



**IEY FALL/WINTER
STUDENT
SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

**INDIGENOUS EARLY YEARS (IEY)
FALL/WINTER SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES & APPLICATION**

The NRT Foundation is proud to announce the **IEY Fall/Winter Student Scholarship**. The IEY program is funded by the Government of Canada through the Canada - British Columbia Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, and is offered to Indigenous students enrolled in **Undergrad, Masters, and Doctorate Early Childhood Education programs**.

FALL/WINTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:
OPENS April 18, 2019 | CLOSES June 13, 2019 at noon





2019-20 FALL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

New Relationship Trust Foundation Indigenous Early Years Fall Scholarship Guidelines & Application

The New Relationship Trust Foundation (NRTF) is pleased to announce the 2019-20 Indigenous Early Years (IEY) Summer Student Scholarship program. The program is funded by the Government of Canada through the Canada – British Columbia Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. NRTF is pleased to offer this scholarship to students who currently reside in BC and are enrolled in Early Years Education (ECE) programs. Interested and eligible Indigenous students should apply. **Call opens April 18th, 2019 and closes June 13, 2019 at noon**

Scholarships – a limited number is available:

- Full-time Undergraduate scholarships @ \$5,000 each per year; Part-time @ \$2,500
- Full-time Masters scholarships @ \$10,000 each per year; Part-time @ \$5,000
- Full-time Doctorate scholarships @ \$20,000 each per year; Part-time @ \$10,000

Application Deadline:

- Received at the NRTF office by **12:00pm (by noon) PST on Thursday, June 13, 2019**
- Application must have all supporting documents attached, we will **NOT** accept applications part by part, **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- **NO FAXES** - Faxed applications will not be accepted.
- Completed IEY scholarship applications can be mailed, dropped off or emailed to scholarship@nrtf.ca

Eligibility:

Indigenous: First Nations, First People, Métis and Inuit people of Canada. Those who identify as Indigenous persons **and** are residents of BC are eligible for the Indigenous Early Years Scholarship Program in areas of study that align with early years' professions including early childhood education, early intervention therapies and supports, and other para-professions.

Eligible Program types:

- Undergraduate, Master's and Doctorate Degree Programs

Ineligible Program types:

- Certificate programs
- Diploma programs
- Associate Degree programs
- Conferences / symposiums / workshops
- Professional Fees / schools
- Non-recognized post-secondary institutions
- Executive / Management program

Areas of studies include:

- Early Childhood Education
- Infant Toddler
- Special Needs, IEY focus
- Child and Youth Care (UVic EY Specialty)



Students enrolled in distance or online courses at an accredited institution outside of BC or Canada can apply. However, they must reside in BC during their studies and must show proof of their enrollment.

Recognized Early Years training institutions in British Columbia that meet provincial standards include public and private post-secondary institutions, distance learning and adult education:

Public Post-Secondary Institutions:

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Camosun College | Okanagan College |
| Capilano University | Yukon College |
| College of New Caledonia | Selkirk College |
| College of the Rockies | Thompson Rivers University |
| Douglas College | University of British Columbia |
| Langara College | University of the Fraser Valley |
| Nicola Valley Institute of Technology | University of Victoria |
| North Island College | Vancouver Community College |
| Northern Lights College | Vancouver Island University |
| Northwest Community College | |

Private Institutions (these institutions offer Early Childhood Educator programs recognized by the ECE Registry):

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| CDI College | Ridge Meadow College |
| Capital College | Sprott Shaw College |
| Living Language Institute | Stenberg College |
| Montessori Training Centre | Vancouver Career College |
| Native Education College | Yukon College |
| Pacific Rim Early Childhood | Centre for Arts and Technology |

IEY Distance Education:

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| College of Caledonia | North West Community College Pacific Rim |
| College of the Rockies | University of BC |
| Lethbridge College | University of Victoria |
| Northern Lights College | Stenberg College |

