

Dear sponsor of Yvonne Mercer Indigenous Student Bursary,

I want to thank you very much for choosing to support me financially. This award will be beneficial for myself to combat the stress of the rising costs of food and rent.

I am a second-year student taking a Bachelor of Commerce Degree at Saint Mary's University, with an intended major in Finance and Economics. I also plan to earn a master's degree later in my life. This year I am the Communications Director for the Commerce Society, and I aim to achieve a presidential role before I graduate.

I was born and raised in the small town of North West River, Labrador. Here I was able to practice my Inuit heritage by hunting and fishing with my father. I also earned money by salmon fishing for my local community freezer, which has been helping me pay for my tuition. I have also done a fair bit of volunteer work for my local United Church by clearing snow, cleaning floors, etc., and I plan to be helping around the church more once I head home in the summer.

For my future career, I intend to find meaningful work with a comfortable living wage. I will likely go the government path since I have already made progress on that path by working for Service Canada last summer. However, I am keeping my options open by networking whenever I can.

Once again, I thank you for your support. Awards like these are what help me succeed by lessening my financial burden. For that, I am very grateful.

Take care,

Jay Blake