

# LANGUAGE BURSARY PROGRAM FOR TEACHING FNMI LANGUAGES

## Award Value – \$2,500

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The Language Teacher Bursary program was created by an endowment to the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund as part of the Government of Alberta's Economic Development Strategy. It was established so teachers may improve their language fluency, pedagogical skills and knowledge through an educational immersion experience, and to help Alberta jurisdictions enhance their current language teaching capacity.

The program will assist Alberta teachers, Elders or instructors currently providing instruction of an FNMI language and intending to take a summer post-secondary program. Students will benefit from the enhanced teaching and language skills of their teachers, encouraging them to take up the challenge of learning an FNMI language and culture and to assist with the FNMI language revitalization and/or renewal.

### Eligibility Criteria

#### Teacher Eligibility Criteria

Applicant must:

- be a Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident, or Protected Person (visa students are not eligible),
- be an Alberta resident and to be considered an Alberta resident one of the following conditions must apply:
  - one parent, or legal guardian has maintained permanent residence in Canada for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies and be residing in Alberta, or
  - Alberta is the last place the student has lived for twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies, or
  - was married to an Alberta resident immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies.
- either be working towards Alberta certification or hold a valid Alberta professional teaching certificate,
- have been teaching in Alberta for a minimum of one year by the end of the current school year,
- demonstrate a background in FNMI language learning and culture, or have recently initiated the study of an FNMI language, and
- plan to take a summer program of at least three weeks duration in an Indigenous language teaching methodology.

#### Program Eligibility Criteria

The summer language development program must be:

- a university credit course focusing on language, culture and/or pedagogical development, e.g. CILLDI,
- a **minimum** of three weeks in duration, and
- a **minimum** of three hours daily scheduled classroom instruction, with an expectation of additional scheduled, structured activities (e.g. language conversation, tutorials, cultural activities).

**Note:** Priority is given to first-time applicants, however, previous recipients of three or more years ago may re-apply.

### Selection Process

Bursary recipients will be chosen by a selection committee with decisions based on the applicant's statement of program, school, and school authority endorsement. The selection committee bases its decisions on information submitted with the application and any changes may jeopardize the receipt of payment of the bursary.

**Successful recipients will receive their bursary after submitting proof of completing their course.**

#### Alberta Student Number (ASN)

Your Alberta Student Number is on your Alberta Transcript for High School Achievement.

If you do not know your ASN, or do not have an ASN:

- Visit [iae.alberta.ca/ASN](http://iae.alberta.ca/ASN) for instructions.
- Call toll-free in Alberta at 310-0000 to have a Request for ASN form mailed to you. Due to privacy issues, ASN's will not be given over the phone.

#### Deadline and How to Apply

- **Application Deadline:** Students must contact their school authority for application deadline dates.

- **School Authority Nomination Deadline for submission to Alberta Student Aid:** February 1, 2018

- **Submit application to:** your School Authority

- **Payment:** Upon proof of completion of course

Contact: Alberta Student Aid Service Centre at 1-855-606-2096  
Visit: [studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships](http://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships)

**Additional Information**

There are two bursaries available.

Please note that receipt of a bursary does not imply recognition of the course by Teacher Qualifications Service.

**Application Process**

Submit the completed application package (application form and supporting documents) to your school jurisdiction (superintendent or designate), or First Nations Education Authority for endorsement. The supporting documents that must be included are:

1. **Statement of Intent:** Attach a statement (one page maximum) explaining your reasons for taking the program.
  - How will this particular program:
    - benefit your current/future employment as an FNMI language teacher in Alberta?
    - fit into your professional development/growth plan?
  - How will this bursary impact your role in the FNMI languages program?
  - How do you plan to share this knowledge with colleagues?
2. **Program Brochure or Syllabus:** Attach a brochure or syllabus describing the focus of the course, its duration and intensity.
3. **Professional Development Summary:** Attach a brief summary outlining relevant professional development. Be sure to outline your recent efforts to enhance and/or develop:
  - Language and culture
  - Teaching and/or leadership skills in the area of language teaching
4. **Resume:** Attach a copy of your current resume.

