



2015 scholarship & bursary recipients

Geneva Houlden - GSU scholarship

Payton Stoppler - GSU scholarship

Mikayla Walker - GSU scholarship

Beth Zelensky - GSU scholarship

Recipients are chosen based on their essay submission and community involvement.
One 2015 GSU scholarship remains unclaimed.

Jennelle McArthur - GSU bursary

There is no essay requirement for the GSU First Nations University of Canada bursary. Our recipient is chosen by the First Nations University scholarship board based on credit hours, financial need, leadership, participation and involvement in on-campus and student activities.

Geneva Houlden

Political Science Major;
Crime, Law & Justice
Studies Minor

University of
Saskatchewan



Geneva was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. She attended Aden Bowman and graduated with high honours in 2014. She just completed her first year in arts and science studying political studies, and is hoping to pursue a career in law one day.

Geneva has spent the last three summers working at the Saskatoon and District Labour Council's Summer Snack Program, a lunch program for kids in need in low income neighbourhoods. During the school year, Geneva is a member of student council and will be a peer mentor in the fall.

"I am very grateful to be a recipient of a GSU scholarship. It will definitely help me to pursue my educational goals and ease some of the stress that comes with ever-rising tuition rates. Thanks, GSU!"

Geneva is the daughter of GSU member Michelle Houlden (GSU Local 5 - Western Producer).



Payton Stoppler

Medical Laboratory
Technology

Saskatchewan
Polytechnic
- Kelsey Campus



Payton Stoppler was raised in Montmartre, Saskatchewan. She completed her schooling in Montmartre and graduated from Montmartre High School in June 2015.

Payton will be attending the medical laboratory technology program at the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Kelsey Campus in Saskatoon.

"Thanks so much for the scholarship, it will definitely be put to good use! (Textbooks aren't cheap)."

Payton is the daughter of Timothy Stoppler (GSU Local 15 - Crop Production Services).



Mikayla Walker

New Media
Communications and
Graphic Design

Saskatchewan
Polytechnic - Regina



Mikayla was born in Grande Prairie, AB. In 2015 Mikayla left her family and moved from Yorkton to live as a billet in Regina so she could be on the Regina Synchro team for her 12th year of synchro.

Mikayla recently completed her grade 12 year at Archbishop M.C O'Neill high school in Regina and this autumn she will attend Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Regina for a new media communications and graphic designing course. She also plans to continue her synchronized swimming.

"Thank you GSU for the scholarship!"

Mikayla is the daughter of GSU member Clinton Walker (GSU Local 4 - Grain Millers).



Beth Zelensky

Major in Agronomy

University of Saskatchewan
College of Agriculture
& Bioresources



Beth was born in Prince Albert, SK and raised on a farm just north of the city. She graduated from Meath Park School in 2014.

This autumn Beth will be a second year student in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan where she is majoring in Agronomy.

"I would like to thank the Grain and General Services Union for their generous scholarship. It's greatly appreciated, and will be a huge help as I pursue the rest of my schooling."

Beth is a GSU member in Local 16 (Prince Albert Co-op) where she has spent the past two summers working as a summer student.



Jenelle McArthur

Indigenous Social Work

First Nations University
of Canada



I was lost for words when I was informed that I have been chosen to be the recipient of the generous bursary that is being awarded by the Grain and General Services. This particular day I had to talk to my student advisor about my financial difficulty to see if he had any suggestions for my financial hardships. I went from my advisors office to the office next door where I was told the heart lifting, stress relieving news that I have been chosen for this bursary! It is amazing how quickly life can change. I felt an incredible amount of gratitude towards humanity and for the generosity that exists within our world. I am still wondering why receiving an education is made to be a difficult task when there is so much willing and wanting students that have the desire to become the best they can be. It should not be a financial burden to pursue a post secondary education. Thankfully there are organizations that support students to pursue their goals.

I feel appreciated and recognized for doing what I am passionate about doing. This bursary motivates me to continue on the path that I am on. I feel rewarded for making the choices I have made, thus far.

I have currently completed my 5th semester of the Indigenous Social Work Program. I am well into my degree and I have truly found my passion for my studies. Through my studies I have gained a great understanding of who I am. I have great intentions for my life. Your generosity has given me a sense of pride for being able to provide for me and my children. On behalf of my children and me, thank you!!



GSU scholarship

GSU is pleased to offer \$2,000 scholarships to five students who demonstrate an ability and a passion to inspire positive change in their community.

The scholarship competition is open to GSU members, their spouses, and dependent children who have not previously won.

Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in a diploma, degree, or certificate program at a community college, university, trade school, or technical institute as a full-time student in any country.

GSU First Nations University of Canada bursary

The bursary is open to an Aboriginal student enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours at the First Nations University of Canada.

Applicants must have successfully completed a minimum of 30 credit hours (not including ENGL 90/91 and AMTH 001/002/003 classes) to a maximum of 60 credit hours in any area of study leading to a degree.

Financial need, leadership, participation and involvement in on-campus and student activities will be considered in the selection of recipient.

Information on GSU scholarships and our bursary are available on GSU's web page at www.gsu.ca.

