



The Ex Libris Association Indigenous Student Bursary



The **Ex Libris Association** (ELA) offers an Indigenous Student Bursary of \$2,500 to an Indigenous student in a first or second year of library or archival studies – at the masters or technician level. Education students pursuing teacher librarian certification are also eligible.

ELA's goal in offering the bursary is to encourage more Indigenous voices among staff in all types of libraries. ELA is partnered with **Indspire** which manages the bursary. We acknowledge a significant annual donation to the bursary fund from **Library Bound Inc.** and welcome additional sponsors.

Donors, Sponsors, and Applicants can find more information about the bursary on the **ELA website** at:

<https://www.exlibris.ca/awards:ex-libris-association-indigenous-bursary>

Application deadlines for bursaries and scholarships through **Indspire** are February 1, August 1, November 1 at 11:59 p.m. EST. Students can find more information on how to apply at:

<https://indspire.ca/programs/students/bursaries-scholarships/>

With thanks for their support to:



The Impact

2024 “Receiving this bursary has been a life-changing experience for me: I am now enrolled full-time in my studies and can begin my path to a life-long career in the library field much sooner than I could have without the Ex Libris Association’s generous support.” *Library Technician Student, Red River College Polytechnic*

2025 “Receiving this bursary has significantly eased the financial burden of my studies, allowing me to dedicate more time and energy to my academic and professional goals. This support has been valuable in helping me to remain focused on achieving success in my program.” *Master’s candidate in Information Studies, University of Toronto*

2026 “Receiving the bursary has supported me by easing the financial burden of the high cost of living. As a graduate student in Library and Information Science, the workload is extremely heavy. Finding time to pick up a part-time job is nearly impossible. Thankfully, the ELA's support has allowed me to devote my focus to my studies and excel in my program, stress-free of any financial burden. As a Mi'kmaw woman I am forever grateful to have your financial support and investment in my future. Wela'lin (Thank you).” *MLIS student, Western University*

The Sponsors & Partners

ELA is the national Canadian association of people who have spent an important part of their work life in libraries, archives, and adjunct fields, and remain interested in historical and current issues related to those institutions, as well as the personal welfare of their fellow members.

Indspire is an Indigenous charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people for the long-term benefit of these individuals, their families and communities, and Canada. Since 1996, Indspire has provided over \$190 million in financial support to more than 59,000 First Nations, Inuit and Métis students.

Library Bound is Canada’s largest wholesaler solely dedicated to serving the needs of public libraries. For more than 25 years, its committed and experienced staff have been striving to develop innovative and cost-effective solutions for the changing needs of Canadian libraries.