

Dear Sponsor of the Rob and Shirley Metka Bursary,

I am a Gitksan student studying at the University of Lethbridge in Lethbridge, Alberta in Blackfoot Confederacy territory. I am in the combined degree program of Bachelor of Fine Arts/ Bachelor of Education- Art/ Art Education. I am in my final year of my program and I will be graduating in the spring of 2022.

I am a student who has received your bursary and I am grateful for your support this year. This bursary will help ease the stresses of completing my degree and allow me to be fully invested in my final practicum internship taking place in Fort St James, B.C. and finishing the last few of my courses in the University of Lethbridge in the spring semester.

Once I complete my degree I plan to go back to B.C. and become a teacher in an elementary school or a high school. I have been undecided which level I enjoy the most, as both of my experiences in elementary and high school have allowed me to grow as a teacher and reflect on my teaching practice in a variety of ways. I plan to teach for a few years, then go to get my master's in education to further my knowledge and my experience in the teaching field.

Thank you so much for your generous support to help me through my last and final year of schooling for now. I am grateful and honoured to receive this bursary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sydney Andres". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sydney Andres