

Student waiver & consent.

The information I have provided in my application for the TransAlta Aboriginal Bursary Program is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false or misleading statements will disqualify me from being eligible for this bursary, and may result in repayment of any bursary payment received. I consent to the use of my name, photo, essay content and Aboriginal group affiliation for the purpose of reporting, advertising and promotion of the TransAlta Aboriginal Bursary Program, without further compensation. I understand that TransAlta reserves the right to change, modify or cancel this Aboriginal Bursary Program at any time.

Signature of student: _____

Date of application: _____

Checklist.

- Proof of enrollment in a full-time post-secondary program including trades;
- Transcripts of last academic year;
- Proof of Aboriginal background such as an Indian Status card, Métis Nation card, or other acceptable proof;
- Two recent reference letters with current contact information for your references;
- Essay; and
- A signed and dated application form.

Where to send your completed application package

TransAlta Aboriginal Bursary Program

Box 1900, Station M
110 - 12th Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 2M1

Questions:

Contact Aboriginal Relations at TransAlta:
403.267.3763 (Amanda Sanregret)

Aboriginal Bursary Program.

(For post-secondary including trades programs)



About TransAlta.

We have powered the comforts and necessities of life for 100 years. Along the way, we have transformed ourselves from an integrated and regulated Alberta-based utility to a North American power producer fueled by coal, natural gas, hydro, wind, geothermal and biomass sources.

We have grown to become Canada's largest investor-owned wholesale power generator and marketing company, with investments in Canada, the United States and Australia. We are also the largest publicly-traded provider of renewable energy in Canada. Investing in new ways to further cut emissions is a priority for us. We are recognized for our sustainable approach to business, the environment and investments in the communities in which we operate and live. We proudly support Aboriginal students pursuing advanced studies. Our website is: www.transalta.com

Overview

This bursary program is designed to:

1. Encourage and assist Aboriginal people in obtaining post-secondary or trades education with preference to studies that are relevant to the electrical utility industry;
2. Support capacity-building by helping to increase the number of Aboriginal professionals in the communities where we operate;
3. Increase the number of role models in Aboriginal communities, by showcasing successful Aboriginal students through this program.

On an annual basis, TransAlta offers up to seven bursary awards in the amount of \$3,000 each for those entering college or university programs on a full-time basis. Additionally, TransAlta offers up to three awards in the amount of \$1,000 each for those in a trades program. The deadline is September 15th annually. Should this date fall on a weekend, applications will be accepted until the close of business on the Monday immediately following this deadline.

Eligibility criteria

You may apply for the TransAlta Aboriginal Bursary Program if you meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. You are an Aboriginal person, and can provide proof of your status;
2. You are enrolled in a full-time post-secondary or trades program and will maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout your program;
3. You have a plan for achieving your education and career goals;
4. You commit to updating TransAlta on your progress throughout the duration of your studies; and
5. You complete and provide the information as requested by TransAlta.

Bursary selection criteria

When reviewing applications, the selection committee will consider the following criteria:

1. Program of study (all disciplines will be considered, however priority will go to programs that support the electrical utility industry);
2. Academic and career goals;
3. Community and volunteer participation;
4. Contents of essay; and
5. References.

Essay

Please submit a maximum 500 word essay detailing:

- your academic and career goals;
- any information on community involvement and volunteerism, including any leadership roles;
- how you plan to use your education to give back to the Aboriginal community;
- how you plan to keep TransAlta informed of your progress in school; and
- why you should be the recipient of the bursary.

Selection process and notification

A selection committee will meet after the deadline of September 15th to review all applications and to select the recipients. All applicants will be notified in writing of the decision of the selection committee by November 15th. Selection will be based on eligibility and bursary selection criteria.

Application process

You must submit the application form and all requested documentation by September 15th to be considered. Refer to the checklist on the application form for details of requirements. Incomplete applications and those without the requested documentation will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered. TransAlta is not responsible for lost applications. We do not return any of the documentation submitted. We recommend you keep copies for your records.

Employment opportunities

Although TransAlta cannot assure employment for recipients, reasonable efforts will be made to provide employment should there be opportunities available at the time of inquiry. Students who provide updates to TransAlta throughout their school terms are more likely to find employment than those who do not keep us informed of progress.

Application form.

Are you applying for a:

post-secondary bursary or a trades bursary

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal code: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Social Insurance #: _____

Birth date: _____ / _____ / _____

Which Aboriginal group are you a member of?

What is the name of the school you will be attending?

What is the name of the program you are entering?

What year of the program are you entering?

What is the total length of the program?

How did you learn about the TransAlta Aboriginal Bursary Program?

