

AU INDIGENOUS UNDERGRADUATE ENTRANCE AWARD

Donor: Athabasca University

Value: Varies (UG General Admission Fee, Transfer Credit Evaluation fee, & Tuition Fee credit for three, 3 credit courses)

Number: Varies

Description of the Award

The AU Indigenous Undergraduate Entrance Award is intended to encourage new students of Indigenous ancestry to apply to an AU undergraduate degree or certificate program and register in AU undergraduate courses.

Application Criteria

- Intend to be an active AU undergraduate or certificate program student
- Be of Indigenous ancestry (Status Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/First Nations, Metis, Inuit) as defined by the applicant's Indigenous nation of origin. Proof of ancestry, status or eligibility is required
- Not registered in courses previously, exception is AU 100 level or preparatory course(s)
- Must be Canadian Citizen
- Students are eligible to receive this award one time only

Selection Criteria

- Review of application submission by Nuksahtowin representative, including review of short essay response related to the individual's academic goals.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2021

Application Instructions

Submit your application here: Student Awards Application System if you have an AU student ID number. If you do not have an AU student ID number, please send your application and supporting documents by email attachment to: **awardsapplication@athabascau.ca** Please ensure to include your full name and the award name in the subject line of your email submission.

Notification and Disbursement

Applicants selected to be recipients of the AU Indigenous Undergraduate Entrance Award will be notified by email. Instructions to apply and register will be included.

Questions?

Visit the Athabasca University Awards website located at [AU Student Awards website](#)
Questions? email: **indigenous@athabascau.ca**



APPLICATION FORM FOR AU INDIGENOUS UNDERGRADUATE ENTRANCE AWARD

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

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Athabasca University Student Identification Number: (if applicable)

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. CURRENT POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION INFORMATION

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

Have you completed or are you registered in an AU 100 level or preparatory course?

YES NO

What AU program do you plan to take?



C. Short Essay

Provide a short essay to respond to these questions: How would a post-secondary credential (degree/diploma/certificate) benefit you, as an Indigenous person and benefit your community? Please specify what discipline you are interested in studying.

D. Indigenous Ancestry, Status or Eligibility

Students must be Status Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/First Nation, Métis or Inuit.

Students must provide proof of their Indigenous ancestry. Attach this documentation to your application or send it separately by email attachment to: **awardsapplication@athabascau.ca**

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

Acceptable forms of proof include one of the following;

- Certificate of Indian Status, a status card or a valid band membership card
- Letter from their band verifying their status
- Métis membership card or letter issued by the Métis Nation he or she is registered with
- Letter or membership card from the Métis Settlements General Council
- A certified copy of a Nunavut Trust Certificate card or Inuit beneficiary card
- Letter of support from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) or Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
- For a non - status person, a letter of support from a FNMI organization or other source to confirm eligibility

E. 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/Process chosen for this award. I understand and accept that: (1) such information will be used by the Student Awards Unit and the award selection committee (or process) 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 award package. Finally, if my application is selected for this award, I will provide a thank you letter to the Student Awards Unit of Athabasca University to be shared with the donor(s) of the award.

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.