

TOM FINNIE INDIGENOUS TRADES BURSARY

APPLICATION

WHO WE ARE

M'akola Development Services (MDS) is a professional development consulting firm committed to supporting vibrant, diverse communities in British Columbia. Our clients span the entire province and our work involves planning, developing, and operating high-density, multi-family affordable housing projects for public, private, and non-profit clients. MDS is the partner organization of M'akola Housing Society.

BURSARY

This bursary is in memory of Tom Finnie, who was a former board member of M'akola. Tom was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. His life was one of total service to his country via the Navy. Every community he lived in was enriched by his presence; each life he touched made better because he cared and let them know they were special.

He was a tireless worker in many organizations throughout his life, including being a trades person. He supported all sports and was a senior game swimmer. He taught cultural activities with School District 71. He travelled as far as Manitoba, teaching drum making, hunting, fishing, and survival.

In recognition of Tom's commitment to his community and the communities served by the M'akola, the organization established an annual Tom Finnie Indigenous Trades Bursary.

Six bursaries will be awarded in the amount of **\$2,500** each.

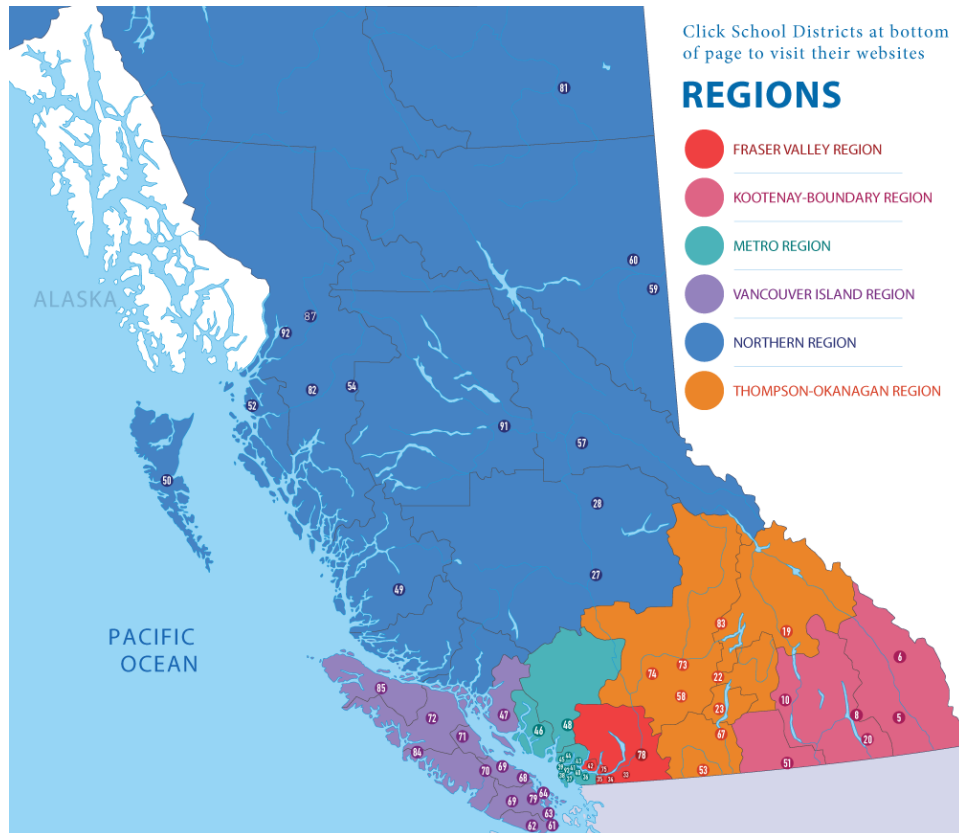
CRITERIA

- ✓ Student of Indigenous ancestry living in British Columbia
- ✓ Applicants can be any age
- ✓ New or continuing student
- ✓ Transcript (optional, not required)
- ✓ Financial need taken into consideration
- ✓ Life experiences, challenges, and triumphs taken into consideration
- ✓ Reference letter (from school counselor, administrator, teacher, or community member)
- ✓ Cover letter (no more than one page) – describe the following:
 - Your future plans
 - Why you feel you are a potential candidate for this award
 - Explain your experience as an Indigenous person and how that has helped shape your decision to attend school.
- ✓ Completed application
- ✓ Proof of enrollment in a trades program (not needed for application, but if you are selected to receive bursary, proof is required to receive funds)

Please note that the bursary must be claimed within two years of date of award.

REGIONS

Six bursaries will be awarded in six regions to Indigenous students enrolled in a trades program.



PROCEDURES

1. Obtain an application from the M'akola Development Services office (107 – 731 Station Ave., Victoria BC, V9B 5R5) <http://makola.bc.ca/> or <http://makoladev.com/>.
2. Fill out the application and ensure you include everything listed in the criteria section above.
3. Email (preferred), snail-mail, fax, or deliver your application in person to:

Attention: Scholarship Committee

M'akola Development Services

107-731 Station Avenue

Victoria, BC V9B 5N6

Telephone: (778) 265-7589

Email: awards@makoladev.com

Fax: (250) 590-0248

DEADLINE

Please submit your application by **November 30th**.

BURSARY APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ **Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD):** _____
Email: _____
Cellular Number: _____ **Home Number:** _____
Mailing Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Full Name of Parent/Guardian (if under 19): _____
Parent/Guardian Contact Number: _____

Do you identify as Indigenous?
What is your Home Community of Indigenous Roots?

IDENTIFYING NEEDS, CHALLENGES, & BARRIERS

FINANCIAL

Explain any financial barriers to attending school:

How many children under 19 are in your home?

Do you have dependents?

Have you received any funding from school from other sources i.e., band funding or scholarships?

If yes, what is the amount of funding you have secured?

Please fill in the following table:

Cost of Program	
Length of Program	
Full-time or Part-time	
Monthly Rent/Mortgage	
Monthly Income	
Source of Income	

Please list any additional costs that may be associated with your program:

PERSONAL/FAMILY

What challenges have you faced in your decision to go back to school?

Are you the first person in your family to attend post-secondary education?

Are you a current or former M'akola Housing Society tenant?

If no, are you a current or former tenant of another affordable housing provider?

RELOCATING

Do you have to move to a new city/community to attend school?

If yes, do you have support system in the new community?

If yes, please explain how the cost of living in the new community will affect you:

If yes, what are some challenges financial or personal for relocating?

PREVIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

School:

City:

Applicant's Grade:

Applicant's Graduation Year/Month:

List Courses Taken This School Year (if applicable):

1.	
2.	
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8.	

QUESTIONS

List any relevant community involvement you have had in the last three years (e.g., organizations, clubs, teams, or social events). You can include work experience, volunteer work, or jobs you have had.

What plans do you have when you finish this trades program?

How do you hope to change your life, your family's life, or your community?

Give an example of an Indigenous person who had a positive influence on your life and explain why.

CLOSURE

It is the responsibility of each candidate to ensure the application is complete, and that all required information, documents and letters are enclosed with the application.

Please note that recipients receive funds upon formal registration at a post-secondary institution.

By signing below, I understand if I am a recipient of this award, my name will be on the M'akola website for one year.

Signature of Applicant

Date