

Money For School

Almost everything you need to know
about finding money for school!



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*The **Louis Riel Bursary** and the **Mary Guilbault Métis Bursary** applications can be found at the back of this booklet.



General!

There Are Four Kinds Of Money For School

Student Loans:

Have to be paid back.
They come from the
government or the banks.

Funding:

Can come from your
band, the MMF, or
other organizations.

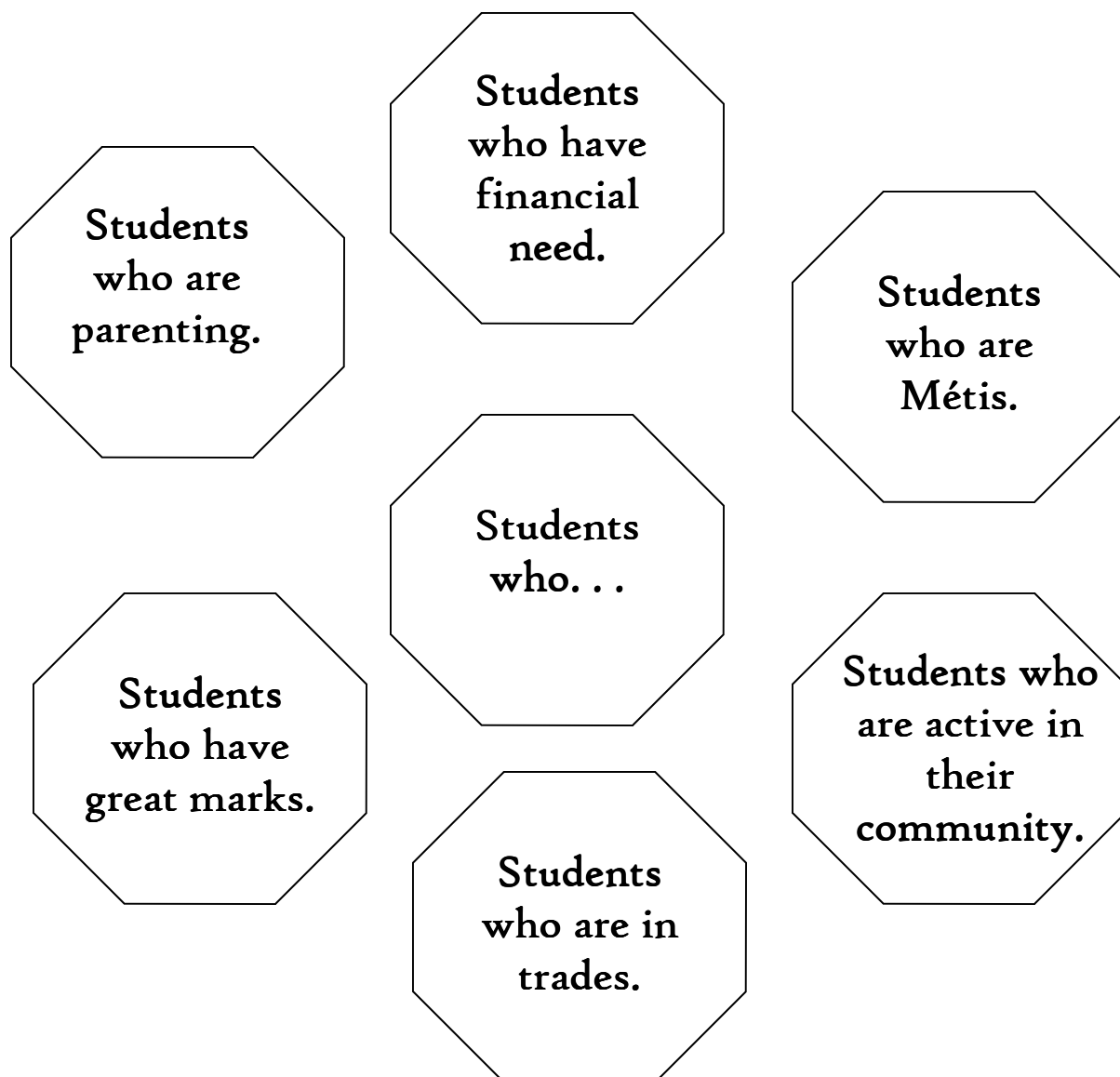
Internal Awards:

Come from your
specific school.

External Awards:

Come from hundreds of
other organizations such
as: Xerox, Manitoba
Hydro and more.

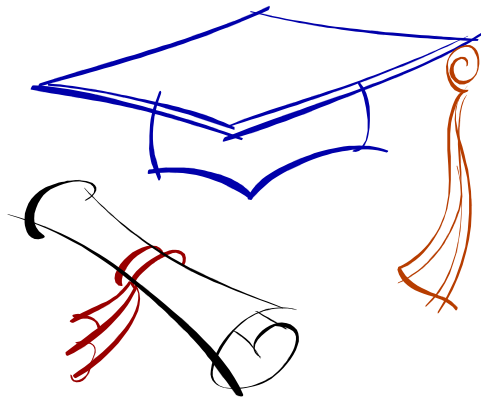
There Are Awards For Everybody!



