

Dear Sponsor of the Aecon Group Indigenous Award, I am ever grateful for the award I received from your company. I am Joshua Penner, an 18-year-old recent graduate of MacGregor Collegiate Institute in MacGregor, Manitoba, attending the University of Manitoba. I am in the first year of the Asper School of Business, which is located on the campus of UofM and attempting to achieve a four-year bachelor of commerce degree.

The support that your group has given to me is extremely helpful and generous. The money received has allowed me to help pay off my tuition fees and living costs, a burden that troubled me trying to figure out how I would pay for it all. When I got the email saying that I had received this reward, it was a massive sigh of relief and a weight lifted off my shoulders, which I'm eternally grateful for.

The future I am working towards is something related to the accounting field or getting a business degree that allows me to become competent enough to run a business someday. Before I can do that, I need to finish my bachelor of commerce which I am working towards now. I just want to say thanks again for the generous support that I have received. This has helped me in numerous ways, something that university students my age dream of.