

Dear Sponsor of Inspire's Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships, and Awards Program,
Aaniin (Hello),

My name is Alexis Darlene Nanibush-Pamajewong. I am currently in my 4th year studying for a Bachelor of Fine Arts, in Indigenous Visual Culture at OCADU.

Your support has made a difference in my situation by allowing me to focus on my schooling instead of financial stress. I am able to buy new materials and supplies for my projects. This is really important to me and supports me in my good grades and focusing on school without working a part-time job is something I am grateful to be able to do.

My future aspirations are to open up my own creative space, a space that is a little of everything from a cafe, to an event space that holds workshops, and showcases upcoming musicians in the community, while also being a gallery and skatepark. And a space where (Indigenous) youth can come to feel safe, supported, and creative. I'd love to become an art curator as well as my Aunt is the first Indigenous curator at the AGO.

Above everything, I'd just love to keep creating art, and supporting and collaborating with other Indigenous artists. So for supporting me in my artistic journey, you are also supporting the very existence of Indigenous artists and our resurgence. I hope you are able to take a look at my website to learn more about my practice. <https://alexisnanibush-pamajewong.format.com/> or Instagram art account @a.nanibush.art.

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