



## THE ALVIN DIXON MEMORIAL BURSARY APPLICATION

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Alvin Dixon Memorial Bursary. This bursary was established in honour of Alvin's life and his dedication to the United Church and to education. This bursary will help support Indigenous students seeking to enter or continue post-secondary education or study at religious and spiritual centres. The Alvin Dixon Memorial Bursary is a yearly award that is available to Indigenous students enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies. Our priority is for students demonstrating both financial need and academic excellence. The bursary may be awarded for multiple years to support the studies of selected candidates.

The application and all supporting documents are due by **September 15 each year**. Applications that do not fit the following criteria will not be accepted. In addition, incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Eligibility criteria:

- ✓ You are Indigenous (First Nation–status/non-status, Inuit, or Métis).
- ✓ You are enrolled in an accredited Canadian and/or international post-secondary educational institution (university or college) and/or religious or spiritual centres in full-time studies.
- ✓ You are in financial need.
- ✓ You have demonstrated good academic performance with a minimum 2.50 grade point average.

Once you submit your application, a committee made up of six Indigenous volunteers from across the country will review your application using a blindfold process. A blindfold process removes all identification details from your application. A decision letter will be sent to you in late November or early December.

If you have any questions, please contact the Healing Programs Coordinator or Programs Assistant in Indigenous Ministries and Justice. Good luck!

Healing Programs Coordinator or Programs Assistant

Indigenous Ministries and Justice

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Date Received:		File #:	
<b>Personal Information</b>			
Name:			
Nation or home community:			
Street Address:		Apartment #:	
City:	Province:	Postal Code:	
Telephone:			
Email address:			
Have you previously been awarded the Alvin Dixon Memorial Bursary? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, what year: _____ No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Please indicate how you heard of the Alvin Dixon Memorial Bursary. <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> United Church website <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____			
<b>Education</b>			
Program name:			
Year of entry:		Expected year of graduation:	
Institution name:			
Institution address:			
Select one: <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate-university <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate-university <input type="checkbox"/> College		Select one: <input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time	
<i>Note: Only full time students are eligible. If chosen for a bursary, recipients will need to provide a verification of enrollment.</i>			



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### Declaration of Indigenous Status

For the purposes of this voluntary self-identification, an Indigenous person is:

An Aboriginal person, as recognized in the Constitution Act, 1982; or a person who identifies with First Nations (Status/Non-Status), Métis, or Inuit cultural and/or ancestry background in Canada.

I hereby state that I am an Indigenous student and identify as such as per my institution's Indigenous self-identification policy. This assertion means that I identify as a member of the First Peoples of Canada meaning, in general terms, First Nation, Métis, Inuit, Indigenous, Aboriginal (status or non-status), or specifically by my home community or my Nation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Statement

Applications must also include a short personal statement (maximum 2 typed and double-spaced pages in length using Times Roman font in size 12) that addresses the following:

1. Why have you decided to pursue a post-secondary education in your field of study?
2. What are some of your past successes and challenges that you will be building from in the future? (These may include financial, social/cultural, educational, or personal, etc.)
3. Describe your connection to the Indigenous community (whether this be at home, community, in your family, work, or in your academic learning).
4. Please state briefly any other information pertinent to your application. For repeat applicants, please provide an update on your studies.

### Supporting Document— check to make sure both documents are included.

	A copy of your recent transcript
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**Statement of Personal Finances**

**MONTHLY INCOME**

Provide a list of your monthly income while in school. Add '0' for any item that do not apply.

Current employment during the school year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

First Nation Education Funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Government Assistance Education Funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship or bursary funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Savings: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Support: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MONTHLY EXPENSES**

Provide a list of your monthly expenses while in school. Add '0' for any item that do not apply.

Rent costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation – please state nature \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Debt payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Who pays for your tuition and books?  Myself;  Parent;  First Nation;  Full coverage through scholarship;  Government Student Assistance;  Other- Specify

What is the total expense for tuition and books? \$ \_\_\_\_\_