

The 2026-2027 application form for

Joyce Family Foundation Bursaries for Indigenous Students

Terms

Value \$5,000. Awarded annually to Indigenous students in demonstrated financial need who are entering any full-time undergraduate program of study at Carleton University. Application is required. Eligible students will demonstrate financial need and resilience in their pursuit of post-secondary education. Preference will be given to those who have limited or no other avenues of funding or support in their pursuit of post-secondary education. This award may be continued for 3 years of full-time enrollment provided the students remain in good academic standing and continue to demonstrate financial need. Endowed in 2021 through the generosity of The Joyce Family Foundation.

The intent of the Joyce Family Foundation Bursary is to provide a transformational opportunity to a student that faces significant financial barriers and has demonstrated the ability to overcome obstacles and adversity.

Award recipients will be invited to participate in mentorship program opportunities during their first year of studies and will be encouraged to act as mentors in subsequent years.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be an Indigenous student that has applied and been offered admission to an undergraduate degree program at Carleton University
- Applicant must be entering the first year of the program and pursuing post-secondary studies for the first time
- Applicant must demonstrate financial need (by completing and submitting the application form)
- Applicant must demonstrate community involvement and resilience in their pursuit of post-secondary education
- Applicant must be entering University no more than three years after completing high school
- Preference will be given to those who have limited or no other avenues of funding to support their pursuit of post-secondary education

Instructions

- Provide one (1) letter of recommendation. The letter should show clear support of how you are an excellent candidate for the Joyce Family Foundation Bursaries for Indigenous Students. Be sure to choose a person who can write a letter that will speak to your experiences meeting the specific eligibility criteria as well as the ways in which you exemplify the values of this award
- Complete the entire form and submit all documents directly to Awards and Financial Aid: awards@carleton.ca
- Late or incomplete applications will **not** be considered

Deadline

October 31

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Section 1

Personal information

Last Name

First Name

Carleton Student ID

Program

Major or concentration

Phone Number

Email

Indigenous Status Declaration

*If you have selected that you identify as Indigenous, applicants will be required to submit supporting documentation in adherence with Carleton University's Admissions and Awards Limited to Indigenous (First Nation, Métis and Inuit) Candidates **Policy**. For further information and to view the list of accepted documents that can be used for verification, please refer to [Confirming Indigenous Identity for Awards](#).*

Do you wish to self-identify as an Indigenous student?

For the purposes of this voluntary self-identification, selecting yes is an assertion that you identify as an Indigenous person, defined in Canada as belonging to one or more of the following groups: First Nation, Métis, or Inuk (Inuit) or alternative identity term: (e.g. Kanien'kehá:ka, Anishinaabe, etc.).

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Yes

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No

If yes, please specify.

Section 2

Financial Information

Option 1

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I am a single student with no dependents.

Note: If you have been out of high school for 4 years or more, do not include financial information for your parent(s). If you have been out of high school for less than 4 years you must provide financial information for your parent(s).

Year you graduated
High School

Parent 1 Gross Annual Income

Parent 2 Gross Annual Income

Number of siblings
still in school

Age of your siblings still in school
Seperate each sibling with a comma. eg. 12, 15, 16

Option 2

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I am Married/Common Law or a Sole-Support Parent.

Number of
dependent children

Spouse's Gross Annual Income

Living address

Where will you live while you attend University?

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Home

☐

Away from home

☐

Residence

Financial Need Assessment

Will you be receiving OSAP or government student aid from your home province?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please specify.

If no, please explain.

Please provide an explanation of your financial need.

Sponsorship

Will you be receiving tuition sponsorship or partial band funding for the upcoming academic year?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

Section 3

Describe your academic and future goals and tell us how attending Carleton University will assist you in achieving them. In your pursuit of your post-secondary goals, what challenges have you faced in your life and in what ways have you persevered to overcome those challenges?

If you wish, you may also tell us what you would consider to be your most important contribution to your community (you may include any extra curricular activities at your secondary school, sports, volunteering, working with elders and/or youth, etc.):

Reference letter attached?

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Yes

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No

Section 4

Student Declaration

I authorize Carleton University to release a copy of this application to the appropriate awards selection committee(s) and to the award donor, including my academic record and financial need information in order to adjudicate my application for an award. If requested, I agree to provide the Awards Office with any documentation necessary to verify the information on this form. I declare that the above information is true and accurate. If any information is inaccurate, I understand that an award may be reassessed and/or withdrawn.

Signature of Applicant

Date

At Carleton University, we recognize and respect the importance of privacy. Personal information that we collect is kept confidential. In accordance with section 41 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Carleton University will only use the information in its custody or control in the following circumstances: where the individual identifies the particular information and consents to its use; for the purpose for which it was collected or a consistent purpose (i.e. a purpose which the individual might have reasonably expected).