

Dear Sponsor of the Indspire's *Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships, and Awards* program,

First of all, I would like to say a big thank you for sponsoring my application. My name is Serge Patenaude a Métis student from the Georgian Bay Harvesting Area. I am currently going into my 4<sup>th</sup> year of university at the University of Ottawa, studying political science and communications. This money will help me because it will help cover my rent and groceries. I worked 2 jobs all of last year to make ends meet, and this money will help relieve some of that stress, which will let me commit extra time for studying. My plans once graduated is to join the military as an officer. But first I will want to attend a journalism program to further my education before joining the armed forces. This money will help me reach that goal. Finally, I'd like to thank you for your continuing generous support that has helped myself, and so many other indigenous students attend post-secondary institutions.

Again, thank you so much for what you do for students like myself,

Serge Patenaude