Once endorsement has been given, the school jurisdiction or the First Nations Education Authority will forward your application to Alberta Student Aid for consideration.

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Advanced Education is collecting the personal information on this form under the authority of section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP Act), as being directly related to and necessary to determine your eligibility for a scholarship under the *Alberta Heritage Scholarship Act* and to administer scholarships including research, statistical analysis and program evaluation. The use and disclosure of your personal information is managed in accordance with the FOIP Act.

If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of this information, call the Alberta Student Aid Service Centre toll free at 1-855-606-2096 from anywhere in North America. You can also mail your questions to Alberta Student Aid, PO Box 28000 Station Main, Edmonton AB T5J 4R4.

## Personal, Citizenship and Residency Information

Last Name (*current legal name*)

First Name (*current legal name*)

Middle Initial

Apartment or Box Number

Street Address (add direction, e.g. S, NW, SE, if applicable)

City/Town

Prov/State

Country

Postal/Zip Code

Mobile Number (format: 999-999-9999)

Telephone Number (format: 999-999-9999)

Gender:  Male  Female

Another/Prefer not to disclose

Previous Last Name (*if applicable*)

Email Address

- Indigenous Status:**  Status Indian/First Nations  
 Non-Status Indian/First Nations  
 Métis  Inuit  Not applicable

Providing personal information on Indigenous students will help measure the effectiveness of student financial assistance programs in relation to Indigenous students and to research programs and services to improve student success rates. If you wish to declare your Indigenous heritage, please check the box that applies to you.

**NOTE: This is mandatory for awards which require Indigenous status as part of the eligibility, voluntary otherwise.**

Social Insurance Number

Birthdate

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Alberta Student Number (mandatory)

**Citizenship Status: (check one)**

- Canadian  
 Permanent Resident  
 Protected Person\*  
 VISA (International Student)

**\*If you are a Protected Person, including Convention Refugee, you must submit:**

- A copy of your Social Insurance Number card **AND**
- A copy of **one** of the following:
  - Notice of Decision, or
  - Verification of Status Document (VOS)

The documentation must be valid on your Program of Study Start Date.

**Alberta Residency:**

Did you or one of your parents or legal guardian live in Alberta for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies? (Do not include time attending post-secondary studies or vacations.)

Yes  No

**If no,** were you married to an Alberta resident immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies?

Yes  No

**If no,** submit a Scholarship Residency Résumé with your complete application ([studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/applications-forms](http://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/applications-forms))

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**Additional Information** *continued*

**Estimated Expenses**

Have you applied or will you be applying for funding from another source, e.g. First Nations Education Authority (FNEA), to participate in this program?

Yes  No If yes, indicate the source of funding: \_\_\_\_\_  
and amount of support: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you anticipate receiving funding from another source, excluding FNEA, to participate in this program?

Yes  No If yes, indicate the source of funding: \_\_\_\_\_  
and amount of support: \_\_\_\_\_

**Language Teaching/Instructional Experience:** Please provide a summary of FNMI languages and grade level you have taught, or current role in FNMI languages at your school:

**Language Learning:** List your background in FNMI languages:

Check all boxes that apply to you:

- |                                                           |                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A language and culture expert    | <input type="checkbox"/> A fluent speaker                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New to language teaching         | <input type="checkbox"/> Returning to teach a language after some time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder                            | Indicate your assignment in the next school year: _____                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently teaching this language | <input type="checkbox"/> New to learning this language                 |

**Language Background:** What is the language you are most proficient in? \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate proficiency in the FNMI language as either: Excellent, Good, Fair, Needs improvement:

READING	WRITING	SPEAKING	CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE

**Declaration of Applicant**

**I have read and understand the instructions, and declare that:**

- all information provided in this application, including any supplemental information required to establish my eligibility (the "Application"), is true and complete and I understand that the information is subject to review and audit.
- I have read and understood the eligibility requirements and obligations of the scholarship and/or award as stated in the scholarship and/or award application and requirements.
- I will immediately notify Alberta Scholarships – Alberta Student Aid, in writing if I withdraw from studies or of any changes to my name, address, academic status or study period, or to any other information contained in the Application in accordance with the instructions relating to changes of information found on the Alberta Student Aid website, [studentaid.alberta.ca](http://studentaid.alberta.ca).

