**Native Council of Nova Scotia**

**Education Fund**

**Scholarship Information Guide**

**2016**

**Introduction**

Over the years many scholarships were established with the main focus of providing financial support for Aboriginal Students attending post-secondary institutions.

Many of these scholarships are now administered under Indspire, formerly “the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation”. Visit their website at [www.indspire.ca](http://www.indspire.ca).

What we have attempted to do with the NCNS Information Guide is to provide you with a list of other scholarships not administered by Indspire.

This is not a complete list, but we intent to add to the guide as more information is gathered.

To assist you further we have provided links on the last page which will direct you to other scholarship sources.

**Special note:**

If you are a Registered Status Indian, you will be required to provide a copy of your status card.

If you are a Non-Status Indian, some scholarships require a copy of your parent’s or grandparent’s status card.

For a copy contact the: NCNS Education Office

PO Box 1320, Truro, NS, B2N 5N2

Or call: (902) 895-1523

Toll free: 1-800-565-4372

e-mail: [spencerwilmot@eastlink.ca](mailto:spencerwilmot@eastlink.ca)

or drop in the office at 129 Truro Heights Road, Truro, NS

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**Alumni Association Scholarship**

Value: $6,000 Deadline for applications: February 15, annually

Awarded annually to an African-Canadian or Canadian Aboriginal student pursuing the one year Bachelor of Journalism program at University of King’s College

For further information or to download an application visit their website at: [www.ukings.ns.ca](http://www.ukings.ns.ca)

**ATV/CTV Media Scholarship**

Value: $6,000 Deadline for applications: February 15, annually

Awarded annually to an African-Canadian or Canadian Aboriginal student pursuing the one year Bachelor of Journalism program at University of King’s College

For further information or to download an application visit their website at: [www.ukings.ns.ca](http://www.ukings.ns.ca)

**Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award, (AEIA)**

Value: $1,000 Deadline for applications is August 31

AEIA celebrates the hard work and determination of Aboriginal People who have overcome personal, economic or social adversity in their pursuit of learning. If you have been out of school for at least one year or more, returned to post-secondary studies and successfully completed one year, you may qualify.

For further information and to download an application just log on: [www.GoToApply.ca/CanadaPost.ca](http://www.GoToApply.ca/CanadaPost.ca)

**Communications Nova Scotia Diversity Bursary**

Value: $1,000 Deadline for applications: October 29, annually.

Communications Nova Scotia (CNS)is a provincial government agency dedicated to helping Nova Scotians understand what their government is doing and why. CNS offers 3 scholarships to students from designated groups enrolled in a post-secondary education program. The bursaries will be awarded in the categories of Images, Words, and Ideas.

In addition, the winning applicants will be invited to spend a day at Communications Nova Scotia with a staff member who works in their field of study.

For further information and to download an application visit their website at: [www.gov.ns.ca/cmns](http://www.gov.ns.ca/cmns).

**Donald Marshall Sr. Memorial Scholarship**

Value: $1,000 Deadline for application is August, annually.

The objective of the Donald Marshall Sr. Memorial Scholarship is to support Mi’kmaq post-secondary students at the diploma, certificate, bachelor and graduate level in their field of study.

One scholarship for undergraduate studies and one scholarship for graduate studies will be awarded, deadline: August 29, annually.

For further information and to down load an application visit [www.kinu.ca](http://www.kinu.ca) and log on their newsletter.

**Dr. Carrie Best Scholarship**

Value: $5,000 Deadline for applications: March 1, annually

Available to Canadian Aboriginal and African-Canadian students enrolled in three or four year undergraduate degree programs in Journalism, Arts, Music or Science at University of Kings College.

For further information or to download an application visit their website at: [www.ukings.ns.ca](http://www.ukings.ns.ca)

**Dr. Jack Buckley Scholarship**

Value: $500 Deadline for applications: October 21

Two scholarships are available annually to First Nations and African Canadian residents of Nova Scotia who are full time students in a certificate, diploma or advanced diploma program at NSCC.

For further information and to download an application log on at: [www.nscc.ca](http://www.nscc.ca).

**Evelyn Negus Scholarship in Nursing**

Value: $4,000 Deadline for applications: March 15, annually

This scholarship is intended for Aboriginal students with first preference to members of the Mi’kmaq community. Leadership and financial need will be considered.

For further information and to download an application, visit their website at [www.kinu.ca](http://www.kinu.ca).

**First Nations & Indigenous Black Student Scholarship**

Value: $3,000 Deadline for application is March 15 annually

Ten renewable entrance scholarships are available to First Nations & Indigenous Black Students, who are residents of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, or Prince Edward Island, and are entering Dalhousie for the first time. Scholarships are available to students who are applying directly from high school as well as those who have attended another post-secondary institution. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of a student’s financial need and academic standing.

