

February 27, 2020

Barry Pitz, Superintendent
Fort La Bosse School Division
523 9 Avenue S
Virdin, MB R0M 2C0

Subject: ATCO Indigenous Education Awards Program

Dear Barry Pitz:

ATCO continues to invest and support Indigenous youth by providing financial assistance to help with their education and to reach their career aspirations. The ATCO Indigenous Education Awards Program recognizes Indigenous students who demonstrate leadership capabilities and strive to be role models in their school and community. Since the program began in 2011, 293 students have received financial support from ATCO to assist with their education.

We ask for your assistance in promoting this program to your students by distributing a poster and a copy of this letter to all the high schools in your school district. Full program details and additional downloadable posters are available on our website: ATCO.com/IndigenousAwards

There are three different categories and multiple awards available to Indigenous students: **Merit Awards of \$500** for students completing grades 10-12, including upgrading; **Bursaries of \$1,000** for students registered in a trade, community, or technical college diploma program; and **Scholarships of \$1,500** for university or graduate degree students.


The awards are presented to select students who demonstrate leadership capabilities and commitment in their quest for higher education. To be considered for an award, students must complete the online application form and submit the required documentation, including:

- Reference letter
- Proof of enrollment for their upcoming school semester
- Short Essay (500-1,000 words)
- Transcript from the most recent school

The application and all documentation must be received by **July 15, 2020**. Successful applicants will be contacted.

Thank you for your assistance in providing the program information to your high school students. If you have any questions, please contact me at 780-420-3497.

Sincerely,



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ATCO INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AWARDS PROGRAM



**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
JULY 15, 2020**

\$500

Merit awards for students completing
Grade 10-12 (including upgrading)

\$1,000

Bursaries for students in diploma
or certificate programs

\$1,500

Scholarships for students in degree
or graduate programs

Supporting Tomorrow's Leaders

ATCO provides financial awards to Canadian First Nation, Inuit and Métis students who demonstrate leadership and commitment in their quest for higher education. ATCO is committed to supporting the development of Indigenous leaders in communities across Canada.

Eligibility:

- Be a Canadian Indigenous person
- Be enrolled in high school or an accredited post-secondary institution or training program
- Preference will be given to students from Indigenous communities where ATCO has business interests

How to Apply:

- Complete online application form: [ATCO.com/IndigenousAwards](https://atco.com/IndigenousAwards)
- Submit the required documentation:
 - One reference letter from a teacher, community leader or employer
 - Short essay (500-1,000 words) describing why you are a suitable candidate
 - Proof of enrollment for the upcoming school semester
 - Transcript from the most recent school attended

For more information: Visit your school or band office, [ATCO.com/IndigenousAwards](https://atco.com/IndigenousAwards), or contact us 780 420 3497

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