

Dear Sponsor of the CIBC Achievers Award,

My name is Leah Burwash, and I am a 24-year-old Métis woman living between Prince Albert and Buffalo Narrows, Saskatchewan. I am studying at the University of Saskatchewan and I am currently in my first year of an Undergraduate program for Arts and Science. I have also taken an intern research position through the Indigenous Studies program this summer and I hope I can open more doors for research in Indigenous areas. This support has allowed me to focus more on my research project and also my family this summer as I will not have to work as many hours as expected. Currently my mother-in-law is recovering from chemotherapy and I have a young niece in my care, so being able to be with my family right now is very important. I am wanting to pursue law or some type of field where I can be a voice and change for many Indigenous people, and specifically youth. I plan to at least take another 3 years of studies, but if I pursue law or certain fields of study I will be in school much longer. Thank you for your generous support, it truly means the world to myself and my family.

Many thanks,

Leah Burwash