

AU FIRST NATION COLLEGES STUDENT AWARDS

Donor: Anonymous
Value: Up to \$2000 (Tuition costs associated with three, 3 credit Athabasca University courses)
Number: Three per competition, two competitions per year
Deadlines: August 15th and November 1st

Description of Award

The AU First Nation Colleges Student Awards are intended to recognize the achievement of First Nation College students who wish to pursue studies at AU (Athabasca University), yet face financial barriers that inhibit their ability to do so. Any student at a First Nation College is able to apply, although preference will be given to students from Red Crow College. Students may reapply and receive this award more than once.

Conditions of Eligibility

An applicant must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply for this award:

- Be a current AU undergraduate student (degree program, certificate or unclassified).
- Be of Indigenous kinship as defined by the applicant's Indigenous nation within the land known as Canada (See section D on Application form for details).
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Demonstrate their desire to achieve their educational goals.
- GPA of 2.0 or higher at Red Crow College (or other First Nation College within Alberta).
- GPA of 2.0 or higher at AU if reapplying for this award.

Application Submission Deadline

August 15th and November 1st annually *Flexible*

Application Instructions

Submit your application here: [Student Awards Application Submission](#) or navigate back to award listing to submit.

Award Notification

The applicant selected to be a recipient of the Athabasca University (AU) – First Nation Colleges Student Awards will be notified by the Student Awards Unit of Athabasca University. The tuition credit will be placed on the student account.

Questions?

Visit the Athabasca University Awards website located at: [AU Awards, Bursaries & Scholarships](#)
Email your inquiries mailto:awardsinfo@athabascau.ca



APPLICATION FORM FOR AU FIRST NATION COLLEGES STUDENT AWARDS

Before completing this application, please ensure that you meet the eligibility criteria and that you can demonstrate the qualities of the selection criteria.

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Athabasca University Student Identification Number:

Social Insurance Number:

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Mailing Address:

Mailing Address 2:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Country:

Primary Telephone Number:

Alternate Telephone Number:

Email Address:

B. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION INFORMATION

Complete all the information requested below. Information will be verified with your student record and other sources, if required.

In which undergraduate program are you enrolled?

Have you graduated from Red Crow Community College? No Yes

If 'NO' which First Nations College did you graduate from?

Date of graduation?

Have you attached a copy of your official college transcript? No Yes

What is your college GPA?



C. Essay Response

Use the below space to provide an explanation of what the personal benefit to you would be to take courses at Athabasca University. Essay should be no more than 500 words.

D. INDIGENOUS KINSHIP, ANCESTRY, STATUS or ELIGIBILITY

Be of Indigenous kinship as defined by the applicant's Indigenous nation within the land known as Canada.

- Indigenous kinship includes First Nation, Métis, or Inuit.
- Proof of Indigenous kinship is required.
- Proof can include Documentation that demonstrates Indigenous kinship (Certificate of Indian Status, Métis Identification Card, Inuit Beneficiary Card, or other document confirming Indigenous kinship as defined by their nation or community).
- A letter from a recognized Indigenous community organization or nation is acceptable.

Attach your documentation to your application or send it separately by email attachment to <mailto:awardsapplication@athabascau.ca>

Please ensure to include your full name and the award name in the subject line of your email submission.

E. FINANCIAL INFORMATION



The sections below are a financial worksheet to gather information and to help to assess your overall need.

Resource Section

Are you employed? No Yes
If yes, does your employer pay for your tuition or subsidize your education? No Yes

Please enter the amount your employer subsidizes your educational expenses per year.

Are you in receipt or accessing any 3rd party sponsorship to subsidize your educational expenses?

No Yes Name of Sponsor and Amount

Are you accessing or have you applied for Government Student Financial Assistance? No Yes

Please enter the total of all monthly financial resources. Include: Salary, partners salary, student loan funds, sponsorship amount, disability related benefits, social assistance, employment insurance, orphan's benefits, child support, workers compensation benefits and/or financial assistance received from any other individual or other source.

Expense Section

Household Status - Select the category that best describes your personal situation. Figures provided are monthly allowable expenses.

Single - No Dependents \$1340

Single – With One Dependent \$2365

Single – With Two Dependents \$3069

Single – With Three Dependents \$3773

Married/common law – No Dependents \$2590

Married/common law – With One Dependent \$3294

Married/common law – With Two Dependents \$3998

Married/common law – With Three Dependents \$4702

Please enter number of dependents in excess of 3 add \$740 each

Monthly childcare expenses (for under 12 years old) Max \$724 each

Monthly estimate of AU educational expenses (tuition fees)

Declare exceptional expenses per month along with an explanation.



Please use the space below to provide any other pertinent information that will support your application.

Personal Financial Recap

Enter your monthly resources from all sources minus your monthly expenses to obtain your net monthly financial position.

Total Monthly Resources

Less Total Monthly Expenses

Net Monthly Financial Position

F. REQUIRED CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE

I certify that the information provided in this application and in the accompanying documentation is true, accurate and complete. I authorize the provision of any information held or to be held by Athabasca University, and others relating to my application, including but not limited to personal evaluations and transcripts, to the Student Awards Unit of Athabasca University and the Selection Committee chosen for this bursary. I understand and accept that: (1) such information will be used by the Student Awards Unit and the bursary selection committee of Athabasca University for the purposes of selection, for statistical analysis, and to facilitate ongoing administrative correspondence with applicants, necessary to further the objective of the Athabasca University Student Awards Program and to improve selection process; (2) the Athabasca University will not release application evaluation or the results of the evaluation process, except to inform me if my application has been accepted for an award; and (3) for all questions regarding my personal information held on file by the Athabasca University, including updates thereof, I may reach an Athabasca University representative through the contact information provided within this bursary package. Finally, if my application is selected for this bursary, I will provide a thank you letter to the Student Awards Unit of Athabasca University to be forwarded to the donor of the bursary.

Name of Applicant:

Date:

Your personal information is collected under the authority of section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. F-25 and the Post-Secondary Learning Act, S.A. 2003, c. P-19.5.