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265 BC Aboriginal students will share over \$800,000 in awards for college and university education this year.

VICTORIA – The Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society has granted a total of \$813,000 to a record 265 Aboriginal students in BC to support their studies at post-secondary colleges and universities throughout the province. This represents a near doubling in the number and value of Aboriginal Awards granted by the Society the previous year.

The Society's Aboriginal Awards program is funded from the returns on a \$12 million endowment fund established by the Province, and an additional \$2M fund created in 2012 to encourage more Aboriginal students to become teachers, and \$1M for Aboriginal students pursuing Masters and Doctoral studies. Awards of between \$1,000 and \$5,500 each are issued to students through a competitive process every year. The awards programs are intended to assist in removing barriers to higher education for the province's Aboriginal peoples.

"Throughout our province, more Aboriginal students are succeeding in their post-secondary studies and taking advantage of the exciting job opportunities," said Advanced Education Minister Amrik Virk. "Congratulations to these deserving students, and best of luck in your classes."

In accepting his 2013 Aboriginal Student Award, Gage LeBlanc, who is studying Business Administration at Camosun College, offered the following comment about its impact. "By granting me this award, the financial burden of post-secondary education has been extensively lightened. This will allow me to put more time and effort into my studies...and I am inspired to help others to make the decision to enter a college or university program."

"Aboriginal youth are the fastest growing demographic in our population and yet they are under-represented at our colleges and universities. Through these awards, the Irving K Barber Scholarship Society hopes to encourage more Aboriginal students to pursue post-secondary education to secure the skills and training they will need to reach their full potentials." said Society Chair, Hugh Gordon.

The [Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society](http://www.bcscholarship.ca) provides scholarships to students attending public post-secondary institutions throughout the province and internationally. Since its inception, the Society has awarded over \$5 million from its six scholarship and award programs.

Editors Please Note: A complete list of 2013 Aboriginal Student Award recipients can be found at www.bcscholarship.ca/web/news

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2013 BC Aboriginal Student Award Recipients

Hometown	Name	Institution
100 Mile House	Sonya Charley	Thompson Rivers University
Abbotsford	Alandra Kirschner	College of New Caledonia
Abbotsford	Jessica Curry	University of Victoria
Abbotsford	Jessy Dame	Thompson Rivers University
Abbotsford	Kree Byrne	University of the Fraser Valley
Abbotsford	Terin Lovesar	University of British Columbia
Alert Bay	Adam Dalton	BC Institute of Technology
Anahim Lake	Tina Alexis	Langara College
Bella Bella	Jaimie Harris	Capilano University
Burnaby	Ashley Dobko	University of British Columbia
Burnaby	Dylan Whitney	University of British Columbia
Burnaby	Yahoel Van Essen	BC Institute of Technology
Burnaby, Gitxsan Nation	Sheridan Martin	Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
Campbell River	Jesse Spooner	University of Victoria
Campbell River	Rory Shade	University of British Columbia
Canim Lake	Paige Archie	University of British Columbia
Castlegar	Cameron Opperman	Thompson Rivers University
Castlegar	Kelvin Opperman	Thompson Rivers University
Chilliwack	Aaron Pete	University of the Fraser Valley
Chilliwack	Colette Adolphe	University of the Fraser Valley
Chilliwack	Jordann Hazelwood	University of the Fraser Valley
Clearwater	Jesse Akers	Thompson Rivers University
Comox	Andrea Thibodeau	Vancouver Island University
Comox	Natasha Harsch	University of Victoria
Comox	Ryan Danroth	Simon Fraser University
Coquitlam	Shane Ogilvie	Simon Fraser University
Courtenay	Hailey Schievink	North Island College
Courtenay	Micah Messent	Vancouver Island University
Cranbrook	Ablaza Dobson	College of the Rockies
Cranbrook	Melissa Monsen	College of the Rockies
Cross Lake, MB	Malcolm Cook	University of Victoria
Cumberland	Rylee LaTrace	Camosun College
Dawson Creek	Gary Gordon	University of Victoria
Delta	Elijah-Shawn	Douglas College
Delta	Thomas Buchanan	Selkirk College
Driftpile, AB	Danette Chalifoux	Capilano University
Edmonton	Paul Gully	Thompson Rivers University
Edmonton/Vancouver	Willow Thickson	University of British Columbia
Fauquier	Kiara McLean	Thompson Rivers University
Fort St. James	Kari Hes	University of British Columbia
Fort St. James	Nicole Lodge	University of Northern BC

