

# Tips on applying for Indigenous Student Graduation Awards

## **Leadership looks like you!**

Are you an Elder's Helper? Are you a member of a drum group? Do you dance powwow? Do you work with youth in your community? Do you participate in ceremony? Do you speak your Indigenous language(s)? Are you a member and involved with the Métis Nation or local? Working in your community is leadership, volunteerism and role modeling.

Do you volunteer with a student club or organization? Are you a childcare provider for family, friends and or your community? Do you participate in any events or programs within your faith or spirituality-based community group? Are you a tutor, peer helper or an on-campus volunteer? This is all leadership and important for you to highlight in your application.

*Your application is about your unique awesomeness, let it shine!*

## **Awards, publications and conferences!**

Have you been the recipient of a faculty award or scholarship? Have you written and published (co-published) articles, journals or presented your research projects outside of your class? Have you presented at any conferences? We want to know.

## **Hours Acknowledged!**

When demonstrating volunteerism, community involvement and leadership, it is helpful to know approximately how many hours you spent, supporting these activities. For example, "this semester, I volunteered ten hours with the Métis Nation as an Elder's Helper and fifteen hours with the Indigenous Students' Council." If your referee(s) are able to verify the hours you worked in these different activities, it would strengthen your application.

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