



Urban Spirit Foundation Scholarship/Bursary Awards for Post-Secondary Students 2025-2026 Application

Purpose:

The Urban Spirit Foundation is a charitable organization that was created to further the success and self-reliance of Urban Indigenous people in the Metro Vancouver Region. The Urban Spirit Foundation's mission is to provide opportunities for Urban Aboriginal people on their journey to success through education, training, post-secondary scholarships, and the relief of poverty. The Urban Spirit Foundation structures their philosophy on four core values, Respect, Honor, Sharing, and Kindness.

Eligibility:

This bursary is open to all students of Indigenous ancestry who are enrolled in a full-time (60% or higher) course load at the NVIT Vancouver Campus. The students must demonstrate academic achievement with a minimum 2.0 grade point average and find themselves in financial need. The students will need to describe their journey to success through post-secondary education.

Amount:

Two (2) awards of \$500 each will be disbursed at the annual NVIT graduation ceremony. If the recipient is not graduating this year, they will be notified by email and can redeem the award by contacting awards@nvit.ca.

Checklist :

Students will need to submit the following items:

- Proof of Indigenous ancestry either by a status/Inuit card, Metis card, or letter written on letterhead by your Band/Tribal Council.
- Submit an NVIT transcript.
- Write an essay informing us how you foresee your journey to success through post-secondary education (maximum 500 words).
- Complete the budget information sheet.

Deadline:

The NVIT Registration Office must receive applications by 4:30pm on March 31, 2026. If March 31st lands on a weekend, the application will be due the last business day before the deadline. Please email a copy to 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.

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

Urban Spirit Foundation Scholarship
c/o Registrar's Office
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
4155 Belshaw Street Merritt, BC V1K 1R1
awards@nvit.ca



Please keep the front page for your own informational purposes.



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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
Sub-total:	
Sponsored Tuition/Books/Supplies	
A) TOTAL INCOME	
	\$ -

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
Sub-total:	
Tuition & Fees	
Textbooks & Supplies	
B) TOTAL EXPENSES	
	\$ -

	Unmet Need (Difference between Income & Expenses)	\$ -
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