

# JOHN LAURIE SCHOLARSHIP

## Guidelines and Selection Criteria



**Purpose:** The scholarship is to recognize an Indigenous student with outstanding merit within the Calgary Board of Education.

**Eligibility:** The applicant:

- (1) Must be a Grade 12 graduate of Indigenous descent in a Calgary Board of Education school in the year of application or in the year immediately preceding the year of application,
- (2) Must have been accepted into a post-secondary institution for the following year. Transcripts are not required. The Diversity, Equity and Human Rights Committee acknowledges the various lived experiences of Indigenous peoples and the impact this can have on academic success.
- (3) The applicant must submit one of the following:
  - a 100–300-word cover letter written by themselves.
  - a 1-2 minute video or podcast written or performed by themselves.
  - a creative response by the student that can be digitized (ie. a photograph of a painting), which can be accompanied by a 100 word artist statement.

This response should highlight the student's involvement and leadership with Indigenous organizations, working with Elders or Knowledge Keepers, or how they uphold body, mind, heart and spirit, either at school or in their nation or community at large. Letters of reference are not required and should not be included.

- (4) Must be registered in a first-year program of a post-secondary institution as a full-time student (full time as defined by the institution) by September 15 of the school year of application. Special provision may be granted for deferrals to the winter semester.

**Value:** One award of \$1500.

**Payment:** Successful applicants will be asked for their banking information so that an electronic funds transfer can be made.

## **Selection Committee:**

Calgary Public Teachers, ATA Local 38 Diversity, Equity and Human Rights Committee. In all matters concerning this award, the decision of the Diversity, Equity and Human Rights Committee shall be final.

All information received will be treated confidentially.

## **Deadlines:** Application – deadline May 31 11:59 pm

Applications must be submitted online to Calgary Public Teachers, ATA Local 38 no later than 11:59 pm May 31 of the year of application.

If applications are not received by the deadline, applicants will be disqualified.

Post-Secondary Letter of Enrolment– deadline September 15 11:59 pm or January 30 11:59 pm for those starting in January.

The Post Secondary Letter of Enrolment may be obtained by the registrar's office or downloaded from your student portal. Once this letter has been obtained, please email it in pdf format to [reception@ata38.ab.ca](mailto:reception@ata38.ab.ca). Due to classes beginning at different times in September there may be a delay with the Registrar's office completing the letter. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the ATA Office receives it on time.

If you have any problems with the application process, please contact the ATA Local 38 office at (403) 262-6616, or email [reception@ata38.ab.ca](mailto:reception@ata38.ab.ca).

## **Payment:** Please be aware that successful applicants will receive payment from the Local 38 Office in October in the year of application.

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