Fraser Lake	Christina Emmons	University of Northern BC
Fraser Lake	Jordana Luggi	Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Gabriola	William Hoover	University of Victoria
Gibsons	Karlene Ostrosky	University of British Columbia
Gitwangak	Cheyenne Gwa'amuuk	Langara College
Gitwinksihlkw	Paulette Nyce	Native Education College
Kamloops	Ashley-Anne Churchill	University of Victoria
Kamloops	Christina Jacobs	Thompson Rivers University
Kamloops	Colleen Fines	Thompson Rivers University
Kamloops	Danielle Cooley	Simon Fraser University
Kamloops	Hillary McLean	Thompson Rivers University
Kamloops	Jolene Eustache	Thompson Rivers University
Kamloops	Karla Joseph	Thompson Rivers University
Kamloops	Sarah Keppler	Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Kamloops	Tyler Walkden	Okanagan College
Kelowna	Britney Jennison	Okanagan College
Kelowna	Erika Sperandio	University of British Columbia
Kelowna	Matthew Gagnon	University of British Columbia
Kelowna	Paige Lodge	University of British Columbia
Kelowna	Penny O'Leary	Okanagan College
Keremeos	Joshua Vissia	University of the Fraser Valley
Kitimat	Elizabeth Robinson	University of Northern BC
Ladysmith	Alfred Crocker	BC Institute of Technology
Lake Cowichan	Montana Livingstone	University of Victoria
Langley	Chantell Ronkainen	University of the Fraser Valley
Langley	Michael Bergunder	University of British Columbia
Lee Creek	Darryl LeBeau	BC Institute of Technology
Lumby	Amanda Neufeld	University of British Columbia
Lytton	Jade Baxter	Simon Fraser University
Maple Ridge	Alex Duclos	BC Institute of Technology
Maple Ridge	Chad Mack	BC Institute of Technology
Maple Ridge	Corinna Swampy-Miller	Thompson Rivers University
Maple Ridge	Dominic Duclos	Douglas College
Maple Ridge	Julie Harquail	BC Institute of Technology
Maple Ridge	Kate Crawford	University of the Fraser Valley
Maple Ridge	Kyle Lee Desjarlais	BC Institute of Technology
Maple Ridge	Melinda Mack	Simon Fraser University
Maple Ridge	Wendy Lawrence	Thompson Rivers University
Masset	Joshua McLeod	University of Northern BC
Masset, Haida Gwaii	Victoria Grosse	Douglas College
Masset	Christine Johnson	Simon Fraser University
Merritt	Aliyah Rodominski	University of British Columbia
Merritt	Tina Brown	Thompson Rivers University
Mission	Amber Rui	Douglas College
Mount Currie (Lil'wat Nation)	Mason Ducharme	Capilano University
Naksup	Avery Palmer	University of British Columbia
Nanaimo	Ann Seaweed	Vancouver Island University