The Difference Between Scholarships & Bursaries

Scholarships

A scholarship is often distributed based on merit, for example: good grades, being involved in the community, and/or volunteering.



Bursaries

A bursary is often distributed on the financial need of the applicant.

...But both types of applications often ask both types of questions.

Types Of Awards

There are a few types of awards you may be eligible for at different points in time during your education.

- **Entrance Awards**

When a student is entering their first year of university directly from high school

- **Grad Awards**

For students who are in graduate studies

- **Awards for Continuing Students**

For students who are continuing their education in subsequent years



How To Find Money For School

Now of course money
doesn't grow on trees...

BUT!

There are many
sources of information
to find money for
school.



Academic
Advisors

Student
Associations

School
Counselors

How To Apply For A Scholarship Or Bursary

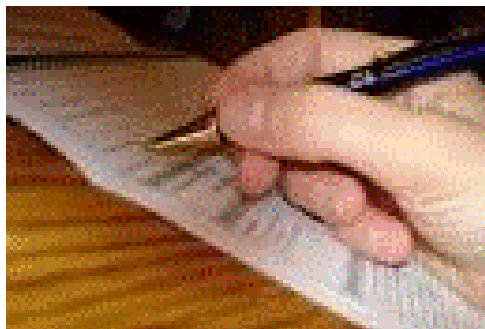
Every application has many pieces of required information, including:

- Letters of Reference
- Budget

Applications get sent to:

- Your school's award office
- or
- Direct to the scholarship donor

Be sure to check which one!



Student Loans

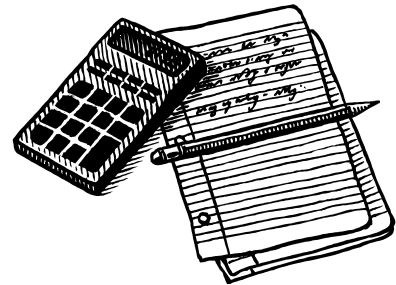
There are two types of student loans:

- **Bank Loans** (have to be paid back regularly and have high interest rates)
- **Government (Canadian Student) Loans**

Canadian Student Loans come from two places:

- **Provincial Government (Manitoba Student Aid)**
- **Federal Government (National Student Loan Centre)**

Together, these two loans form your student loan.



If you are not a resident of Manitoba, your province will provide you with your student loan.

Government Student Loans have a low interest rate. You do not have to pay back your loan until you are done your studies, but you must prove every year that you are still a student with a form from Student Loans.

Grants

Grants are **FREE** money that student loans offer you. When you apply for a student loan, you automatically are considered for a variety of grants.

Some Grants Include:

- Prince of Wales/Princess Anne Bursary for Aboriginal Students (PWPA)
- Female Doctoral Grant
- Low Income Students Grant
- Middle Income Students Grant
- Students With Dependants Grant
- Students With Permanent Disabilities Grant
- Rural Students Grant
- Northern Students Grant
- ACCESS Grants

When you receive your student loan assessment, it will tell you how much of your loan is a **LOAN** (to be paid back) and how much is a **GRANT** (free).

You always have the option of accepting your grants before your loans.

ACCESS Grants

ACCESS grants are for students in ACCESS programs. These programs are designed to support student success by offering an array of services.

There are many ACCESS Programs including:

- ACCESS Southern Nursing (RRC)
- ACCESS Engineering (UM)
- ACCESS Business Administration Integrated (RRC)
- ACCESS Nursing (UM)

If you are accepted into these programs, you will be eligible for top-up grants on your student loan.

Contact for Assistance and Questions

Rick Lavallee

Aboriginal Liaison/Consultant

Manitoba Student Aid

Rick.lavallee@gov.mb.ca

(204) 945-6339/1(800)204-1685

http://www.gov.mb.ca/educate/sfa/pages/sfaFrontDoor_en.html

Frequently Asked Questions:

Student Funding From The Manitoba Metis Federation

The Manitoba Metis Federation has some funds available to help students in post-secondary education. Here are a few frequently asked questions. Don't be afraid to ask more questions if you are still uncertain.

The information in this booklet is subject to change. For the most up to date and current information contact the Education/Employment Counselor in your region to verify information.

Does the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) fund students in school?

Through the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) Department, the MMF can offer funding to students in programs of two years or less in high demand occupations or university students in their final year of a first degree.

Who is eligible for funding from the MMF?

Aboriginal (Métis, Inuit, First Nations) students who are not Treaty or Status.

What is considered in my application for funding?

The program you are entering, the length of the program and whether it will lead to high demand employment are all considered in your application. Financial need and past education are also factors, among other items.

FAQ Continued

What if I already have a certificate, diploma or degree?

Funding is not available to students who are currently employable, so students with prior credentials may not receive funding.

How much money will I receive from the MMF?

It depends on a variety of factors, including: (but not limited to) how much you need, how much other students need and how much money is left in the budget.

How do I apply for funding?

Call an Education/Employment Counselor in your region and make an appointment.

Is there a deadline?

