

Dear Soaring Futures Bursary,

I would like to say 'Thank You!' for giving me the opportunity of being a successful recipient of your bursary. My name is Cheyenne Kayseas, I am a 29 years old Indigenous woman from Fishing Lake First Nation in Saskatchewan. I am currently in my second year of university enrolled in the Bachelor of Indigenous Education through a partnership between the University of Regina and First Nations University of Canada. I am dedicated to furthering my education so that I can become a successful Indigenous educator. My main intent is to assist Indigenous children, youth, families, and communities to achieve their goals and aspirations through education. I grew up on my First Nation and have witnessed first hand some of the difficulties that Indigenous children/youth face on a daily basis. Obtaining my Bachelor of Indigenous Education degree would enable me to become a role model in my community and for other young people to encourage them to succeed in life. Education is a powerful tool that can bring positive change to anybody's life and allow them to achieve their goals and dreams.

Being a recipient of this bursary will assist me with some of the finances that are required to continue my post-secondary education. Being a student can be costly and having the extra help motivates me to continue working hard in my studies and put forth my best effort. I am grateful for this opportunity and appreciative of the support that this bursary provides. I would like to thank 'Soaring Futures Bursary' for their generosity and financial assistance to succeed in my education journey. I am honored to be considered as a recipient and even more thankful for the recognition that I have received. I look forward to working with Indigenous students, and helping them recognize the importance of education and the power it holds to better lives.

Chi-miigwech! Mīkwēc! (Thank You!).

Regards,

*Cheyenne Kayseas*

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