate(s) or baptism certificate(s) that clearly shows the relationship to the person on the Métis card. An official letter (on organization letterhead, dated, signed) from the Métis organization can be provided that identifies that person on the card is a registered member in good standing with that Métis organization. Documentation must also be provided to show that Indspire's applicant has made application to become a member of their Métis organization.
 - **A copy of your most recent marks or letter confirming that you have successfully completed the entire program** and a diploma or certificate will be/has been issued.

Mail your application form and other required materials to:

Indspire
 Education Department
 Box 5, Suite 100
 50 Generations Drive
 Ohsweken ON N0A 1M0

Before you mail the application

- Print your name clearly on each document being submitted.
- Paperclip your documents together (no staples).
- Send by mail or courier or submit in person (no faxes or emails).

- Keep a copy of your application package for your personal records.

Please note: Indspire does not return any documents or materials.

Application Assessment Process

Applications are assessed based on proof of completed program and on the basis that all requirements are met.

Applications are reviewed by a jury of program partners. Currently Apache, Suncor Energy Foundation, Shell Canada, Imperial and TransCanada each have one representative on the jury.

All applicants – successful or otherwise – will receive email notification of the decision within 3 months of applying. If you have questions about the email notice and what is required to receive your financial award, contact Indspire at 1.855.463.7747 x253.

Conditions of an Award

- Awards are deemed as income by the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency and must be reported as such. You will receive a T4A form from Indspire in the amount of your award.
- Partners may choose to publish your name as well as acknowledge and congratulate your scholastic achievements publicly. Accordingly, Indspire provides recipient contact information to sponsors.

Changes in Circumstance

Applicants are to provide notification of change of circumstances that may impact their application.

Contacting Applicants

Indspire may contact you by phone, email, and mail. Please advise Indspire of any changes to these or other ways to contact you throughout your program of study.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact us:

1.855.463.7747 x253
education@indspire.ca
indspire.ca | @indspire

Incentive Application Form

Section 1 - INFORMATION SOURCE

How did you learn about this award? (Check as many as applies)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> College/University | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Aid Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In remote community | <input type="checkbox"/> In rural community | <input type="checkbox"/> In urban community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Poster, Brochure, Flyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Previous Recipient | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Professor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer | <input type="checkbox"/> Soaring: Indigenous Youth Career Conferences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please identify) _____ | | |

SECTION 2 – PERSONAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

FULL NAME Use legal, given name, no aliases or stage names.	Title	First name	Second name	Last name
	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
DATE OF BIRTH	Month	Day	Year	Current age
MAILING ADDRESS DURING YOUR STUDIES	Street address or City/Town PO Box Number		Province/Territory	Postal code
TELEPHONE	Primary phone: Secondary phone:		Cell Phone:	
PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS				
SECONDARY EMAIL ADDRESS				

SECTION 3 – ANCESTRY

INDIGENOUS ANCESTRY	NAME OF BAND, COMMUNITY OR ORGANIZATION	NATION i.e. Cree, Ojibway, Dene etc.	PROVINCE/ TERRITORY AFFILIATION
<input type="checkbox"/> STATUS FIRST NATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> NON STATUS FIRST NATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> MÉTIS			
<input type="checkbox"/> INUIT			

SECTION 4 – PERIOD COMPLETED / PROGRAM COMPLETED

Training Provider	
Name of Trade/Program	Period/Year
Class start date	Class end date
IS THIS YOUR FINAL YEAR IN THIS PROGRAM	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SECTION 5 – TRACKING

1. Having completing your program, please check all that apply to you.

- I have not secured employment I am employed full---time
 I am unsure of my future plans I am employed part---time
 I am taking care of family commitments
 I have secured employment in a First Nation Inuit Metis community
 I will be returning to College University Another Trades Program

2. If you are currently working, please check your field of employment:

- Corrosion Technologist Heavy Equipment Operator Petroleum Engineering Technologist
 Chemical Technologist Inspection Pipe fitter --- Construction
 Control Technologist Instrument Technician Power Engineering
 Electrician Insulator Process Operator
 Environmental Technologist Machinist Valve Technician
 Gasfitter Managing Boiler Welding
 Heavy Duty Mechanic Mechanic Other _____
 Heavy Equipment Technician Millwright

SECTION 6 – DECLARATION AND CONSENT

I am aware that all mandatory documents listed below are required to be assessed by the jury, and have included the following with my application package:

- ✓ One current Indspire Incentive Application Form fully completed and signed
- ✓ Proof of First Nation (status or non-status), Inuit or Métis status.
- ✓ **A copy of your most recent marks or letter confirming that you have successfully completed the entire program** and a diploma or certificate will be/has been issued

MY SIGNATURE BELOW CONFIRMS THAT:

- ✓ I acknowledge that if my application package does not include all the required documents my application will be deemed ineligible.
- ✓ I have read and fully understand the guidelines that govern the application and Jury process, and I have provided answers to all questions that apply to me.
- ✓ I certify that all information contained on this form is true and correct. I understand that any false statements intentionally given on this application, by email or telephone will disqualify my application and will affect my ability to access future funding.
- ✓ I understand that my file may be selected for quality assurance auditing purposes and I may be asked for validation of the information that I have presented including but not limited to proof of income.
- ✓ I hereby give my consent to Indspire to release my contact information to Indspire’s sponsor(s), including my name, telephone number, email, or mailing address, so that they may contact me personally.
- ✓ I hereby give my consent to Indspire to use, publish my name and relevant information on Indspire’s website, in Indspire’s brochures for promotion, marketing, advertising or in sponsor communications.

If I receive a bursary or scholarship from Indspire I consent to Indspire or its agent, verifying my educational background and graduation record. This consent will remain in effect until withdrawn by me in writing. I understand that Indspire will use the results of the educational and graduation verification to report back to its funders and that this helps Indspire to raise more funding to support more students. I hereby authorize the academic institution that holds information relating to my educational background and graduation record (the “academic institution”) to disclose this information to Indspire or its agent. I hereby release and forever discharge the academic institution, Indspire and its agent, and their respective affiliated entities and all of their former, current and future partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns from any actions, claims and demands of any kind whatsoever in any way relating to the collection, disclosure or use of information regarding my educational background and graduation record by the academic institution, Indspire and/or its agent.

Applicant Name (please print clearly)

Applicant Signature

Date _____

Indspire respects your privacy. The information on this form is collected and used for the administration of the organization’s education programs, communications and fundraising activities. At all times it will be protected in accordance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act. If you have questions, please contact our Privacy Officer by mail at 555 Richmond Street West, Suite 1002, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 3B1. For more information or the phone number to call regarding Indspire’s Privacy Policy please visit indspire.ca/privacy-policy.