Deadlines vary in each region. It is generally a good idea to apply for funding 6 months before your program starts. University students need to contact their region in the January before their last year is going to start (i.e. apply in January 2012 if your last school year is 2012-2013).



Who Can I Call If I Still Have More Questions Or Want To Apply For Funding?

<p>MMF Regional Education & Employment Counselors</p>	<p>Northwest Region (Northwest Metis Council Inc.) 40-1st Avenue NW, Dauphin R7N 1G7 Ph: (204) 638-9485 Fax: (204) 646-4171 Empl/Educ Counselor-Shirley Mullett shirley.mullett@mmf.mb.ca</p>
<p>Southeast Region (Southeast Regional Metis Corporation) Box 13, Grand Marais RoE oTo Ph: (204) 754-2721 Fax: (204) 754-2687 Empl/Educ Counselor-Alberta Thomas</p>	<p>Southwest Region 656-6th Street, Brandon R7A 3P1 Ph: (204) 725-7520 Fax: (204) 727-4072 Empl/Educ Counselor-Jason Gobeil jason.gobeil@mmf.mb.ca</p>
<p>The Pas Region 215 2nd Street PO Box 2467, The Pas R9A 1M2 Ph: (204) 623-5701 Fax: (204) 623-2825 Empl/Educ Counselor-Annette Veito aveito@mmf.mb.ca</p>	<p>Thompson Region 171 Cree Road, Thompson R8N oC2 Ph: (204) 677-1430 Fax: (204) 677-2240 Empl/Educ Counselor-Sandra Trottier strottier@mmf.mb.ca</p>
<p>Winnipeg Region (Winnipeg Metis Association Inc.) 412 McGregor, Winnipeg R2W 4X5 Ph: (204) 589-4327 Fax: (204) 582-2711 Empl/Educ Counselors-Jacquie McLeod & Cathie Buors jmcLeod@mmf.mb.ca cbuors@mmf.mb.ca</p>	<p>Interlake Region (Interlake Metis Association Inc.) PO Box 390, St.Laurent RoC 2So Ph: (204) 646-2706 Fax: (204) 646-4171 Empl/Educ Counselor-Karen Kosten kkosten@mmf.mb.ca</p>

Map of Regions



Internal Scholarships & Bursaries at Post-Secondary Institutions

Most post-secondary institutions have internal awards, meaning that scholarships and bursaries are only available to students attending the school in which they are offered.

On your school's website, search "Financial aid and awards" to find awards specific to your institution.

Approach your Aboriginal Student Centre for help locating scholarships and bursaries.

Also, get your hands on any awards booklets you can and mark the awards that are applicable to you.



Assiniboine Community College
Student Awards Handbook
www.assiniboine.net
search “Financial Aid and Awards”

Student Awards Department
1430 Victoria Avenue East (Room 115)
Brandon, MB R7A 2A9
Ph: (204) 725-8700 ext. 6964
awards@assiniboine.net

Aboriginal Student Services and Advising
Ph: (204) 725-8723 ext. 6639
Toll Free: 800-862-6307 ext. 6639
aboriginalservices@assiniboine.net



**BRANDON
UNIVERSITY**

Founded 1899

**Brandon University
Scholarships & Awards Page**

www.brandonu.ca

search “Financial Aid and Awards”

Brandon University Awards Office

270-18th Street

Brandon, Manitoba R7A 6A9

Ph: (204) 727-9769

wood@brandonu.ca

Brandon University Indigenous Students Centre

[http://www.brandonu.ca/student-services/
indigenous-peoples-centre-ipc/](http://www.brandonu.ca/student-services/indigenous-peoples-centre-ipc/)



Aide financière et des services aux étudiants

<http://www.ustboniface.mb.ca>

Search “Registrar”

Téléphone: (204) 235-4408

Sans frais au Canada: 1-888-233-5112, ext. 408

Télécopie: (204) 235-4485

Courriel: registra@ustboniface.mb.ca

Ou

“Service directives, des conseils et de placement”

Téléphone: (204) 237-1818 ext. 419 et ext. 469

Courriel: counselling@ustboniface.mb.ca



OF APPLIED ARTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Red River College and Awards Catalogue & RRC Aboriginal Students Scholarships Guide

[www.rrc.mb.ca/files/File/aboriginal/
AwardsforAboriginalStudents.pdf](http://www.rrc.mb.ca/files/File/aboriginal/AwardsforAboriginalStudents.pdf)

Aboriginal Education Department, Aboriginal ACCESS Model Programs & Aboriginal Education Programs

F210-2055 Notre Dame Avenue

Winnipeg, MB R3H 0J9

(204) 632-2449

www.rrc.mb.ca/aboriginaleducation

Red River College Student Awards Department

D101-2055 Notre Dame Avenue

(204) 632-2437

The Manitoba Metis Federation-Vickar Community Chevrolet Métis Award

The Manitoba Metis Federation-Vickar Community Chevrolet Métis Award

is a financial award supported by the MMF, Larry Vickar and RRC. It is offered at Red River College for Métis students enrolled in: Introduction to Trades-Automotive; Automotive Technician Certificate, Automotive Technician Diploma; or Collision Repair and Refinishing.

