

Dear Shell Canada Aboriginal Scholarship and the Government of Canada,

My name is Larissa Wrightman and I'm from Bkejwanong First Nation. I have just successfully completed my last semester at Nipissing University. I was able to focus on schooling and receive my degree in the Bachelor of Business Administration with Honours and Distinction, all thanks to your help. I cannot stress how much I appreciate all of the help you have given me with my financial situation. It has not only relieved me from stress, but has also given me the opportunity to focus and excel even more throughout my studies.

Your donation has helped me in a numerous amount of ways. This year my textbooks happened to cost way more than I expected, which unfortunately led me to reach into my savings. This award not only gives me the chance to reinvest into my savings, but to have all of the necessities that I needed to prepare for my Masters of Business Administration. To prepare for my MBA, I will need to invest in GMAT preparation classes and textbooks while paying for the GMAT test itself. I was also able to put money towards fixing my car, as it was a necessity to commute to my 45-minute drive to school.

My future aspirations will be continuing my education so I can receive my MBA. With my Masters of Business Administration I'm hoping to expand my business background so I can bring my knowledge back to my community. A couple of years ago at Lambton College I had the opportunity to be a part of Enactus, which gave me the chance to see the variety of ways they helped communities. I was able to help three different First Nation communities in Enactus by bringing them culturally adapted financial literacy programs and forms of support for inspiring entrepreneurs. Being apart of Enactus and the Business Administration program has made me more aware of the changes that can be brought to my community. Overall, you have not only instilled me with gratitude, but you have motivated me to continue to excel in my studies so I can achieve my dreams.

With that being said, I want to say chi-miigwech (thank you very much) for your generous support.

Respectfully,  
Larissa Wrightman