Please submit a General Entrance Award application available on line at: <http://moneymatters.dal.ca/scholarship>

**GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders Program in Canada**

Value: $4,000 Deadline for applications: January 31, annually

The program provides financial support and skills development opportunities for up to 15 accomplished first-year undergraduate students from recognized institutions who are pursuing degrees in the fields of engineering and business/management and are a member of one of the following groups: Aboriginal peoples (a Canadian resident Aboriginal individual who is either First Nation status or non-status, Metis or Inuit), or persons with disabilities or women in Engineering programs.

For further information and to apply on line visit their website at:

<http://scholarshipandmore.org>

**Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Scholarship for Aboriginal Canadians**

Value: $4,000 Deadline for application is November 15, annually

To encourage Aboriginal Canadians to pursue a career in Journalism through a combination of studies at a Canadian post-secondary institution and experience in a newsroom

To be awarded to an Aboriginal Canadian (status or non-status, Metis or Inuit) who is enrolled at a Canadian university or community college. The student must already be attending the post-secondary institution and must be either enrolled in a journalism program or actively involved with a news organization associated with the institution (such as a student newspaper or broadcast station).

For further information visit their website at: **Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Scholarship for Aboriginal Canadians**

**Heroes of Our Time Scholarships**

Value: $2,000 Deadline for applications is June, annually.

Since 1988/1989 the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has sponsored the Heroes of Our Time scholarships to recognize the hard work, dedication and academic achievements of First Nations post secondary students who demonstrate excellence in a variety of categories.

For further information and to download the application visit their website at: [www.afn.ca/scholarships](http://www.afn.ca/scholarships).

**Indspire**

Formerly the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation

Value: Various

**Post-secondary Education**

Students taking programs in the following disciplines: business, science, law, technical studies, computer science, education, social work and the social sciences. This category includes the Aboriginal Veteran Scholarship Trust and the Diana Fowler Leblanc Aboriginal Social Work Scholarship.

Deadline for applications: June 1 and November 1, annually

**Fine Arts Bursary Awards Program**

Post Secondary studies, personal development, training with a professional or at a non-accredited arts organization, in fields such as visual, performing, media, theatre, production, graphics and literary arts.

Deadline: May 1, annually

**Aboriginal Health Careers**

Health sciences such as medicine, nursing, dentistry, biology, chemistry, clinical psychology, physiotherapy, pharmacy, laboratory research and any other health field in which a study of hard sciences is a prerequisite

Deadline: June 1 and November 1, annually

**Legal Studies for Aboriginal People**

Deadline: May 15, annually

For further information and to download visit their site at: [www.indspire.ca](http://www.indspire.ca)

**J. Michael Waldram Memorial Model Forest Fellowship**

Value: $1,000.00 Deadline for applications is June 30, annually

The Fellowship is open to Canadian Aboriginal youth enrolling in at least their second year in either a degree or diploma program in natural resource management at an accredited Canadian university or college.

For further information and to download an application log on: [www.modelforest.net](http://www.modelforest.net)

**James A. Martin Awards**

Value: Various, up to $1,000 Deadline for applications is June 30, annually

Applicants must show leadership, dedication and commitment by working for peace and the welfare of their neighbours.

For further information contact the Financial Aid Office, St. FX.

**Kji Keptin Alex Denny Memorial Sports/Education Scholarship**

The Mi’kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Tripartite Forum, Mikmaw Kina;matnewey and NS Health Promotion is offering the scholarships to qualifying Mi’kmaq students in Nova Scotia.

Graduating Mi’kmaq students that combine sports & academics and entering a post-secondary institution will be considered for the scholarship.

Deadline for applications is May, annually.

For further information and applications contact the MK Sports Animator & Mi’kmaw Co-Chair, Tex Marshall, 47 Maillard St, Membertou, NS, B1S 2P5

(902) 567-0336 e-mail [tex@kinu.ca](mailto:tex@kinu.ca)

**KPMG First Nations and Aboriginal Student Awards**

Value: $1,500 Deadline for applications is May 20, annually

Five scholarships are awarded to assist Aboriginal students in their pursuit of post-secondary education in the fields of business, economics, political science, law or First Nations financial administration.

Further Information visit their website at: [www.afoa.ca/afoa/awards\_other.asp](http://www.afoa.ca/afoa/awards_other.asp)

**Native Council of Nova Scotia Scholarship**

Value: $300

Open to: The off-reserve Mi’kmaq/Aboriginal students registered in full-time studies in a recognized post-secondary institution.