Applications are due December 15th, annually and are available at Red River College.

University College

OF THE NORTH

University College of the North Student Awards Handbook

https://www.ucn.ca/ics/icsfs/Awards_Handbook_2011-2012_FINALbh.pdf?target=24ec5346-a489-4886-9239-5eb84b98cod5

University College of the North Aboriginal Centre

www.ucn.ca/ics/Campus_Life

The Pas Campus

University College of the North

Box 3000

The Pas, MB R9A 1M7

(204) 627-8500

Thompson Campus

University College of the North

504 Princeton Drive

Thompson, MB R8N 0A5

(204) 677-6450

General Inquiries:

admissions@ucn.ca



UNIVERSITY
OF MANITOBA

University of Manitoba Awards Homepage

www.umanitoba.ca/student/fin-awards

University of Manitoba Aboriginal Opportunities Page

[www.umanitoba.ca/student/fin_awards/
aboriginal_students/index.html](http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/fin_awards/aboriginal_students/index.html)

Aboriginal Student Centre

Aboriginal House, 45 Curry Place

www.umanitoba.ca/student/asc

Aboriginal Engineering ACCESS Program

www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/engineering/access/
Information useful to all students, not just engineering

Financial Aid and Awards

422 University Centre

Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2

(204) 474-9531

awards@umanitoba.ca



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

Awards & Financial Aid

www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-awards

Aboriginal Student Funding

www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-awards-aboriginal-students

Indigenous Services

www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/indigenous

External Awards

www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-awd-external

University of Winnipeg Opportunity Fund

www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-awd-bursaries

University of Winnipeg Student Awards Handbook

www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/cms-filesystem-action/pdfs/awards/awards%20handbook%202011-2012.pdf

Aboriginal Student Services Centre (ASSC)

2Lo1 (Lockhardt)
515 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3B 2E9
(204) 786-9865

Awards and Financial Aid Department

1C22 (Centennial Hall)
515 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3B 2E9
(204) 779-UWIN (8946)
awards@uwinnipeg.ca

The Audreen Hourie Governance Fellowship

The Audreen Hourie Governance Fellowship is available to Métis graduate students at the University of Winnipeg in the Master's of Indigenous Governance or Masters of Development practice program. To obtain your application contact the graduate studies office at the University of Winnipeg. Applications are due Sept 14 annually.

The Louis Riel Bursary

A particular award available to students at BU, UM, UW, USB and UCN is the **Louis Riel Bursary**. This award is worth approximately \$1,500 and is available every fall (or spring at BU) for students who can prove their Métis heritage by MMF membership or genealogy. Once you prove your heritage, each university chooses the recipients.

There are two parts to the application form: one from the university and one from the LRI. Complete the application form from your university and hand it in by the due date. Complete the LRI's "Métis Verification" part of the application form to prove that you are eligible for this award as a Métis student and send it to the LRI by the due date. Once the LRI confirms your Métis ancestry, the selection process will continue at your university.

The following methods are acceptable ways of proving that you are Métis:

- 1) A membership in a Métis nation (i.e., MMF)
- 2) A certified genealogy from La Société historique de Saint-Boniface (SHBS) or Métis Culture and Heritage Resource Centre (MCHRC)
- 3) Other methods as approved by the Louis Riel Institute

You may use the proof of someone else in your family as long as you are able to show proof that you are related to that person. The following are acceptable methods of showing proof of relationship:

- 1) Long form birth certificate
- 2) Baptismal record which lists parents
- 3) Other methods as approved by the Louis Riel Institute

External Awards

Other organizations, companies, etc... unrelated to the educational institution may offer awards to students based on differing eligibility criteria and requirements. Here are some great resources to find external awards.



www.studentawards.com

www.scholarshipcanada.com

www.rrc.mb.ca/files/File/aboriginal/AwardsforAboriginalStudents.pdf

This is a link to a PDF document listing tons of awards aimed at Aboriginal students. It is a Red River College booklet, but the majority of awards are external, and therefore are available to students at any of the major post-secondary institutions in Manitoba.

Mary Guilbault Métis Bursary

The Mary Guilbault Métis Bursary is a financial award supported by the Board of Directors and staff of the Louis Riel Institute. It honours Mrs. Mary Guilbault, who is a board member and respected Elder. Applications are available at the Louis Riel Institute, and are due October 1st, or the following Monday if October 1st is a weekend. A link to the application is also available on our website under www.louisrielinstitute.com





APPLICATIONS!

Application Format

This is a sample cover letter to include with every application.

It makes your application look professional, helps you keep track of the inserts, and helps the committee see that they got everything you sent. It also means your name shows up continuously on EVERY page... it sticks in their mind!

Be sure to use your title information on each page in the header. In the footer put the name of the application, year and page item.

Sample Cover Page:

Joanne Johnson
#1-123 Joanne Way Winnipeg, MB R2R 1R1 joanne@joanne.ca

This package includes:

1. Application
2. Photo
3. Budget
4. Personal Aspiration Essay
5. Educational Plans Essay
6. Letter of Reference for Jack Joans
7. Letter of Reference from Dr. Jennifer Jilly

Put this in the same order as the application asks for.

