

FINANCIAL SUPPORT & AWARDS FOR MÉTIS PSE STUDENTS 2026-27

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) is committed to supporting Métis post-secondary education (PSE) students through a range of financial assistance programs and other support services. Below is a list of opportunities for 2026-27, including bursaries, scholarships, and support services, offered through both internal and external programs.

For any questions regarding the listed programs and opportunities, please reach out to psupport@metisnation.org. To apply to or learn more about a program or opportunity, click its title.

Note: Last updated August 2026.

Internal PSE Financial Support Programs

PSE Financial Assistance Program

Financial support to complete post-secondary education. Eligible for MNO Citizens that are completing/accepted into a post-secondary program at an accredited University or College. **Applications typically open on March 1 each year.**

PSE Financial Assistance Program: Waitlist Application

Eligible for students that miss the March 1st – May 1st application window. **Applications typically open on May 1 each year.**

PSE Travel Support Program

A one-time travel subsidy, per academic year, to assist with the costs of travel to complete post-secondary education. Eligible for MNO Citizens attending school in-person and are required to travel more than 300 kilometres, one way, to their post-secondary institution. **Applications typically open on April 1 each year.**

Métis Student Bursary Program

Provides bursaries to MNO Citizens attending one of 43 post-secondary institutions in Ontario that demonstrate financial need. Application periods vary depending on the school – to confirm the application period for your school, please contact your financial aid office. **However, typically, applications typically open on August 1 on our webpage each year.**

Justice & Legal Education Bursary Program

Provides financial assistance to Métis learners pursuing law-related studies or training, creating more pathways into legal, advocacy, and justice spaces, ensuring greater inclusion of Métis voices into Canada's legal system. **Applications typically open in August each year.**

Métis Training Purchase Program

Offered through the Employment & Training team, this service provides training programs for MNO Citizens that are unemployed, under-employed, or whose employment statuses are at risk due to labour market changes, insufficient employment skills, or certification. Eligible training programs include 1-3 year college level programs, trades/apprenticeships, professional development courses, certifications, etc. **Applications typically open year-round with rolling intake for each school year.**

External Indigenous Support Programs & Awards

Please note that the MNO is not affiliated with the following opportunities.

OSAP: Indigenous Student Bursary

Provides aid to Indigenous students with financial need who are attending a post-secondary school or an [approved Aboriginal institute](#) in Ontario. **Applications are completed through your school – contact your financial aid office for more information.**

Indspire: Building Brighter Futures Program

An initiative that provides financial support to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students pursuing post-secondary education, skilled trades, apprenticeships, and technology programs. **Applications typically open on May 1 each year.**

Ontario Learn and Stay Grant

Provides funding for students studying in priority post-secondary programs in underserved and growing communities in Northern, Southwestern and Eastern Ontario. **Applications typically open on August 1 each year but students can apply up to 60 days before the end of their study period if enrolled in an eligible program at an approved institution.**

RBC Indigenous Scholarship Program

Awards 20 scholarships annually valued up to \$10,000 each per year (up to 4 years) to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students across Canada demonstrating strong academic performance and community involvement. **Applications typically open on September 1 each year.**

Canada Post Indigenous Award Program

Canada Post gives \$2,000 grants to Indigenous Peoples who have renewed their educational learning. **Applications typically open on May 1 each year.**

TD Scholarship for Indigenous People

In partnership with AFOA Canada, 25 scholarships are available to be awarded annually, worth up to \$60K over 4 years to Indigenous students attending post-secondary. **Applications typically open on September 1 each year.**

ATCO Indigenous Education Awards Program

Supports students from First Nation, Métis, and Inuit communities who demonstrate a balanced lifestyle and commitment in their quest for education. **Applications typically open on August 1 each year.**

TC Energy Indigenous Legacy Scholarship

\$5000 scholarship offered to First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and non-status students enrolled in a full-time, post-secondary program at a registered institution. Recipients are eligible to receive this scholarship annually. **Applications typically close in May each year.**

Deloitte Indigenous Student Scholarship

A one-time \$5000 scholarship and opportunity to complete a paid work term at a Deloitte Canada office. Eligible for Indigenous students across Canada. **Applications typically close in January each year.**

Horatio Alger Indigenous Achievement Scholarships

Offers five \$10,000 scholarships to Indigenous students, including Métis, who are entering a four-year post-secondary program. Five scholarships are awarded annually. **Applications typically open on April 1 each year.**

Modern Métis Woman Scholarships

Offers yearly scholarships to self-identifying Métis women attending post-secondary institutions in Canada. Applicants are required to submit an essay as part of the application process. **Applications are open year-round but typically must be submitted before the end of October each year to be considered for the following school year.**

IBA Law Student Scholarship

Awards two \$2000 scholarships each year to Indigenous law students that demonstrate financial need, academic excellence, and commitment to Indigenous legal matters. **Applications are open year-round but typically must be submitted before the end of September each year to be considered for the following school year.**

National Association of Friendship Centres

Encourages students to find their local Indigenous Friendship Centre. **Reach out to a local centre to inquire about awards and financial support opportunities.**

Other Non-Indigenous-Specific Scholarships & Awards

Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships

Offers up to 166 scholarships to world-class doctoral students pursuing studies in health research, natural sciences and engineering, or social sciences and humanities. **Applicants must seek a nominating institution and submit application in July-October, then the chosen school must submit their nomination by the end of October each year.**

Schulich Leader Scholarships

Provides significant financial support to high school graduates enrolling in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) undergraduate programs at participating Canadian universities. **Annual key dates: School nominates student by end of January, nominee submits scholarship application by end of February, and universities make offers by March-June.**

Bank of Canada Scholarship Awards

Offers scholarships of \$8,000 to support the education of students with disabilities, Indigenous students, LGBTQ2S+ students, Francophone students, and those who identify as a member of a visible minority group or racialized group. **Applications typically open on March 1 each year.**

TD Community Leadership Scholarship

Recognizes students across Canada who have demonstrated outstanding community leadership. Each scholarship is valued at up to \$70,000. **Applications open in September 2025 for students starting college/university in Sept 2026 (starting grade 12 in Sept 2025).**

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award

Offers scholarships to students who have demonstrated humanitarianism, courage in overcoming adversity, and academic excellence. **Applications are open year-round but typically must be submitted on or around December 1 each year to be considered for the following school year.**

PSE Bursary and Award Search Tools

1. [Indigenous Bursaries Search Tool](#) (Indigenous specific)
2. [Aboriginal Futures](#) (Indigenous specific)
3. [StudentAwards](#)
4. [Scholarships Canada](#)
5. [Yconic](#)
6. [Government of Canada International Scholarships](#)
7. School financial aid departments (for avenues of support from your school)