## Call for Nominations

## Inaugural CUPE 3911 Indigenous Undergraduate Student Award

In December 2021, the CUPE Local 3911 established a new award called the **Arising to Action Indigenous Undergraduate Student Award.** Two awards in the amount of $1,000 will be offered annually to Indigenous undergraduate students at Athabasca University. The intent of the award is to support Indigenous learners’ educational access, achievement, and success at Athabasca University by financially supporting their higher education journeys.

**Eligibility:** Open to Indigenous (Status Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/First Nations, Métis and Inuit) AU students in any degree program, in any year of study. Nominees can be part-time or full-time AU students.

**Nominations:** There are two options for nominations:

1. Students may nominate themselves.
2. Any AU staff member or student may nominate a student. There must be no conflict of interest in the relationship between nominator and nominee (i.e., a family member).

**Application procedure:**

1. Fill in the requested details on the nomination form (below).
2. If you are nominating someone else, include a signed copy of the form, Consent to Disclosure of Personal Information (below).
3. Applicants must provide proof of their Indigenous ancestry. Acceptable forms of proof include one of the following:
	* certificate of Indian Status, a status card or a valid band membership card
	* letter from their band verifying their status
	* membership card issues by a Métis organization the student is registered with (Métis organization must be a legal entity)
	* certified copy of a Nunavut Trust Certificate card or Inuit beneficiary card
	* letter of support from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada or Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
	* letter of support from a First Nation, Métis or Inuit organization (must be a legal entity) confirming the applicant’s Indigenous ancestry
4. Email the application to administrator@cupe3911.ca.

**NOMINATION DEADLINE: November 4, 2022**

**Selection Committee:** The Selection Committee is composed of six members delegated by Athabasca University Students Union (AUSU), Nukskahtowin, and CUPE 3911.

If you have any questions, please direct them to administrator@cupe3911.ca.

**NOMINATION FORM**

Part 1: Nominee and Nominator Information
NOMINEE (including self-nomination):
Name:

AU Student ID No:
Address:
City & Province:

Postal Code:
Telephone No:

Email Address:

NOMINATOR (if applicable):
Name:
Address:
City & Province:

Postal Code:
Telephone No:

Email Address:
What is your role at AU?

How do you know the nominee?

Part 2: Short Essay

The information you provide in Part 2 will inform the Selection Committee’s decision. You may be contacted by the Selection Committee for further details. Only the Selection Committee members will have access to the information you provide. They will maintain absolute confidentiality, and all nomination forms and accompanying information will be destroyed immediately following the award selection. If you are a nominator, answer the questions based on your knowledge of the nominee.

* 1. Please address the following question, narratively or in point form, in 250 words or less: Why does this award matter to you? If you are nominating a student, why does this award matter for that student?
	2. Also please answer one of the questions below (minimum 250 words, maximum 500):
* What course(s) have you taken at AU that have had the most impact on you and why?
* What are your future aspirations and how will your coursework at AU support those aspirations?
* How does or will your education contribute in some form to ‘giving back’ to your community in the future?
* Why have you chosen to nominate this student for the award?

CONSENT TO DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION RE:

## ARISING TO ACTION

## CUPE 3911 Indigenous Undergraduate Student Award Selection Procedure

This form is for students who are being nominated by another individual. The form is not required by students who self-nominate.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ consent to the disclosure of my personal information by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to the Indigenous Undergraduate Student Award Selection Committee (the Committee being composed of four members delegated by CUPE 3911, one member delegated by AUSU, and one member delegated by Nukskatowin) for the purposes of the selection process of a recipient for the Arising to Action Award: the CUPE 3911 Indigenous Undergraduate Student Award. I understand that all nomination forms and accompanying information will be destroyed immediately following the award selection.

(Nominee)

(Nominator)

 Nominee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Print and attach to the completed Nomination Form

Scan and Email to: administrator@cupe3911.ca.

All nominations and consent forms must be received by November 4, 2022.