Sample header:

Joanne Johnson
#1-123 Joanne Way Winnipeg, MB R2R 1R1 (204)123-3456 joanne@joanne.ca

Make sure you have a simple, professional email.

Sample footer:

Application name

National Aboriginal Achievements Foundation 2011-2012 Application
Personal Aspirations Essay

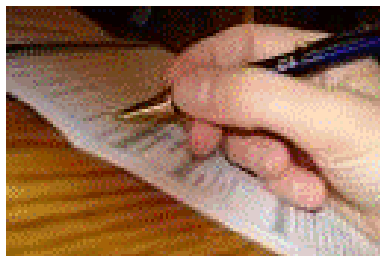
Piece of application

Essays

Essays are a crucial aspect of many of the scholarship applications you will fill out over the years. The jury or committee chosen to pick the qualifying applicants know absolutely nothing about you, so it is up to you to inform them. What better way than a well thought out essay! Here are some guidelines you should follow when writing your essay. Be sure to use the essay guidelines requested in the application.

Guidelines:

- Answer exactly what they ask, at the length they ask
- Show what you need, but also how you give (i.e. to the community)
- Talk about your challenges, and how you deal with them
- Have one general essay on hand that you can use and tailor for all of your award applications
- Use a page number and a header & footer on each page
- Be sure to indicate your financial need in some way or another if it is for a bursary (as a financial need is often a significant factor in the selection process of a bursary recipient)
- Double, triple, and quadruple check your spelling and grammar!



Example Essay 1-Continuing student

name program year of study school
My name is Sally Michif and I am a 2nd year student at the University of Manitoba. I am working on an Arts degree in English. I hope to work in the book publishing field one day, perhaps even publishing my own fiction.

I am applying for the Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth award because I believe that I am a good example of how Aboriginal youth are excelling today.

As I grew up there was a lot of pressure on me to pursue medicine. I was academically gifted but I did not enjoy school and I did not want to be pushed into that field. I rebelled in high school and did so poorly that I ended up dropping out in grade 10.

how you dealt with challenges
After I dropped out of school I did not do very much with myself. I eventually began to hang out at the community centre in my neighborhood. I was there so often that the staff people began to ask me to help set up for events, clean up after closing and other small jobs. Eventually they asked if I would like to help with some of the children's drop in programs. By this time I was actively participating in the youth drop in programs and it seemed like a natural extensions to do it for the younger children. My love of English came back to me and I began to look forward to the weekly homework club with the children.

After two years, I decided to go back to school. I returned to my high school and finished my grade 12. I did very well and with renewed confidence I applied myself to University, in Arts, not Sciences as my parents had hoped. I continued to do well in school however and my parents began to warm to my choice of programs.

any community involvement/volunteering
Since enrolling at the University of Manitoba in 2009, I have thoroughly enjoyed my classes, but I have also found ways to be involved with the university campus while continuing to help with the homework club. I participate in the monthly potlucks at the student centre and I helped organize the Halloween party for the children.

This award will help me with the cost of school, which means I can use the money from my job to help pay for food. I am very thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the community centre and I am thankful for the opportunity to share my story with you.

ancestry (if needed)
As a young Aboriginal woman, I am thankful for the support offered by the larger community. With this support, it means I can go out and support other parts of the community and we can all succeed together.

Thank you for considering my application,

Sally Michif

Example Essay 2- High school

My name is Henry Student and I am in my final year of high school, I recently got my acceptance letter to the University of Manitoba. I am very interested in Geology, and plan on getting my degree in that field.

I am applying for the Mary Guilbault Metis Award because I am very involved in my community and I need financial aid for my upcoming year in university.

I have volunteered often throughout high school. I have devoted much time to volunteering at the library. I value the skills I have learned while there. I have learned to be more independent and how to be more organized. I have also volunteered at many community events like barbeques, and their carnival day.

I am doing very well academically. I have been on the honour roll every year. I plan to keep up my grades while in University, so this award would help me by relieving the some of the cost of tuition, therefore I would have to work less and have more time to study.

My future plans include getting my degree in Geology and pursuing my dream of working in that field. I want to strive to get my Masters and help humanity with issues concerning geology. I am very passionate about my career choice and I am excited for school to start so I can gain more knowledge.

I have always had an interest in Geology. It began when I very young and used to collect rocks and eventually learned the different types. I think that learning about what our planet is made of is vital to environmental conservation. I'm sure I will excel in my studies because of my interest and passion for gaining more knowledge in this field.

Thanks for your consideration,

Henry Student

Example Essay 3- Adult learner

My name is Lindy Metis and I am a single, Métis parent. I am going to the University of Manitoba. I wish to get a degree in Nursing. I want to be able to provide more for my children.

I did not directly enter university after high school. Although I wanted to, I did not have enough time or finances due to having a child. After a number of years though, I got the courage to apply for school and got in.

I am very glad for the opportunity to finally attend university. This award would really help me in achieving this goal. I am not doing this for only myself, but for my child as well. It has been very difficult raising my child by myself. Now that she is a bit older, I have more time to pursue my education.