**Disclosure of Information**

I understand that Advanced Education may disclose and exchange my personal information pertaining to my high school and post-secondary academic records, academic progress, and enrolment status with:

- Alberta Education to verify my Alberta Student Number, name, date of birth, and gender solely to confirm identification for the purpose of the scholarship and/or award application.
- Any of the following: provincial and federal government departments; the educational institution(s) named in the Application; boards; and any third party or third party organizations involved in the selection of the recipient.

**I understand and agree:**

- to provide all information requested by Alberta Student Aid which, in Alberta Student Aid's sole discretion, is required to verify any statements made in this Application.
- if I receive a scholarship my name, award, and city/town may be released publicly to promote the program. My name, the name of the scholarship and the scholarship amount may also be published on the Government of Alberta Grant Disclosure Portal. However, my consent to the publication of this personal information is not a criterion for eligibility, and if I do not want to be identified, I will contact Alberta Student Aid and request that it not be disclosed.

**Signature of Applicant**

**Today's Date**

<i>X SIGN HERE</i>	Day	Month	Year	

**Please review your application to make sure you have completed all the required fields.  
All supporting information must be received by the application deadline.  
Missing information will delay processing.**

School Endorsement – Part 1, Page 1

Note: The Selection Committee needs clear and concise information on your FNMI language program needs at your school and how it is expected the applicant's summer program will benefit the school and meet the school's FNMI language needs.

**To be Completed by Applicant's Current School Principal**

Name of Applicant

What is the anticipated assignment of this applicant in the upcoming academic school year? (e.g. courses, grade, etc.)

The applicant will be: (check one)

- returning to the same school       at another school: \_\_\_\_\_
- taking on a new assignment       returning to the same assignment
- unsure at this time other       Other

How long has this applicant been under your supervision? \_\_\_\_\_

What language programs/projects/initiatives has this applicant led or assisted with while under your supervision?

Note: The Selection Committee needs clear and concise information on your FNMI language program needs at your school and how it is expected the applicant's summer program will benefit the school and meet the school's FNMI language needs.

**To be Completed by Applicant's Current School Principal *continued***

This school needs: (check the most appropriate)

- a lead/master teacher in FNMI language & culture
- this teacher to refresh/enhance skills
- this instructor to obtain teaching credentials

This applicant is: (check one)

- a lead/master teacher in the chosen language
- a teacher returning to teaching languages
- new to teaching this language
- an Elder community member who wishes to complete a teacher preparation program
- new to language learning

How will students in your school benefit from the applicant's experience?

How will this summer language program fit into this teacher's professional development?

How will this applicant's participation fit into your school's FNMI language plan?

Name of Principal (please print)

Signature

X SIGN HERE

Date

Day	Month	Year

Name of School

School Location

School Authority Contact

Telephone Number (format: 999-999-9999)

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**School Authority Endorsement – Part 2**

Note: The Selection Committee needs clear and concise information on FNMI language program needs in your school division and how it's expected the applicant's summer program will benefit the school and meet the school division's FNMI language needs.

**To be Completed by the School Jurisdiction (Superintendent or designate)  
or First Nations Education Authority**

Name of Applicant

This applicant's participation in the described language program will support the school authority's language plan by:  
(check appropriate statement(s))

- enhancing the language expertise already available in the district
- beginning to develop district expertise in this language
- providing much needed leadership to this school
- meeting a staffing need through in-service development of this teacher's language skills
- beginning the journey of developing language programming

How will the experience and skills acquired by this applicant participating in this particular program benefit the school and school authority?

What is important for the selection committee to know about:

- this applicant
- the language staff needs of this school
- other key considerations
- expected assignment in the next school year

Name (please print)

Position

Signature

Date

Day	Month	Year

School Authority Name

Telephone Number (format: 999-999-9999)

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