

Dear Sponsor of the Corus Entertainment Renewable Indigenous Scholarship,

My name is Justin Hjesvold. I am Metis, 38 years old, the father of two young children, and a law student at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law. My wife and children are Ojibway from Curve Lake First Nation in Ontario. Previous to law school, I spent 15 years installing drywall in Edmonton as a self-employed subcontractor. I am currently in my second year of a three year Juris Doctor program, due to graduate in 2022.

Receiving your scholarship has made a tremendous difference to me and my family. My wife has been supporting us for the last year working as a waitress at a local restaurant. With the shutdowns and everything else that has been happening she has frequently been laid off or seen her income drop. At the same time tuition is increasing and the financial pressure and stress on our family has been extreme. Since the funding arrived I have been able to focus on school and my family without worrying over the rent or groceries.

When I graduate I hope to become a Crown prosecutor or get involved in the legal end of Indigenous business. My goal is to use the help I have been given to become an asset for the community. Your support is sincerely appreciated, and I thank you for the consideration.

Kind regards,

Justin Hjesvold, BA
2022 JD Candidate