I wish to pursue the field of nursing because I have an interest in health and helping people. My mother is a nurse, and since I was young I have always been interested in her profession. This degree will give me the skills necessary to acquire my career as a nurse. Being a parent, I want to strive to have the best for my child and I. I want to be a good role model for my child.

I think I deserve this bursary because I am striving to better myself, and have also helped out in the community a bit. I volunteer at my child's elementary school as often as I can. I would love to volunteer in the community more often, although I am very busy. My friends and family are being very supportive of my decision to return to school, although this will take up a lot of my time.

I am looking forward to my future and my next few years in school. I think this is a great opportunity for me. I am very grateful that I have the chance to pursue my dream.

Thanks for your time,

Lindy Metis

Reference Letters

Why do you need letters of reference?

Organizations giving out scholarships have no idea who you are. They don't know what the community thinks of you and what you are capable of.

Who do you ask for a reference letter?

There are many people you can ask: teachers, professors, friends, coaches... choose people who know you and will advocate for you.

What do they want to know in a reference letter?

- How your reference knows you
- How long your reference has known you
- Your potential for success
- Your athletic awards
- Your academic accomplishments
- Your integrity as a person
- Connection to the community

How do you ask for a reference letter?

Don't be shy! People want to help by writing you a reference letter. Write a letter indicating the scholarships you are applying for. Send letters to all of the people you think would be a great reference. Provide information on the scholarship you are applying for (like a link or a brochure). Ask if you can use the letter more than once. And remember, always send a thank you to your reference!

What do you do with those letters of reference?

Keep a copy for yourself. Make it a part of your portfolio. If you have permission, use the same letter for multiple applications. Read the letters to get a good idea of how others perceive your skills.

Important

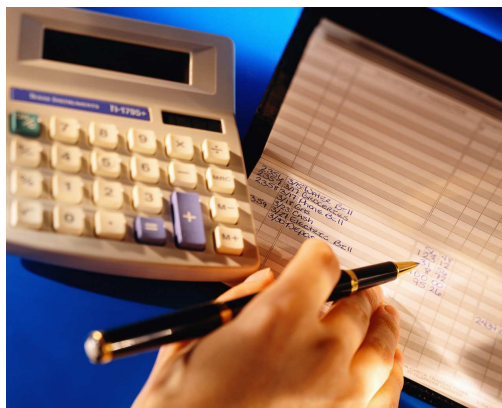
Read the application and make sure you send in the types of references they want. Keep your reference updated. People love hearing that they did something to help you succeed!

Budgets

Every award donor, whether they are offering a scholarship or a bursary is going to want to know about your financial situation. In order for them to fairly assess each student's need they require a thorough background of their applicants; a budget being one of those things.

However, a budget can be a long and tedious project to undertake, and can become cumbersome when you are repeating the same request application after application...

That's why it is a great idea to have everything figured out beforehand! It is a good idea to have a 'master' budget that lists every possible financial criteria any award donor could ever want. We have created such a template for your use, along with some helpful hints and tips that will go a long way in making your budget all the better.



Hints & Tips

- Be honest with your income and expenses... the worst that can happen is you get turned down, the best that can happen is you get it!
- Scholarship and bursary juries know that you get money from *somewhere*, and if you present a zero budget, they will not believe it
- It is ok to be reasonable with your entertainment expenses. Juries know that you buy McDonald's, take your kids to the cheap theatres, go to socials etc... Think like a thrifty student-where would your entertainment come from? How would you pay for it?
- Most students don't spend \$200/month on clothes but they might over the course of the year spend \$1200. Think of underwear, new winter boots, kids clothes, socks... consider all those expenses over a year and then divide it into 12.
- Students who are funded still get scholarships and bursaries... so tell them about your funding.
- If you share expenses with a partner or roommate, decide on one consistent way of showing your expenses and income. If you share the rent costs, don't put that you pay it all... either say you pay half and this is what the full price is, or say that you pay all of it, but include all of the partner's/roommate's income as well.
- Explain! Explain why you have some expenses... explain why you need \$100/month for this, that or the other thing. If you give an explanation, then the jury will understand your expenses. They have expenses too, they will understand it.
- Use N/A when something is not applicable to you (i.e. parent's income or investment income) and zero (0) when it applies to you but you do not receive anything (i.e. internet because it is included in your phone bill)
- If you have a line of credit or a credit card, specify how much is already there for debt, how much is available to use, and how much your payments are

Budget Worksheet		
Income	Monthly Amount	Total Amount (multiple by program length (8, 10, 12 months))
Program Length	8 months 10 months 12 months other ____	
Total summer savings		
Income From Work		
Income from spouse or partner		
Income From Parents		
Child Support		
Child Tax Credit		
Family Allowance		
Government- Pension Benefits		
Government- GST Rebates		
Government- Stu- dent		
Social Assistance		
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Total Income		

Budget Worksheet		
Expense	Monthly Amount	Total Amount (multiply by program length 8,10, 12 months)
Program Length	8 months 10 months 12 months other ____	
School Tuition		
School Other Fees		
School Books		
School Supplies		
Mortgage/Rent/ Residence Fees		
Property Tax/ School Tax		
Food		
Utilities- Heat		
Utilities		
Utilities - Electricity		
Utilities - Gas		
Phone- Landline		
Phone- Cell		