Nanaimo	Brenda Hanson	Vancouver Island University
Nanaimo	Jason Fortin	Vancouver Island University
Nanaimo	Talyn Ridgway	Vancouver Island University
Nanaimo	Terrence Gordon	University of Victoria
Nemiah Valley	Dalton Baptiste	Thompson Rivers University
New Westminster	Cherisse Klassen	Simon Fraser University
North Vancouver	Alexandra Sheppard	University of British Columbia
North Vancouver	Benjamin Sheppard	University of British Columbia
North Vancouver	Lisa Louise Paull	Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
North Vancouver	Michael Mucha	University of British Columbia
Oliver	Dallas Keller	Okanagan College
Parksville	Zakary Myers	Vancouver Island University
Parksville/Nanoose Bay	Jamie Coutts	Vancouver Island University
Penticton	Logan Carpenter	University of British Columbia
Penticton	Taylor Carpenter	University of Victoria
Port Alberni	David Graham	University of Northern BC
Port Alberni	Meagan Stewart	Vancouver Island University
Port Alberni	Ricky-Lee Watt	University of Victoria
Port Alberni	Sydney Nicholson-Mieras	University of Victoria
Port Coquitlam	Sean Fitzgerald	University of British Columbia
Port Moody	Kelsey Spence	Capilano University
Port Moody	Tara Langlois	Douglas College
Powell River	Melina Sparks	University of Victoria
Power River	Kelsey Louis	University of British Columbia
Prince George	Angela Carter	College of New Caledonia
Prince George	Misty Ackles	BC Institute of Technology
Prince George	Sara French	Simon Fraser University
Prince Rupert	Alissa Derrick	Simon Fraser University
Prince Rupert	Crystal Adams	Vancouver Island University
Prince Rupert	Hannah Bjorndal	University of Northern BC
Prince Rupert	Jeffery Nicholls	University of Victoria
Prince Rupert	Shelly Samuels	University of Northern BC
Quesnel	Ryan LeBlanc	University of British Columbia
Regina, SK	Kear Porttris	University of Victoria
Revelstoke	Jenelle Tetrault	University of British Columbia
Roberts Creek	Bailey Quinn	University of British Columbia
Salmon Arm	Cassandra Gunn	Okanagan College
Salmon Arm	Robin Arnouse	Okanagan College
Sechelt	Sheryle Quinn	University of Victoria
Skidegate	Hailey Chapman	Douglas College
Skidegate	Treena Decker	Northwest Community College
Sooke	Gage LeBlanc	Camosun College
Squamish	Alana Acorn	Vancouver Island University
Squamish	Kayla Uren	Simon Fraser University
Surrey	Amiee Risby	Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Surrey	Courtney Brown	Douglas College
Surrey	Dallis Warren	Douglas College

Surrey	Delainn Urdiga	University of British Columbia
Surrey	James Dekker	Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Surrey	Mikayla Hart	Capilano University
Terrace	Tasha Graham	University of Northern BC
Ucluelet	Jonothan H Wenstob	University of Victoria
Vancouver	Amanda LaBoucane	Douglas College
Vancouver	Cassandra Puckett	Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
Vancouver	Chantal Martin	University of British Columbia
Vancouver	Colinda Frank	University of British Columbia
Vancouver	Ellena Neel	Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Vancouver	Faith Crawford	University of British Columbia
Vancouver	Heather Johnny	Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Vancouver	Jaimie Garlough	University of British Columbia
Vancouver	James Harry	Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Vancouver	Joseph Currie-Bastine	Langara College
Vancouver	Julie Jones	Douglas College
Vancouver	Kayla Baldwin	University of British Columbia
Vancouver	Mikah Fox	BC Institute of Technology
Vancouver	Rahmael Sale	Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
Vancouver	Robert Nisyok	BC Institute of Technology
Vancouver	Stephanie Morsette	Langara College
Vancouver	Stephen Cain	Douglas College
Vancouver	Steven Olsen	University of British Columbia
Vancouver	Zoe Friesen	University of British Columbia
Vernon	Jessica Hamilton	Okanagan College
Victoria	Amanda Williams	Capilano University
Victoria	Amy Des Roches	Camosun College
Victoria	Cheyenne Desorcy	Camosun College
Victoria	Justin Fontaine	University of Victoria
Victoria	Karra Pierce	Western College of Veterinary Medicine
Victoria	Keisha Jones	Camosun College
Victoria	Kelly Moen	University of Victoria
Victoria	Lou-ann Neel	Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Victoria	Madelynn Slade	University of Victoria
Victoria	Pamela Webster	Camosun College
Victoria	Rachel Linklater	University of Victoria
Victoria	Scharah Cooper	University of Victoria
Victoria	Shelley LaFrance	University of Victoria
Victoria	Trent Thomas	University of British Columbia
West Kelowna	Candice Loring	University of British Columbia
West Kelowna	Naomi Baker	Okanagan College
Westbank	Mary Song	University of British Columbia
Westbank	Reba Ladron De Guevara	University of British Columbia
Williams Lake	James Smith	University of Victoria
Williams Lake	Victoria Booth	Thompson Rivers University
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	Thompson Rivers University
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Undisclosed	Name Withheld	Vancouver Island University
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	Selkirk College
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	University of British Columbia
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	University of the Fraser Valley
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	Camosun College
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	Vancouver Island University
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	University of British Columbia
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	BC Institute of Technology
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	Vancouver Community College
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	University of British Columbia
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	Native Education College
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	University of British Columbia

