

Building a stronger Alberta

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Bursaries help First Nations and Métis students realize goals in health careers

Edmonton... Fifty students will attend classes this fall with assistance from Alberta's Aboriginal Health Careers Bursary. A total of \$285,000 is being provided this year to First Nations and Métis students, with amounts ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 per student.

Eligible students receive awards for studying in a degree or diploma program in a health field at a university, college, or technical institute. Areas of study among recipients this year include biochemistry, medicine, dentistry, nursing, physical therapy, kinesiology and occupational therapy.

Awards were determined by a selection committee made up of representatives of the First Nations and Métis communities and representatives from Alberta Health and Wellness and Alberta Advanced Education and Technology. Financial awards under the Aboriginal Health Career Bursaries were first distributed in 1996.

"All of these students have demonstrated a strong dedication to their education, to their communities, and to improving quality of life for Albertans," said Dave Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness. "Helping these students establish themselves in the health profession and form strong ties between the health system and their communities is part of government's commitment to building a stronger health workforce in this province. The benefits of this long standing program will be felt for years to come."

In 2007-08, a record \$57 million in overall scholarship funding in over 50 categories is being provided to Alberta's students.

"I am pleased that we can help these students achieve their dreams, while addressing the need to bring more professionals into Alberta's health care system," said Advanced Education and Technology Minister Doug Horner. "No other province in the country provides as much per capita scholarship funding as Alberta and by the end of this fiscal year, over 33,000 Alberta students will receive a record \$57 million in scholarships and awards."

"These students represent a healthy future for their communities and all Alberta," said Guy Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations. "We all benefit from their opportunity."

The Aboriginal Health Bursary program supports Premier Stelmach's priority of building a stronger Alberta. Other priorities for the government are to govern with integrity and transparency, manage growth pressures, improve Albertans' quality of life and promote safe and secure communities. For more information about Alberta's Scholarship Program, visit www.alis.gov.ab.ca.

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Aboriginal Health Careers Bursary - Recipients

Name	Home town	School	Program
Nicole Acuna	Calgary	University of Calgary	Social Work
Glen Armstrong	Edmonton	University of Alberta	Medicine
Josephine Auger	Wetaskiwin	University of Alberta	Doctoral-Public Health
Christina Bayley	Whitecourt	Canadian Memorial Chiropractic Coll.	Chiropractic
Dayle Belcourt	Edmonton	University of Calgary	Social Work
Olivia Blum	High Prairie	Athabasca University	Nursing
Nadine Bouvette	Edmonton	University of Alberta	Master-Health Promotion
Rachelle Callihoo	Spruce Grove	MacEwan College	Nursing
Nicole Cardinal	Edmonton	University of Alberta	Medicine
Belinda Cassady	Edmonton	MacEwan College	Nursing
Clara Collier	Calgary	SAIT	Respiratory Therapy
Jennifer Coutu	Edmonton	University of Alberta	Dentistry
Amelia Denby	Spruce Grove	University of Alberta	Medicine
Yolande Desrosiers	Edmonton	University of Alberta	Dentistry
David Drugge	Sherwood Park	MacEwan College	Social Work
Danielle Ducharme	Lethbridge	University of Lethbridge	Nursing
Jordan Ducharme	Lethbridge	University of Lethbridge	Bachelor of Sciences
Shauna Durocher	Edmonton	University of Nevada	Master-Biochemistry
Latisha	Calgary	University of Alberta	Medicine
Hewton-Backfat			
Stephanie Hill	Cold Lake	University of Alberta	Nursing
Rochelle Johnson	Lethbridge	Lethbridge College	Nursing
Anita Lafferty	Edmonton	MacEwan College	Nursing
Eric Lafrance	Red Deer	Red Deer College	Nursing
Nicole Langley	Calgary	University of Calgary	Nursing
Leslie LaPlante	Calgary	University of Alberta	Medicine
Lesley Levasseur	Edmonton	University of Alberta	Nutrition
Melissa Lucas	Edmonton	University of Alberta	Nursing
Mary Luke	Leduc	University of Alberta	Nursing
Heather Major	Valleyview	University of Alberta	Master-Physical Therapy
James Makokis	Saddle Lake	University of Ottawa	Medicine
Alyssa McDonald	Grande Cache	Grande Prairie Regional College	Nursing
Daniel McKennitt	Edmonton	University of Alberta	Medicine
Tracy McKenzie	Thunder Bay, ON	Northern Ontario School of Medicine	Medicine
Kari Meneen	Edmonton	University of Calgary	Nursing
Sarah Milward	Calgary	Mount Royal College	Nursing

Abigail No Chief	Lethbridge	University of Lethbridge	Nursing
Jill Norris	Calgary	University of Calgary	Master-Kinesiology
Jereme Parenteau	Edmonton	University of Alberta	Bachelor of Sciences
Iris Plain Eagle	Medicine Hat	University of Northern British Columbia	Social Work
Lynn Ressler	Edmonton	Athabasca University	Nursing
Dana Ross	Calgary	University of Calgary	Medicine
Jeffrey Scott	Calgary	Mount Royal College	Nursing
Devon Shanks	Lac La Biche	University of Alberta	Physical Education
Suzanne Shoush	Edmonton	University of Alberta	Medicine
Tara Shouting	Lethbridge	University of Lethbridge	Nursing
Rebecca Sloan	Mallaig	University of Alberta	Medicine
Nicole Todd	Edmonton	University of Alberta	Medicine
Chelsey Topping	Edmonton	University of Alberta	Medicine
Heather Willette	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat College	Occupational Therapy
Jesse Woodward	Fort McMurray	MacEwan College	Nursing

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