

Post-secondary funding: Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards MARCH 31 Deadline

The BBMA endowment provides awards so that Métis Albertans demonstrating financial need, commitment, and a desire to be gainfully employed can realize self-sufficient through the advancement of their post-secondary education and skills development. Since 2001, the Fund has provided awards totalling over \$5.8 million to more than 900 Alberta Métis students.

Awards are intended to assist recipients with essential costs such as tuition, fees, and sometime textbooks and supplies. Each year approximately 140 awards are approved by the BBMA Panel, most awards range between \$2,000 and \$10,000. Since 2001, the Fund has provided awards totaling over \$5.3 million.

Award Criteria:

- Be Métis (Proof of Métis heritage must be provided before any award is confirmed but does not have to be submitted with the application.)
- Intend to pursue post-secondary education; leading to a degree, diploma, certificate or license
- Be permanent residents or citizens of Canada
- Be residents of Alberta

Applications are process online: www.bbma.ca

- Along with the completed online application students will be required to upload:
- Two current reference letters and a copy of their most recent transcripts
- Awards Candidates will be advised by email in early July of each year.
- Edmonton Community Foundation will direct funds to post-secondary
- In general, student programs should not start before August 1
- Applicants may re-apply in subsequent years

Selection process is a holistic assessment of:

- Financial need
- Connection to the community
- Likelihood of improved career opportunities

Priority may also be given to:

- Entering their first year of post-secondary studies
- Demonstrating commitment to studies and maturity
- Balance budget
- History of volunteer work and leadership
- Extenuating personal circumstances
- Full-time study

For more information or to request a presentation contact Theresa Majeran at communications@bbma.ca



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BBMA success:

Over 96% of students have successfully completed the term of studies for which they were funded.

BBMA 2001-15 graduates are now employed as

- Accountants (15)
- Business Professionals (38)
- Commerce Degrees (26)
- Conservation Sciences Professionals (26)
- Dentists and Dental Assistants (16)
- Engineers Mechanical, Electrical or Civil (37)
- Human Resources (12)
- Lawyers (32)
- Medical Doctors (17)
- Nurses (95)
- Social Workers (38)
- Teachers (**66**)

Others have graduated as:

- Acupuncturists (3)
- Aerospace Engineer (1)
- Automotive Technician (4)
- Aviation Mechanic (1)
- Carpenters and Cabinet Makers (6)
- Child Care Workers (13)
- Chiropractors (1)
- Communications (9)
- Computer Science (5)
- Drama or Acting (2)
- Electricians (8)
- Forestry Professionals (1)
- Film and Video Professionals (10)
- Funeral Directors (1)
- Motorcycle Mechanics (1)
- Music (Choral Conducting) (1)
- Pharmacists (2)
- Veterinarians (7)