

Investing in Indigenous Scholars Scholarship Essay Guidelines

Students applying for this scholarship are required to submit an essay (written or oral) to the scholarship committee. The essay should meet the criteria listed below.

CityU welcomes Indigenous ways of knowing and learning. If you would like to submit your response in a format that represents your Indigenous culture or if you have any questions about applying to this award, please contact the scholarship office and/or the Indigenous Campus Advocate.

Essay Topic: Tell your story.

The essay submitted should include the following content:

- a. A personal statement that introduces yourself, explains why you should be awarded the scholarship, and the impact the scholarship will have on your future.
- b. A discussion demonstrating your contributions and commitment to the Indigenous community.
- c. A description of how you plan to use this opportunity to support the Indigenous community after graduation.
- d. A 1-2 paragraph explanation of your need for financial assistance. Including any financial or personal circumstances outside of your control that impact your need for financial assistance.

The essay must meet the following structural requirements:

- a. Students must submit a response that is between 1000 and 1500 words (2-3 pages single spaced). Essays may be submitted as a word-processed document or as an audio recording.
- b. The essay should be uploaded as one attachment to your application. If your essay is being submitted as an audio file, a second attachment may be uploaded as needed.
- c. **Optional:** Students may include a title page if there is imagery or artwork they would like to include with their submission. However, a title page is **not** required.

Writing the Essay:

Things to keep in mind:

- This is a personal essay, it should center you! Feel free to be creative in expressing yourself.
- Ensure the ideas shared clearly answer and are connected to the essay criteria noted above.
- Proofread and polish your essay. (But, don't stress if you notice a typo after submitting. It happens to us all and will not hurt your application.)

The CityU library provides access to Smarthinking tutor services and online writing guides. Visit the [Writing Assignments Help page of the CityU library](#) to access these resources.