

FORED BC Bursary

2025-2026 Application



Purpose:

FORED BC is a registered charity (est. 1925) with a social enterprise that provides sustainability tools, resources, and consulting to communities throughout BC, including First Nations. The organization provides services such as membership communication, meeting management, data and financial services, governance renewal, strategic planning, outreach and profile, and sustainability audits. They are a charitable organization helping to fund our environmental education programs.

Eligibility:

This bursary is open to NVIT students of self-declared, Indigenous ancestry in any program. Students must declare a financial need and obtain high overall grades. Students must also write a short paragraph on how traditional ecological knowledge may be or has been applied to environmental resources management in their territory, community, or Band decision-making.

Amount:

One award of \$500 will be presented at the annual NVIT graduation ceremony. If a student is not graduating this year, they will be notified by email asking to redeem the award by emailing awards@nvit.ca.

Checklist:

Students will be required to submit the following:

- complete the application.
- submit a budget financial statement as attached.
- write a short paragraph on how traditional ecological knowledge may be or has been applied to environmental resources management in their territory, community, or Band decision-making.
 - This can be an oral story/family anecdote, traditional practice, research, or other, as long as it relates to any aspect of the environment or natural resources practices in fisheries, wildlife, mining, forestry, agriculture, oil and gas, archaeology, parks, recreation/tourism or other.
 - The paragraph must be no more than 1 page, double-spaced.
 - Applicants should include a title page stating the award name, their full name, band affiliation, if possible, age and email/phone for contact and award notification.
 - If applicants wish to include photos or web links etc. of traditional ecological knowledge topics in support of their application, they may feel free to do so.
 - Please ensure you check your work for spelling and grammatical errors.

Additional Process:

All applications collected by NVIT will be forwarded to FORED for possible publication. Award recipients will be published in the FORED magazine, "Landscapes" found on the website at: www.foredbc.org. As well, successful applicants will be asked to pose for a headshot photo to be inserted into the NVIT graduation ceremonies publications.

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:

FORED BC Bursary
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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APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
Name:		
_____	_____	_____
Last	First	Middle Initial

Permanent Mailing Address		
City: _____	Prov: _____	Postal Code: _____
Date of Birth: (yyyy.mm/dd): _____ / _____ / _____		
Phone: (_____) _____ - _____		
Email Address: _____		
_____ - _____ - _____		
S.I.N.		NVIT Student #

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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 responsibly 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 8 months	
Spousal Income		X 8 months	
Part-time Employment		X 8 months	
Income Assistance/ Disability Benefits		X 8 months	
E.I./ Training Allowance		X 8 months	
Canada Pension Plan		X 8 months	
Canada Pension Orphan's Benefit		X 8 months	
Child Support or Alimony		X 8 months	
Child Tax Benefit/Universal Benefit		X 8 months	
Childcare Subsidy		X 8 months	
		Sub-total:	
		Sponsored Tuition/Books/Supplies	
		Student Loan	
		Bursaries or Scholarships	
		Parent/Guardian Contribution	
		GST Rebate	
		Other: _____	
		A) TOTAL INCOME	

MONTHLY EXPENSES		TERM EXPENSES	
Rent/Mortgage		X 8 months	
Food		X 8 months	
Utilities		X 8 months	
Phone		X 8 months	
Public Transit		X 8 months	
Vehicle Insurance		X 8 months	
Fuel Costs		X 8 months	
Loans		X 8 months	
Credit Cards		X 8 months	
Other (please describe)		X 8 months	
		X 8 months	
		X 8 months	
		Sub-total:	
		Tuition & Fees	
		Textbooks & Supplies	
		B) TOTAL EXPENSES	
		Difference between Income & Expenses	

(Line A - Line B)

Additional Information about your request:
