



Indigenous Student Award

Purpose of the Fund

The purpose of this award is to meet the increasing needs of First Nations (status and non-status), Inuit, and Métis students for financial support in pursuing a career in physiotherapy, and to assist them in the pursuit of excellence in their career.

FIELD OF STUDY: Physiotherapy

VALUE: \$10,000

NUMBER: Two awards (\$10,000 each)

ELIGIBILITY: The Canadian Physiotherapy Association Indigenous Student Award is open to all Canadian Indigenous students who are First Nation (status or non-status), Inuit or Métis and who are enrolled in any year of a full-time accredited Canadian post-secondary physiotherapy program. Eligible programs include OTA & PTA Education Accredited Programs (OTA & PTA EAP) and graduate degrees of at least two academic years. The recipient must be a resident of a northern, rural, or remote community for a minimum of 10 years who demonstrates community leadership and financial need. Proof of ancestry is required.¹

APPLY: Applicants are required to submit a 1,500 word letter of introduction describing the applicant's pursuit of a career in physiotherapy and a copy of their marks (official or unofficial) from their most recent academic program. The letter should also highlight how they see a career in physiotherapy supporting their community (directly or indirectly), financial circumstances affecting the student's ability to pursue a physiotherapy degree (MPT) or diploma (PTA), and how they would like to contribute to the physiotherapy profession.

Applicants are required to submit at least two letters of reference, demonstrating the applicants' interest in physiotherapy, community involvement and leadership qualities, as well as the letter of acceptance into an accredited physiotherapy program. Letters may be provided from a school official, employer, community leader or Indian Band official who is not in the immediate family of the applicant.

¹ Proof of ancestry may include a Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS or "Status Card"), membership in a Métis Nation, certified genealogy with historical documentation of ancestry or residency in Inuit Nanangat.

Complete application packages should be submitted to Kate O'Connor, the Canadian Physiotherapy Association's Director of Practice and Policy: koconnor@physiotherapy.ca.

SELECTION CRITERIA: An awards selection committee will evaluate the applications and determine the successful candidates. Selection will be based academic performance, merit of the application and letters of reference.

AWARD DECISIONS: The Canadian Physiotherapy Association will inform applicants of its award decisions after it has completed the selection process. The successful applicants will receive an award letter in the mail and be notified via a phone call. The Canadian Physiotherapy Association will issue a T4 or T4A slip (Statement of Income) to the award recipient at the end of the calendar year.

PAYMENT: Bursary recipients are selected annually in July. To claim the award, within one year (12 months) of notification of the award, the recipient must be registered in an eligible physiotherapy program in Canada. Payments are made by direct deposit to bank account of the award recipient.

DEADLINE: June 15, 2017