



2024 FIRST CANADA INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

FIRST Canada is proud to encourage Indigenous peoples living across Canada (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) to pursue and complete post-secondary studies in certificate, diploma, applied degree and bachelor's degree programs. The FIRST Canada Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications for the "Indigenous Award Scholarship" Canadian students who have been FIRST team participants in FIRST LEGO League, FIRST Tech Challenge or FIRST Robotics Competition program in Canada are encouraged to apply. One scholarship will be awarded per school calendar year.

To be eligible for the scholarship, candidates must:

- Complete and submit the application form by February 15, 2024
- First Nation (status and non-status), Inuit and Métis high school students from an Indigenous community
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada or have protected person status under: Canada's Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- Enrolled full-time in a high school within Canada at time of application
- Participated on a FIRST Robotics Competition, FIRST Tech Challenge or FIRST LEGO League team in Canada.
- Be eligible to enroll, and agree to enroll as a full-time student in an accredited college or university, apprenticeship starting no later than the fall semester of 2024; and
- Use the scholarship to pursue a major or degree program at a college or university
- Be a student who is a dedicated role model in FIRST
- Have a valid Social Insurance Number. The FIRST Canada Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipients.

A total of one scholarship will be awarded per school calendar year.

To apply for the Scholarship, you must include each of the following documents in your on-line application no later than February 15, 2023:

- A letter of recommendation from a high school instructor from whom you have taken one or more classes
- A brief essay (no more than 500 words) in which you discuss
- Your participation in FIRST, and the impact of the program on your life. If you have experienced adversity, how you overcame it and found a way to benefit from it
- A difference that you are making and how you plan to continue making an impact in the future
- Your official high school transcript

If you are a home-schooled student, please contact joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org for what materials you should provide in lieu of a letter of recommendation and transcript.

FIRST Canada will announce the recipient of the Scholarship in 2024. To receive your initial disbursement of Scholarship funds, you must send FIRST Canada, your SIN Number, a letter requesting the funds and confirming the college or university to which the funds should be sent. These should be sent no later than the end of the second week of classes.

If you are unable to apply on-line, please contact joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanda.org for alternative application methods.