

LIVING SKY CASINO INDIGENOUS ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE) PERSISTENCE AWARD

About the Award

The Indigenous ABE Persistence Award is provided by Living Sky Casino and Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Association (SIGA). It is designed to recognize the perseverance of ABE students in the Indigenous community by offering monetary awards to Indigenous students who are actively enrolled in the Adult Basic Education program at Great Plains College. Students must be enrolled in the Maple Creek or Swift Current ABE program and must demonstrate their dedication to pursuing further education.

A total of three (3) awards of \$1,000 will be provided in 2022-23 for students actively enrolled in either the Adult 10, GED, Grade 12 or Upgrading programs. Great Plains College will base their selection of the award to applicants on the eligibility criteria below.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time in the Great Plains College Adult Basic Education program, in one of the Adult 10, GED, Grade 12 or Upgrading programs at the Maple Creek Program Centre or Swift Current Campus.
 - In the event of a change in a student's course load during the program year, the student must maintain a minimum of two (2) courses until program completion, in order to remain eligible.
- The applicant must be of Indigenous ancestry.
- Applicants must demonstrate that, through personal determination, they have managed to overcome barriers in order to continue with their formal education.
 - Applicants will provide a brief statement of up to 750 words that describes the struggles and obstacles they have overcome in order to pursue formal education in the ABE program. The barriers can be social, family-related, financial, prior academic challenges, etc. Applicants will also be asked to include their personal (i.e. academic, employment or career) goals for the future.
 - An 'ABE Statement of Persistence Template' is available on the next page that provides an outline of leading questions that can be used by applicants as a guide in writing their statement of persistence.
- Applicants will also be evaluated on their attendance up to the application deadline date, classroom conduct, and motivation and commitment to their studies.
- Students are only eligible to receive this award once while enrolled in the Adult Basic Education program.

Application Form

The application form is attached and/or available online at <https://www.greatplainscollege.ca/admissions-scholarships>.

Application Process

To apply for the award, please submit the following by email to development@greatplainscollege.ca by the deadline of **November 21, 2022 at 4 p.m.**

- Fully completed Application Form, signed and dated. Ensure all areas are completed.
- Statement of Persistence, no longer than 750 words.
- Proof of Indigenous ancestry – photocopy of status card, Metis membership card, or formal letter of support from an appropriate First Nations community leader (proof must accompany the submission in order for the application to be considered).

Questions? Please speak to Kim Wellings (Student Adviser, Maple Creek Program Centre) or Shannon Mitchell (Program Coordinator, Swift Current Campus) for any assistance with the application process or requirements.



Adult Basic Education (ABE) Persistence Award Statement of Persistence Template

The following questions provide an outline of leading questions that can be used by applicants as a guide in writing their statement of persistence. The statement length can be up to 750 words.

Please note that the below questions are only provided as a sample outline. Applicants are encouraged to add or edit to fit your unique story and style.

Paragraph 1:

- Introduce yourself
 - Who are you?
 - Where are you from?
 - What program are you enrolled in at Great Plains College?

Paragraph 2:

- Tell us about some of the obstacles and challenges you have faced and overcome, or those that you continue to deal with.
 - Challenges can be educational, family-related, social, financial, other.
- What would you consider was the most difficult challenge in coming back to school?

Paragraph 3:

- Tell us about how you got to this point at the college.
- What was the turning point and describe where you are at in your life now?
- Tell us what you are hopeful about.

Paragraph 4:

- What are your goals going forward – personal, education, employment and/or career?
- How would an education help you?
- How have you persisted throughout your path in life?
- How would the ABE Persistence Award help you?

Paragraph 5:

- Conclusion – summarize what you have written about.
- Why would this award be meaningful to you?
- Thank readers for considering your application.

Please consider the above as a guide to assist you in telling your story of persistence.



APPLICATION FORM

**LIVING SKY CASINO
INDIGENOUS ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE) PERSISTENCE AWARD**

Personal Information

Student's Full Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ **Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Personal Email:** _____

Indigenous Self-Declaration:

- First Nation (Non-Status)
- First Nation (Status)
- Métis
- Inuit

Please provide supporting documentation to prove Indigenous ancestry. Documentation can include photocopy of status card, Metis membership card, or formal letter of support from an appropriate First Nations community leader. Proof must accompany the submission in order for the application to be considered.

Program:

- Adult 10
- GED
- Grade12
- Upgrading

Program Location:

- Maple Creek
- Swift Current

Statement of Persistence

Please write a brief statement (no longer than 750 words or one typed page) that describes the struggles and obstacles you had to overcome in order to pursue formal education in the ABE program. The barriers can be social, family-related, financial, past academic, etc. Please refer to the 'Statement of Persistence' template for a list of leading questions to guide your submission.

Privacy

In accordance with applicable laws, Great Plains College collects, uses and discloses your personal information to carry out its operations and to provide services to you (for example, to provide you with academic programming and other related services) in accordance with its Privacy Policy (<https://www.greatplainscollege.ca/about-us/policies>).

For more information about how we collect, use and disclose your personal information, please see our [Privacy Policy](#) or contact Great Plains College's Privacy Officer (by mail at: 129 2nd Ave NE, Swift Current, SK, S9H 2C6, or by email at: privacy@greatplainscollege.ca).

- I acknowledge that I have read Great Plains College's [Privacy Policy](#) and I consent to Great Plains College's collection, use and disclosure of my personal information, as outlined above.

Consent to use personal image and information (please check one box below)

This form authorizes Great Plains College to use your personal image and limited personal information for marketing and promotional purposes related to the college. These may include, but are not limited to, brochures, newspaper and website advertising, television, radio and multimedia productions for Great Plains College. A personal image may include photographs and audio or video recordings. Personal information may include your testimonial, college program and location and year of graduation. This activity is conducted under the authority of the Regional Colleges Act 1988, which mandates the provision of adult education programs and services to the residents of Saskatchewan. Your personal image and information will be used in a manner consistent with the privacy provisions of the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. To request your image and information not be used as outlined above, please phone the Communications Unit at 1 (866) 296-2472 extension 5475.

- Please feel free to use my personal image for marketing and promotional purposes.
- Please do not use my personal image for marketing and promotional purposes

Acknowledgment (please check the box to indicate your agreement):

- I hereby certify that all the information on this form is true and complete. I understand that false information may result in cancellation of my admission or status as a registered student and/or scholarship/award recipient. I agree to abide by Great Plains College rules and regulations, including payment of fees. I have read and understand the college's statements on "Privacy" and "Consent to use personal image and information."

Signature of Applicant

Date