

2025-2026 Indigenous Business Leadership Awards

Eligibility for the Awards

You may apply for the Indigenous Business Leadership Awards if you are currently registered full-time and you meet any of the following criteria.

- **First priority** will be given to one or more self-employed Indigenous students who are, for the first time, attending a public post-secondary educational institution in Alberta and enrolled in a business or commerce program leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree.
 - **Second priority** will be given to one or more mature Indigenous students who are, for the first time, attending a public post-secondary education institution in Alberta and enrolled in a business or commerce program leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree.
 - **Third priority** will be given to one or more Indigenous students attending a public post-secondary education institution in Alberta and who are enrolled in a business or commerce program leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree.
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Definitions of Terms

- **Indigenous:** a person who not only declares himself or herself to be an Indigenous person but is also either a Status Indian, an Inuit, a Métis person, or a Non-Status Indian, and a resident of Alberta.
 - **Mature student:** an individual who is at least 20 years of age and at least one year out of high school.
 - **Business:** a private sector activity or endeavour whose purpose is to generate income and create profit.
 - **Commerce:** any business activity including marketing, accounting, finance, human resources, operations, management, or international business.
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Number and Value of Awards

There will be 17 awards of \$1,500 available for the 2025-2026 academic year.

How to Apply

Please apply by submitting the application and required documents to the Awards Office at MacEwan University: Awards@MacEwan.ca before the deadline of **Monday, November 17, 2025**.

Please note: You must fill out the entire application form and include the following documents with your application:

- Proof of Indigenous ancestry
- Proof of self-employment, if applicable (e.g. business registration number or business license)
- Proof of enrolment (Verification of Enrolment, Unofficial Transcript, etc.)

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Successful applicants will be notified via e-mail. Recipients will also receive an email from Awards@MacEwan.ca requesting their Social Insurance Number (SIN) so the awards can be processed.

Committee selections are final; appeals will not be considered.

Indigenous Business Leadership Awards Application Form

Personal Information

First Name:	Last Name:
E-mail:	Student ID:
Mailing Address:	
City/Town:	Province:
Postal Code:	Telephone:
Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD):	
Status:	Status Indian
Métis Non-Status Indian	Inuit

Please attach one of the following as proof of Indigenous ancestry:

- Letter from band verifying your status
- Métis membership card or letter from Métis Nation
- Letter or membership card from Métis Settlement General Council
- Certified copy of Nunavut Certificate card or Inuit beneficiary card
- Letter of support from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern development Canada (AANDC) or Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
- Letter of support from an FNMI organization
- Any other type of documentation

Program of Study

Educational Institution to Which You Have Been Accepted for Fall 2025:			
Name of the Business or Commerce Program You Are Enrolled In:			
Year of Study:	First Second	Third Fourth	
Type of Program:	Certificate	Diploma	Degree
☐ I have included proof of enrolment from my current Post-Secondary Institution (an unofficial transcript, a verification of enrolment letter or proof of registration)			

Education

Last High School Attended:		Year of Completion:
Is this your first time attending a public post-secondary institution? (excluding any upgrading)	Yes No	Last Post-Secondary Institution Attended:
Program Name:		Year of Completion:

Alberta Residency

I have lived in Alberta my whole life:	Yes No
I am married to/in a common-law relationship with an Alberta Resident:	Yes No
Alberta is the last province I have lived in for 12 consecutive months without being a full-time post-secondary student:	Yes No
Has one of your parents or legal guardians maintained permanent residence in Canada for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to you commencing post-secondary studies, and is still residing in Alberta?	Yes No

Other

Are you self-employed?	Yes No
If "yes", what is the name of your company? Provide business registration number or business license as proof.	

Legal Declaration

I hereby certify that, to my knowledge, the information submitted in this application is accurate, and I may be required to provide supporting documentation accordingly.

I understand that my application may be subject to spot audit, and that I may be asked to provide documentation of any information provided here before being issued funds. In addition, MacEwan University may contact my Post-Secondary Institution to confirm my enrolment status as declared in this application.

I am aware that some of my personal information may be released if I receive a scholarship, bursary, or award.

Personal Information Collection Notice: The personal information requested on this form is collected under the authority of Section 4(a)(c) of the Protection of Privacy Act (POPA) for the purpose of scholarship, award, and bursary competition management. Competition management involves the evaluation and selection of recipients for scholarships, awards, and bursaries. Questions concerning this collection should be directed to the Associate Registrar, Records, Office of the University Registrar, MacEwan University, at awards@macewan.ca.

I confirm that I have read and agree to the conditions/terms stated above:

Signature

Date