Budget Worksheet		
Internet		
Television		
Car- Insurance		
Car- Gas		
Car -Parking		
Car -Repairs Maintenance		
Vehicle Payments		
Bus Fare Or Pass		
Toiletries, Laundry etc..		
Childcare		
Children- Recreation		
Entertainment		
Clothing		
Home/Life Insurance		

Budget Worksheet		
Contributions To Savings		
Bank Fees		
Other Expenses		
Other Expenses		
Debts Line of Credit		
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Debts Line of Credit		
Total Expenses		
Income—Expenses=Financial Need		

Community Involvement

Community involvement is a criterion that almost every scholarship and bursary jury will take into consideration. However, the degree of importance will differ between applications. Volunteering, helping out, giving back to your community is vital and gives you a great advantage in many areas of your life. Besides helping you to win awards, it will hugely benefit the organizations you are helping, offer you contacts in the community and job experience. It is important that we all find ways to help others in our lives, whether it is in big, one time events, small regular assistance, or seasonal help. This improves our community and helps you support others as you hope to be supported in your applications for awards. There are a variety of ways and places you can help out. No one has to volunteer so much that it affects their school work, but even three hours a week helps out.

Places to volunteer at:

Community centres
Your children's school or daycare
Aboriginal Student Centre
Campus groups
Student unions
Community events
Non-profit organizations
Small businesses
And so much more!



Contact the United Way for more ideas:

(204) 477-5360

www.unitedwaywinnipeg.ca

Whoever and wherever you see a helping hand being needed!

Proof Of Aboriginal Ancestry

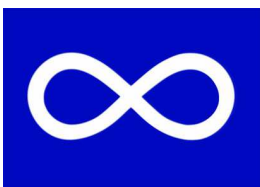
In order to apply and to be eligible for many awards you'll need to prove to the award jury that you actually are an Aboriginal person.

Aboriginal is a constitutional term which means Métis, First Nations and Inuit.

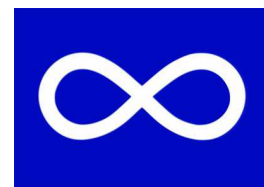
Unless an application specifically says "First Nations", "Cree", "Inuit", "Métis" etc. Aboriginal usually means Métis, First Nations and Inuit.

A Métis student can prove their Métis ancestry two ways:

- 1) A membership in a Métis organization (i.e. Manitoba Metis Federation, Métis Nation of Ontario)
- 2) A genealogy which shows that a student is a descendant of the Métis and would make that student eligible for membership with a Métis organization.



Membership



Some Métis organizations require a genealogy to apply for membership. A card will prove your membership and you can use this as proof of your Métis heritage. For membership with the MMF, contact the regional office in which you live.

Genealogies trace your ancestry back generation by generation through each set of parents. A genealogy is proof of Métis ancestry because it can show that your ancestors received scrip as Métis or that they were baptized as Métis people, among other things, from the late 1800's. Contact La Société historique de Saint-Boniface or the Métis Culture and Heritage Resource Centre to get a genealogy done today.

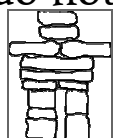
If anyone in your family has a membership card, you can copy their card and another piece of identity to show your relationship to them. (i.e. health card, birth certificate)

La Société historique de Saint-Boniface Centre du patrimoine 340 Provencher Boulevard St-Boniface, MB R2H 0G7 Phone: (204) 233-4888 Fax: (204) 231-2562 Email: shsb@shsb.mb.ca	Metis Culture and Heritage Resource Centre 504-63 Albert Street Winnipeg, MB R3B 1G4 Phone: (204) 956-7767 Fax: (204) 956-7765 Email: metisre@mts.net www.metisresourcecentre.mb.ca
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First Nations

If you are First Nations and have a membership card (treaty status or band), you can use that when applying for scholarships and bursaries. If a family member has a card you can use that and another piece of identity to prove your relationship to them. If you cannot show that you are First Nations, have a respected member from the First Nations community vouch for you. They should write and say they know that you are First Nations, and explain why you do not have any proof of heritage.



Inuit



Inuit students also have the opportunity to have their post-secondary education funded. You will need to contact the region you live in. If you are from Nunavut you may have to apply at an AAND office. Get in touch today!

Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development
275 Portage Avenue, Room 110
Winnipeg, MB R3B 3A3
(204) 983-6548

Always contact the organization asking for the proof of Aboriginal ancestry. Always apply! The worst that can happen is you don't receive the scholarship, but the best that can happen is that you do!

Youth In or From Foster Care

*Special thanks to Marie Christian from
Voices, Manitoba's Youth In Care Network!*

Were you in a group home? A foster home? In foster care with a different family member? Did you have a social worker? Children and youth still under the guardianship of an agency are “in care”. Once out of care, these youth are “alumni”. There are a variety of scholarships specifically for youth in or from foster care.