Adult Education: Burnaby SD 41 and Delta School Board No. 37

Tips for this application

- Submit a clearly written and easy to read application, this can go a long way
- Make sure to attach all required documents
- Call if you have any questions
- Submit your application early
- Get the supporting documents first (i.e. Band/Nation/School letters)
- Scan your application and documents and email it to yourself as a test
- Include everything in your budget
- Name your attachments (i.e. 2. Essay)
- Do not send 18 photos of your application, SCAN it into a single document

Required Scholarship Application Documents:

Supporting Document	Acceptable Items	Unacceptable Items
<input type="checkbox"/> Application form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully completed form Signed and dated All information is true Clearly written form Scanned application forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incomplete form Not signed or dated Inaccurate or false information Illegible form Phone pictures of application form
<input type="checkbox"/> Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 500 words (1-2 pages typed) What are the most important issues your desired field is facing today and how would your education meaningfully impact these issues within your community? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essays exceeding 500 words Unoriginal essays (i.e. speeches or essays used in past applications) Reused version from previous application year
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One page on your involvement with an Indigenous Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceeds one page Community involvement included in your vision essay. Must be separate.
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Support from your First Nation, Métis, or Inuit Community on letterhead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter stating that you have support to apply for this scholarship On letterhead from your Community Dated this year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from anywhere else than the Community (i.e. Tribal Councils, Education institutions) Outdated letters
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Citizenship or Membership to First Nation, Métis Nation, or Inuit community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from your Indigenous community (on letterhead) stating you are considered a member Or a photocopy of Status or Citizenship card (If Métis, card or a letter from a Métis organization is acceptable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from anywhere else other than your Indigenous community
<input type="checkbox"/> Latest unofficial Transcripts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unofficial or Official Transcripts From most recent school year Envelopes do not need to be sealed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written on transcripts Note: Original official transcripts will be required if approved
<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance/Summer Enrollment at Post-Secondary Institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Acceptance Letter is required if going into a new institution Returning students must submit a letter of summer enrollment Dated this year and on school letterhead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdated letters from previous years Letters from anywhere else other than the institution Screenshots of online registration with no logos
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of residence in the province of British Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photocopy of BC Driver's License or Health Card Photocopy of BC lease agreement Photocopy of BC Utility Bill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-BC Driver's License or Health Card Non-utility bill
<input type="checkbox"/> Resume	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to date Resume or CV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdated or incomplete

Renewal Criteria

- All students must re-apply each year
- Returning students must have a C+ (2.3 GPA) average to qualify for subsequent school years
- Returning students must submit a copy of their transcripts



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: I received an award last year; do I need to reapply?

Answer: Yes, each year students need to reapply. Past recipients must show they have kept up their C+ (2.3 GPA) average to qualify for the subsequent school year. Past recipients should also describe in their essay any work you have performed (paid or volunteer) to strengthen your community.

Question: I do not have my status, am I still eligible?

Answer: Yes, if you are considered a member of a First Nation, Inuit or Métis Community but do not have status, you can get a letter of support stating you are a non-status member from your Indigenous Government.

Question: I have status from another province/Non-Status/Métis/Inuit Student, can I apply for an NRTF IEY Award?

Answer: YES. This IEY awards program is open to all Status, Non-Status, Métis, or Inuit students who are residents of BC and are planning on attending ECE related programs. Please go to www.nrtf.ca for more info.

Question: I am Indigenous and living in BC but doing my studies outside of BC. Am I still eligible?

Answer: Yes, this application is only for Indigenous students who are residing in BC and are studying ECE related programs. Applicants who reside in BC and are studying ECE related programs by distance education and/or online are eligible.

Question: I am getting my Diploma or Trades/Certificate, but I can't find that information on this application?

Answer: This application is ONLY for ECE undergrad, masters and doctorate programs. If you are not in either of these programs, please refer to the NRTF Bursary program.

Question: I'm only registered for part-time studies; do I still qualify?

Answer: Yes. For undergrad, part-time is defined as the student taking no less than 2 courses; for full-time, each institution has their definition and NRTF requires 'full-time' to be stated on a school document – by way of letter (on letterhead), signed by a supervisor or department head. Masters and Doctorate programs must be considered full-time or in good standing by their institution to qualify and are required to provide a letter from their instructor and institution to support this. You can apply for funding if you are going to school for one term – you will receive half of the scholarship you are applying for an

Question: I have already graduated, am I eligible?

