



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION **PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**



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Program Overview

Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (Al-Pac) values the importance of education and continued learning. The purpose of the **Indigenous Education Partnership Program** is to encourage and assist members of our Indigenous communities in pursuit of post-secondary educational goals and opportunities. Consideration will be given to applicants who meet scholarship criteria and accept the conditions outlined in this package.

Value: The successful applicant will receive full tuition for the duration of their academic pursuit. Tuition will be paid up to five years for degree programs and up to three years for diploma programs.

Eligibility: Indigenous peoples (First Nation, Inuit, and Métis) who have maintained residence within the Forest Management Agreement Area (FMA), or sphere of influence, for at least one year prior to applying for this scholarship.

Criteria: Applicants must: provide proof of status; proof of acceptance of full-time enrollment in a degree or diploma program in an accredited post-secondary institution; demonstrate financial need; demonstrate a positive attitude and outlook; demonstrate community involvement, as well as a 500-word essay that outlines their chosen field as well as their potential for success. A minimum of three positive references is also required.

Conditions: The scholarship recipient must maintain passing marks and satisfactory attendance. Students may request consideration for a one-year leave of absence under special circumstances. In the event that a leave of absence is granted, financial support will cease and will only resume upon return to full-time studies.

Application Process: Applicants may apply to the Indigenous Education Partnership Program by completing the application form and submitting it to the mailing address or email provided.

Deadline: Completed applications and supporting documentation must be received by no later than June 24.

Selection: Shortlisted applicants will be asked to attend a face-to-face or telephone interview with the selection committee. The selection committee will make every effort to reach a decision by July 15. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application soon after. Program promotion: The scholarship recipient must agree to provide Al-Pac with a photo, a brief biography and a statement about how the scholarship has made a difference in their life. Publication rights must also be granted to Al-Pac for its use. To further promote the program, the recipient is required to publicize 'their story' in their hometown newsletter, community website, or other suitable media. The official Al-Pac logo must be used in print and digital media and may be obtained by the Al-Pac Stakeholder Relations Business Unit.

Within the first year of receiving the scholarship, the applicant is asked to provide a briefing / update / photo to our business unit here at Al-Pac.



Application | About Me

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Cell Number: _____

Length of Residence in FMA or Sphere of Influence: _____ Number of Dependents: _____

Please indicate: First Nation (Non-Status) / First Nation (Status) / Métis / Inuit

Provide your affiliated First Nation, Metis Nation of Alberta Region or Metis Settlement (if applicable):

☐ Proof of Residency Attached (copy of utility bill, driver's licence)

☐ Supporting Documentation Attached



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Application | My Chosen Field

My Chosen Field: _____

I have been accepted to (post-secondary institution): _____ **Degree / Diploma**

Post-Secondary Institution Address: _____

Post-Secondary Institution Admissions / Enrollment Contact Information:

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

*full acceptance must be received by the application deadline to be considered.

I have been granted ☐ Full Acceptance ☐ Conditional Acceptance Into (program): _____

On a separate sheet, please describe in a minimum of 500 words why you have chosen this field of study.

☐ I have included my 500-word essay describing why I have chosen my field of study.



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Application | Financial Need & References

While attending school I will be ☐ living with parents ☐ renting ☐ other: _____

Estimated Monthly Expenses: \$ _____

Rent, vehicle, utilities, child care, etc.

Estimated Monthly Income: \$ _____

Wages, grants, support from parents, etc.

Other Financial Information (optional):

References

☐ I have included a minimum of three work and/or character reference letters



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Application | Volunteering & Community Involvement

Community Involvement: _____

Volunteer Efforts: _____



Application | Selection, Promotion & Conditions

SELECTION PROCESS

☐ I understand that, if shortlisted, the selection process will require that I take part in a face-to-face or phone interview.

PROGRAM PROMOTION

If I am selected as the scholarship recipient, I am willing to provide the following within one year of being selected:

- ☐ A digital photo
- ☐ A brief biography (where you are from, what made you decide on your chosen field of study, your community involvement and volunteer efforts)
- ☐ A statement or quote on how the Indigenous Education Partnership Program has or will make a difference in your life
- ☐ To further promote the program, I agree to publish 'my story' in my hometown newsletter, community website or other suitable media (in my words how the scholarship has or will make a difference in my life)
- ☐ I understand that, when publishing 'my story', AI-Pac's official logo must be used in all digital and print media and can be obtained by contacting the AI-Pac Stakeholder Relations Business Unit

CONDITIONS

☐ I understand that I may be granted a one-year leave from the program under special circumstances. In the event that a leave of absence is granted, my financial support will cease and will only resume upon my return to full-time studies. If the leave is extended beyond one year, I will be required to re-apply to the program.

I acknowledge that information contained in this application is true and correct and I agree to the terms and conditions outlined above. As recipient of this scholarship, I grant AI-Pac permission to use my photo, biography and statement on its website and other media:

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications must be received by June 24. Submit your completed application by mail to:

Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. | Attention: Stakeholder Relations | Box 8000 | Boyle, AB T0A 0M0

or, submit your completed application by email to: **community.relations@alpac.ca**

Confidentiality: Applicant's information will be kept in strict confidence and will only be used to determine eligibility for the Indigenous Education Partnership Program.