

# Coldwater Indian Band Community Involvement Bursary 2025-2026 Application



## Purpose:

The Coldwater Indian Band is a member of the Nlaka'pamux Nation and is part of NVIT's reason for being. Coldwater Indian Band's mission statement is to "enhance and sustain our quality of life through wellness and culture, and to utilize and preserve all our resources for now and future generations" and thus is committed to providing equal education opportunities for Band members.

## Eligibility:

Awarded to four (4) full-time Indigenous students from the Merritt campus who are members of the Coldwater Indian Band. Students must be enrolled in at least 60% course loads in any field of study (Developmental Education, Employment Skills Access and Bridging to Trades are excluded). The applicants must demonstrate financial need, a character reference submitted by an instructor, meet their minimum program GPA and submit an essay that describes a commitment to community involvement.

## Value:

Each year, the Coldwater Indian Band will donate four (4) awards of \$550 each to be disbursed at the annual NVIT awards ceremony.

## Process:

Students must complete the following application checklist:

- Complete and sign the application form.
- Fill out the budget information sheet.
- A character reference letter submitted by an instructor emailed to [awards@nvit.ca](mailto:awards@nvit.ca).
- Have an NVIT instructor submit a character reference letter.
- Write a double-spaced essay detailing, "Community Involvement" (please include the following:
  - applicant background;
  - accomplishments;
  - goals; and
  - description of how you are involved in your community (NVIT and/or home community).

## Deadline:

**The NVIT Registration Office must receive applications by 4:30pm on March 31, 2026. If March 31<sup>st</sup> lands on a weekend, the application will be due the last business day before the deadline. Please email a copy to [awards@nvit.ca](mailto:awards@nvit.ca) or drop off the original copy at the front desk of either campus; faxes and/or photocopies will not be accepted. Reference letters must also be submitted through email to [awards@nvit.ca](mailto:awards@nvit.ca).**

Students may appeal the award decision by submitting a written letter to the awards adjudication committee attention:

Coldwater Indian Band Community Involvement Bursary  
c/o Registrar's Office  
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology  
4155 Belshaw Street Merritt, BC V1K 1R1  
[awards@nvit.ca](mailto:awards@nvit.ca)



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## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Last First Middle Initial

\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Telephone Student ID Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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Citizenship:  Canadian/Permanent Resident  Landed Immigrant  International Student

Ancestry:  Métis  Inuit  First Nations Status  
 First Nations Non-Status  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Single  Common Law  Divorced/Separated/Widowed

# of Dependents: (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ (18 and older/senior) \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

What program are you currently enrolled in?

\_\_\_\_\_

What year of studies are you currently enrolled in?  1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup>  4<sup>th</sup>

## EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

Have you been working while attending school?  Yes  No

If so, indicate your occupation during this educational year.

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have other sources of income?  Yes  No

If so, please list the other sources of income:

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you still dependent on your parents' income?  Yes  No

### Applicant's Declaration:

I hereby declare the information on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I acknowledge the information will be used to determine my eligibility for awards administered by NVIT and NVIT reserves the right to verify information on my application. If any of the information provided in this application should change, I understand it is my responsibility to advise the Registrar's office, in writing, of any such changes. Should I be awarded a scholarship, I agree my name may be released to scholarship donors, my secondary school or college, and may appear in a published list of award winners.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: (yyyy/mm/dd) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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## Budget Information Sheet

MONTHLY INCOME			TERM INCOME
Sponsor/Band Funding: Living Allowance		X 4 months	
Spousal Income		X 4 months	
Part-time Employment		X 4 months	
Income Assistance/ Disability Benefits		X 4 months	
E.I./ Training Allowance		X 4 months	
Canada Pension Plan/Orphan's Benefit		X 4 months	
Child Support or Alimony		X 4 months	
Child Tax Benefit/Universal Benefit/Subsidy		X 4 months	
Student Loan		X 4 months	
Bursaries or Scholarships		X 4 months	
Parent/Guardian Contribution		X 4 months	
GST Rebate		X 4 months	
Other:		X 4 months	
<b>Sub-total:</b>			\$ -
Sponsored			
Tuition/Books/Supplies			
<b>A) TOTAL INCOME</b>			\$ -

MONTHLY EXPENSES			TERM EXPENSES
Rent/Mortgage		X 4 months	
Food		X 4 months	
Utilities		X 4 months	
Phone		X 4 months	
Internet		X 4 months	
Public Transit		X 4 months	
Vehicle Insurance		X 4 months	
Fuel Costs		X 4 months	
Loans		X 4 months	
Credit Cards		X 4 months	
Other (please describe)		X 4 months	
		X 4 months	
<b>Sub-total:</b>			\$ -
Tuition & Fees			
Textbooks & Supplies			
<b>B) TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			\$ -

	<b>Unmet Need (Difference between Income &amp; Expenses)</b>	\$ -
<i>(Line A - Line B)</i>		