Answer: No, applicants must be attending school after the scholarship has been awarded (typically in August).

Question: What field of studies are eligible?

Answer: This application is specifically for Early Childhood Education related programs.



Question: My registration date isn't until after the application deadline.

Answer: We do not need confirmation of registration until after the scholarship has been awarded; we just need a letter of acceptance or enrollment. Enrollment indicates you are considered a student at the institution; however, you have yet to register in classes.

Question: My acceptance letter is dated last year because I'm in my 2nd year, is that acceptable?

Answer: No, if you are already accepted into the institution then a letter of enrollment will be needed rather than a letter of acceptance.

Question: I cannot get a hold of my First Nation/Métis/Inuit Government; will a letter from anyone else suffice? Or from an Indigenous community where I currently live?

Answer: No, we require an official letter of support from the First Nation/ Métis/Inuit government you are registered with or considered a member of. We will accept a letter from the Indigenous community that you are connected to.

Question: Can I have my education institute send the transcripts or confirmation of enrollment directly to NRT?

Answer: No, applications **must** be complete when submitted by the student. This ensures that you know your application is complete before the deadline. Due to a high volume of applications, we cannot consider applications that are sent incomplete or piece by piece.

Question: Do I need my original official transcript?

Answer: No, unofficial transcripts will suffice until you are approved. If you are approved, you will be asked to supply additional information, including your original official transcripts. If you do supply the original official transcripts in the application, then you will not be asked for it again.

Question: When will I find out if my application has been approved?

Answer: We aim to let students know by the first two weeks of June.

Question: If my application is approved when will I receive my first cheque?

Answer: When you are approved, you will be provided with a letter and instruction of further items we will need. They will be confirmation of registration, picture and biography official transcripts from past year, and a course list. Once those items are received your cheque will be mailed to you. The second cheque is sent in the second term, following receipt of second term course list, official transcript and confirmation of full-time/part-time enrollment.

Question: I need clarification on this application, who do I speak to?

Answer: If you have any questions about the NRTF Scholarship, call Marie Alaimo at 1-877-922-3338.



NRTF Indigenous Early Years Fall/Winter Scholarship

Before completing your application please read the NRTF Scholarship Guidelines to ensure you qualify for this award. Once you have completed filling in your application and before submitting it, please ensure that it contains all of these important documents. Copies are acceptable:

- Completed and signed 2019/20 IEY application form (the following pages 1 to 4)
- Essay: What are the most important issues your desired field is facing today and how would your education meaningfully impact these issues within your community?
- One-page summary on your involvement within the Indigenous Community
- Letter of support from your First Nation, Métis, or Inuit community on letterhead
- Proof of First Nation (status and non-status), Métis, or Inuit citizenship/membership
- Proof of British Columbia residence
- Unofficial Transcript of most recent academic record (official one will be necessary if you are approved)
- Acceptance letter at recognized accredited institution or associations
- Resume/CV

****Applications must have all supporting documents attached when submitted. Do NOT attach guidelines or this page when submitting your application.***

Due to demand, incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please retain copies of your application materials because original submissions will not be returned.

Deadline: Applications containing all required supporting documents must be received at the NRTF office no later than **12:00 pm on Thursday, June 13, 2019.**

DO NOT FAX APPLICATIONS. Please mail/email/hand-deliver completed applications to:

**NRTF Post-Secondary Scholarship Awards
New Relationship Trust Foundation
3188 Alder Court
North Vancouver, British Columbia V7H 2V6
scholarship@nrtf.ca
Attention: Marie Alaimo, Senior Project Officer**



PERSONAL INFORMATION:

**Name and address given will be used on disbursement cheques*

Legal
First Name _____ **Legal**
Last Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Mailing Address

Unit #: _____ Street Address: _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

** All applicants will be notified of their application status by email*

Which Indigenous Nation are you a member or citizen of?