The Mi’kmaq/Aboriginal student **MUST be a Member of the Native Council on Nova Scotia**

Application deadlines:

For students starting in September: deadline is January 31, annually

For students starting in January: deadline is September 30,

annually

For application call the NCNS Education office at: 1-800-565-4372 or email: [spencerwilmot@eastlink.ca](mailto:spencerwilmot@eastlink.ca)

**Newalta Aboriginal Environmental Scholarship**

Value: $2,500 Apply online at eco.ca/scholarships before May 14

In partnership with Newalta, ECO Canada will be awarding three scholarships to Aboriginal students entering their first year of post-secondary studies.

Scholarships will be awarded to individuals who have shown environmental leadership in their community and have plans to pursue their interest in the environment through post-secondary education.

An environmental program can include, but is not limited to, engineering, sciences, social sciences, and mathematics. Browse through their Program Director for more information on environment-related programs.

To qualify for the scholarship program students must:

* Be a Canadian resident Aboriginal individual who is First Nation status or non-status, Metis, or Inuit
* Be 30 years of age or younger, with a high school diploma
* Have been accepted into an environmental-related program at a Canadian post-secondary institution for the fall of 2012
* Submit a 500 word essay about their environmental values, leadership, and vision
* Demonstrate their accomplishments and ambitions in the areas of environmental protection, resource management, or environmental sustainability
* Provide a reference letter explaining your involvement in community-related environmental projects.

**Nova Scotia Power Aboriginal Scholarship**

Value: $1,500 Application deadline is April 30

Created in 2011, the Aboriginal Scholarship offers a $1,500 entrance scholarship to a graduating Aboriginal high school student (Students electing a one year gap will be considered)

The scholarship is tenable at an accredited institution offering post-secondary education. The scholarship is renewable for a maximum of four years of study (depending on the length of study) leading to a certificate, diploma or degree.

Recipients are also eligible to participate in a work term with Nova Scotia Power, Inc.

For further details visit their website at: NS Power Aboriginal Scholarships

**Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarship Program**

Value: $2,500 Deadlines:

For university, April 30

For Community College, May 7

The Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarship Program encourages students graduating from Nova Scotia High Schools to pursue a career in the energy sector. Students enrolling in business, engineering, science, environmental and energy related programs through university or community college will be able to develop the knowledge and skills needed to work in the energy field.

Two university scholarships are designated each year for a member of a First Nation or a minority.

The program also offers ten non-renewable scholarships for first year students pursuing energy-related trades and technology programs at the Nova Scotia Community College. Two of the trade scholarships will be designated for Aboriginal students who demonstrate reward requirements.

For further information and to download an application visit their website at: [www.gov.ns.ca/energy](http://www.gov.ns.ca/energy).

**RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program**

Value: Up to $4,000 Deadline for applications: February 28, annually

RBC awards 10 scholarships in two categories:

* For students majoring in disciplines related to the financial services industry
* For students majoring in disciplines unrelated to the financial services industry

You are eligible to apply to the RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program if you are a Status Indian, a non-status Indian, Inuit or Metis.

For further information and to apply on line visit their website at:

RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program.

**SABAR Aboriginal Scholarship in Journalism, Radio & Television Arts**

Value: $5,000, scholarship winners are eligible for continued awards each year they continue in the amount of $2,500.

For further information and to download an application visit their website at: [www.gotoapply.ca/SABAR](http://www.gotoapply.ca/SABAR)

**Weather Network Scholarship**

Value: $500.00 Deadline for applications: May 31 each year.

The Weather Network educational incentive award is to create interest among Aboriginal peoples in the Canadian Broadcasting industry.

Open to status or non-status Aboriginal full time student enrolled in Canadian Broadcasting or Journalism at a recognized College or University and has received passing marks (60% or better) in their previous year of study.

For further information visit their website at: [www.theweathernetwork/scholarship](http://www.theweathernetwork/scholarship)

**Check out the websites below that list financial assistance programs for post-secondary students.**

Grant Canada

[www.grantcanada.com](http://www.grantcanada.com)

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

[www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/ys/sbaas\_e.html](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/ys/sbaas_e.html)

Aboriginal Multi-Media Society

[www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html](http://www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html)

Scholarships Canada

[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

Student Awards

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

Information Centre on Aboriginal Health

[www.icah.ca/content/en/scholarships/](http://www.icah.ca/content/en/scholarships/)

Aboriginal Youth Network

[www.ayn.ca/education-scholarships.aspx](http://www.ayn.ca/education-scholarships.aspx)

School Finder

[www.schoolfinder.com/finance/index.asp](http://www.schoolfinder.com/finance/index.asp)

Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation

[www.cmsf.ca](http://www.cmsf.ca)

Nova Scotia Community College

[www.nscc.ca](http://www.nscc.ca)