Voices-Manitoba's Youth In Care Network is an organization for youth by youth in or from care.

In addition to tickets to events, a weekly radio show, leadership retreats, and an annual Christmas party, Voices also administers two scholarships.

Voices is a fantastic resource for any youth, 12-30ish in or from foster care.

Voices & PD Curry Award Application: http://www.voices.mb.ca/assets/2012-2013%20voices%20scholarship%20program%20application.pdf Deadline: Spring	Voices, Manitoba's Youth In Care Network 929 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba www.voices.mb.ca info@voices.mb.ca 1-800-982-4956 or (204) 982-4956
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The National Youth In Care Network connects youth-in-care and alumni across Canada and advocates against systematic, national issues. In addition to training, resources, opportunities for youth to speak out and leadership opportunities, the NYICN administers the application process for the Ken Dryden scholarship.

<p>Ken Dryden Scholarship Funded by Hon. Ken Dryden, this scholarship covers 80% of your tuition (to a max of \$3000) for up to 4 years. Must be 30 or younger.</p> <p><i>Application:</i> www.youthincare.ca/work/Scholarship%20Application.pdf</p> <p>Deadline: First Friday of March</p>	<p>The National Youth In Care Network 332-207 Bank Street Ottawa, Ontario K2P 2N2 (613) 230-8945 www.youthincare.ca info@youthincare.ca</p>
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Marymound offers residential and out-patient services for youth in the care of CFS.

<p>Marymound Bursary Program Must have received services from Marymound for at least 6 months. Must be under 30 years of age.</p> <p><i>Application:</i> www.marymound.com/wp/donationssponsorship/bursary-fund</p> <p>Deadline: May 1st and October 1st</p>	<p>Marymound 442 Scotia Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R2V 1X4 (204) 338-7971 www.marymound.com info@marymound.com</p>
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CFS Contact Information

You will need proof that you were in foster care. The letter will only need to say that you were, not why. If you know who your social worker or agency was, contact them. If not, contact the authority who provided your care.

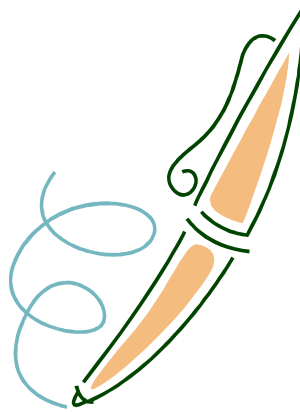
Home Office	Winnipeg Office
Northern First Nations Child & Family Services P.O. Box 10460 Opaskwayak, MB R0B 2J0 Phone: (204) 623-4472 Fax: (204) 623-4517 info@northernauthority.ca http://www.northernauthority.ca	2nd Floor - 383 Provencher Blvd Winnipeg, MB R2H 0G8 Phone: (204) 942-1842 Toll Free: (866) 512-1842 Fax: (204) 942-1858 info@northernauthority.ca http://www.northernauthority.ca
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Métis Child & Family Services Authority 127-150 Henry Street Winnipeg, MB R3B 0J7 Phone: (204) 586-8474 ext. 244 info@metisauthority.com www.metisauthority.com	
General Child & Family Services Authority 301-180 King Street Winnipeg, MB R3B 3G8 Phone: (204) 984-9360 generalauthority@gov.mb.ca http://www.generalauthority.ca/	

Louis Riel Institute Award Summary

The Louis Riel Institute administers many awards on behalf of the Manitoba Metis Federation or themselves.

The Louis Riel Bursary

A particular internal award available to students at BU, UM, UW, USB and UCN is the Louis Riel Bursary . This award is worth approximately \$1500, and is available every fall (or spring at BU) for students who can prove their Métis heritage by MMF membership or genealogy. Once you prove your heritage, each university chooses the recipients.



Mary Guilbault Métis Bursary

The Mary Guilbault Métis Bursary is a financial award for post secondary schools supported by the Board of Directors and staff at the Louis Riel Institute. It honours Mrs. Mary Guilbault who is a board member and respected Elder. Applications are available at the Louis Riel Institute, and are due October 1st.

Louis Riel Institute Award Summary continued

The Audreen Hourie Governance Fellowship

The Audreen Hourie Governance Fellowship is available to Métis graduate students at the University of Winnipeg in the Master's of Indigenous Governance or the Master's of Development practice program. To obtain your application contact the Graduate Studies office at the University of Winnipeg. Applications are due Sept 14 annually.



The Manitoba Metis Federation-Vickar Community Chevrolet Métis Award

The Manitoba Metis Federation-Vickar Community Chevrolet Métis Award is a financial award supported by the MMF, Larry Vickar and RRC. It is offered at Red River College for Métis students enrolled in; Introduction to Trades-Automotive; Automotive Technician Certificate; Automotive Technician Diploma; or Collision Repair and Refinishing. Applications are due December 15th, annually and are available at RRC.

The End

Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet. We hope it was of great use to you and helped you move closer towards achieving your post-secondary goals. If you have any further questions-whether it is about the contents of this booklet, the bursaries we offer or anything else-feel free to contact the Louis Riel Institute at any time by phone or email.

Good Luck!

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