Status Non-Status Métis Inuit

Which Indigenous community are you a member or citizen of? _____

***Applicants must be a member of an Indigenous Community and show support from the Community directly**

Enclose a letter from a person in authority within the administration of your Indigenous Community verifying your membership or citizenship in the Community, together with the person’s position, address and telephone number if you do not have a status card or citizenship card.

Person’s name and position: _____

Person’s telephone number: _____

Have you ever been awarded an IEY or NRTF Bursary or Scholarship before?

Yes No

If yes, please indicate:

Type: _____ b) Year: _____ c) Value of Award: \$ _____

POST-SECONDARY OR TRAINING INSTITUTION INFORMATION:

Post-Secondary Institution: _____

Please indicate which Scholarship you are applying for: _____

**Scholarships are not available for Certificate, Diploma, or Associate degrees. Please apply for the NRTF Indigenous Early Years Bursary*

Major/Program Name: _____



Are you a returning student? Yes No

If Yes, GPA last year: _____

(Attach copy of transcripts)

Year Attending
(ex. 2nd, 3rd, 4th): _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Indicate which terms and number of credits per term you plan to enroll in 2019-2020, and whether it's part-time, full-time or half-time (it is important you indicate this):

** Masters/Doctorate students must provide a letter from their instructor and institution to confirm/support full/part-time status*

Months/Terms	Credits	Full Time*	Part Time (min. 2 courses)	Half-Time (going to school for one term only)

** Full-time usually means the student is taking a minimum of four courses per semester*

FUNDING SOURCES:

If you are applying for a Canada/BC student loan and/or other student funding sources, please indicate:

Canada Student Loan Amount Applied for:

Date of Application: _____

British Columbia Student Loan Amount Applied for:

Date of Application: _____

Other Student Funding Source(s) applied for:

Name(s) of Funding Source: _____

Date of Application: _____

Have you approached your Indigenous Community for funding? Yes No

If No, state why _____

Has your Indigenous Community agreed to fund you? Yes No Awaiting Decision

How much will you receive? \$ _____ If No, state why _____

Will you be receiving funding assistance from other sources for your education costs or living expenses?

Yes No

If yes, what sources and what amounts?

Source _____ Amount \$ _____

Source _____ Amount \$ _____



EMPLOYMENT:

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If No, how long have you been unemployed? Months _____ Years _____

If Yes, how long have you been employed? Months _____ Years _____

Name of Employer: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Info: _____

Annual Employment Income: _____

Length of Employment: _____

Job Title: _____

Will you be employed during the School Year? Yes No

BUDGET: (FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR)

PLEASE INCLUDE ALL SOURCES OF EXPENSES AND INCOME DURING YOUR SCHOOL TERMS.

<u>Expenses</u>	<i>Sept-Dec</i>	<i>Jan-April</i>	<i>May-Aug</i>	<i>Total</i>	<u>Income</u>	<i>Sept-Dec</i>	<i>Jan-April</i>	<i>May-Aug</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuition & Fees					Employment				
Books					Family/Personal				
Rent/Mortgage					Community Living Allowance				
Utilities					Community Tuition				
Food					Community Books				
Transportation					Scholarships				
Child Care					Bursaries				
Clothing					Student Loan				
Other (identify)					Other (identify)				
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$	Total	\$	\$	\$	\$

Please explain any unique budget circumstances below:



How did you hear about the IEY Scholarship?

NRT Website Facebook Community School Twitter Other

Other, please specify: _____

Verification of Information

I understand that the information submitted in and with this application will be used to assess my eligibility for the Indigenous Early Years Fall/Winter Scholarship Award. I hereby certify that all the information provided on this application form and in all the documents accompanying it is true, accurate and complete. I have read all the policy and guidelines regarding the Indigenous Early Years Fall/Winter Scholarship. By submitting this application, I agree to be bound by the policies and guidelines of this initiative. I give my permission to the NRT Foundation and its partners to collect my contact information so that I may receive information about potential employment, scholarship, and training opportunities.

Signature

Date

Print Name