

## Return Service

Upon completion of studies, full time recipients of bursary awards are required to work under a return service agreement for 12 months for each year academic funding is awarded. Part time recipients are required to work 6 months for each year of academic funding.

The return service commitment will be completed with the Government of Alberta or a social service agency in Alberta. (This is not a guarantee of employment.)

Students must commence their return service commitment within one year of graduation.

Applicants who choose to complete their return service commitment in Northern Alberta (as defined by NADC – [www.nadc.gov.ab.ca](http://www.nadc.gov.ab.ca)) may be eligible to have the return service commitment reduced by up to 50%.

Your primary responsibility is successful completion of the program of study and compliance with the terms of the contractual agreement that you are required to sign.

## For information please contact:

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For information on other awards and scholarships, visit:  
[www.alis.alberta.ca](http://www.alis.alberta.ca)

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**Alberta Human  
Services**

# **Métis and Non-Status Indian Bursary Program**

for Social Services  
Post-Secondary Students

## Alberta Human Services

### Métis and Non-Status Indian

#### Bursary Program

Are you a Métis or Non-Status Indian interested in pursuing a career in social services?

Alberta Human Services may be able to support and fund your post-secondary education in the social services field. Bursaries from Alberta Human Services are available for both full-time and part-time studies and are awarded up to a maximum of \$19,200 for full-time studies.

Funding is available to students for three years **per program of study** to a maximum of eight years.

Part-time status is defined as no more than two courses per semester and awards are limited to tuition and textbooks.

## The Application Process

Bursary applications are accepted annually from January 1st to May 31st. Award decisions are made in June.

Registration at a university or college is not required before submitting an application, but confirmation of your enrolment will be required before the bursary is awarded.

#### **Please Note:**

Bursaries are considered taxable income under the Income Tax Act, 1972 Canada.

#### **All Applicants Must:**

- be either Métis or Non-Status Indian,
- have been an Alberta resident for at least three years prior to applying,
- demonstrate an investment in and commitment to Aboriginal communities in Alberta.

## Full-time Applicants

- must not be receiving a full salary or equivalent during the academic year that funding is being provided,
- must be enrolled in a recognized, post-secondary institution (community college or university in Canada),
- must provide a **Letter of Acceptance** and confirmation of **full course load** (available from your school's Admissions or Registrar's Office),
- demonstrate financial need.

## Part-time Applicants

- must enroll in courses leading to a diploma or degree in a social services program,
- must include a learning plan with the application describing the courses and time lines for completion.