2013 BC Aboriginal Student Award Recipients – Master’s/Doctoral

Hometown	Name	Institution
Burns Lake	Spencer Greening	University of Northern BC
Chemainus	Gil James	University of British Columbia
Courtenay	Cheryl Aro	University of Victoria
Dawson Creek	Jeanette Lequiere-Tough	Royal Roads University
Gitwangak	Jenny Morgan	University of Victoria
Kamloops	Dixie Smeeton	Thompson Rivers University
Kelowna	Toben McFarlane	University of British Columbia
Madeira Park	Amber Perreca	University of British Columbia
Nanaimo	Courtney Wylie	Royal Roads University
Nanaimo	Joan Brown	University of Victoria
Nanaimo	Rachelle Beaulieu	Vancouver Island University
Nanose Bay	Natasha Wawrykow	University of British Columbia
North Saanich	Audrey Henry	Royal Roads University
North Vancouver	Doreen Manuel	University of British Columbia
North Vancouver	Lorna Hanuse	University of Victoria
Pacheedaht First Nation	Roxy Merl Jones	University of Victoria
Port Hardy	Sara Child	University of Victoria
Prince George	Jennifer Pighin	University of Northern BC
Prince George	Leona Prince	University of Northern BC
Prince George	Shelly Niemi	University of Northern BC
Prince George	Susan Burke	University of Northern BC
Prince Rupert	Jessie King	University of Northern BC
Queen's Cove	Victoria Wells	University of Victoria
Saanichton	Nicholas Claxton	University of Victoria
Saanichton & Zeballos	Dawn Smith	University of British Columbia
Salmon Arm	Dion Kaszas	University of British Columbia
Sechelt	Dionne Paul	Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Stellat'en First Nation	Janine Luggi	University of Northern BC
Surrey	Michael Kirkness	Simon Fraser University
Vancouver	Baillie Redfern	University of British Columbia

Vancouver	David Didier	University of British Columbia
Vancouver	Don McIntyre	University of British Columbia
Vancouver	Francine Cunningham	University of British Columbia
Vancouver	Johanna Sam	University of British Columbia
Vancouver	June Scudeler	University of British Columbia
Vancouver	Kinwa Bluesky	University of British Columbia
Vancouver	Lisa Tobber	University of British Columbia
Vancouver	Ryan Atimoyoo	University of British Columbia
Vernon	Cherry Smiley	Simon Fraser University
Victoria	Jessica Bekker	University of Victoria
Victoria	Lorne Sahara	Royal Roads University
Victoria	Trena Sutton	University of Victoria
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	University of Victoria
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	University of British Columbia
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	University of British Columbia

2013 Aboriginal Teacher Education Award Recipients

Hometown	Name	Institution
Bella Bella	Dawn Wilson	University of British Columbia
Bella Bella	Flora Andy	University of British Columbia
Bella Bella	Jackie Windsor	University of British Columbia
Bella Bella	Lily Innes	University of British Columbia
Bella Bella	Lori Humchitt	University of British Columbia
Bella Bella	Monika Waterfall	Vancouver Island University
Bella Bella	Stacey Newman	Vancouver Island University
Bella Bella	Verna Wilson	University of British Columbia
Brentwood Bay	Penawen Elliot	University of Victoria
Chilliwack	Valerie Tosoff	Simon Fraser University
Duncan	Darla Smith	University of British Columbia
Lytton	Tiffany Adams	Thompson Rivers University
Merritt	Florence Joe	Vancouver Island University
North Vancouver	Kara Campbell	University of British Columbia
Penticton	Julian Caldwell	En'owkin Centre
Port Hardy	Rita Hunt	University of Victoria
Port Hardy	Verna Chartrand	University of Victoria
Saanichton	Lorelei McEvay	University of Victoria
Squamish	Katherine Acorn	Vancouver Island University
Sugarcane Reserve, Williams Lake	Dancing Water Lulua	University of British Columbia
Surrey	Kimberly Sawchuk	Simon Fraser University
Terrace	Carrie Koopmans	University of Northern BC
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	University of Victoria
Undisclosed	Name Withheld	University of the Fraser Valley