

Dear Sponsor of the Yvonne Mercer Indigenous Student Bursary,

I am currently in the first year of a Bachelor of Science Program at Memorial University (Corner Brook Grenfell Campus). I am a member of the Nunatukavut Community Council (which represents the Inuit of south and central Labrador). I currently live in Pasadena, NL but I was born in Happy Valley – Goose Bay, Labrador and spent the first 10 years of my life there.

As a result of COVID in the past couple of years, there has not been a lot of opportunity for me to work and make money to help with the rising costs of education. My main financial support has always been my parents. I am the second oldest of three children and my sister has attended Memorial University for the past five years and has also received funding from Indspire. Due the rising costs of tuition I have contemplated working part time to help with my educational expenses. This bursary comes at a wonderful time and will be a major help to cover my expenses for this year and allow me to concentrate on my studies.

My future plan is to study Engineering at Memorial University and to use my skills to obtain employment in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Thank you for your generous support.

Lucas Ryland

