Atuqtuarvik Corporation Celebrates it's 2026 Scholarship Recipients

The Board of Directors and Staff of Atuqtuarvik Corporation are pleased to award six educational scholarships annually to Inuit students pursuing post-secondary education. We are delighted to announce the scholarship recipients for 2026.

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20th Anniversary Scholarships: The Atuqtuarvik Corporation 20th Anniversary Scholarships were created in 2020 to celebrate Atuqtuarvik Corporation's contributions and these scholarships are for $2,500 each.



April Ollie, Arviat

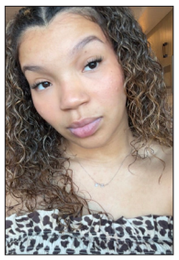
April is pursuing a Master of Education degree with a concentration in Indigenous Perspectives in Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning at the University of Manitoba. She wants to become a leader who understands the experiences of Inuit students and recognizes the importance of culture, language, identity, and community in education. She aspires to work at the new Inuit Nunangat University and to ultimately help build a future in which Inuit are not only participants in educational systems but also leaders within them.



Mea Aitaok, Cambridge Bay

Mea is pursuing her Early Childhood Education diploma at Saskatchewan Polytechnic. She understands that early childhood education is an important aspect of developing one's self-confidence, sense of self and overall understanding of the world around them. Following completing her ECE diploma, she aims to earn a Bachelor of Education to become a pre-school teacher. She aspires to open a childcare center in Nunavut that integrates the land, language, culture, and education that allows them to flourish with pride, resilience, and belonging.

Nunavut Sivuniksavut Alumni Scholarships: The two $2,500 Atuqtuarvik Corporation's Nunavut Sivuniksavut Alumni Scholarships were created to recognize the Nunavut Sivuniksavut (NS) program and to provide support to graduating students who are pursuing post-secondary education.



Marthajoy Qaqqasiq, Pangnirtung

Marthajoy graduated from the second year Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program in 2025 and is now in her Bachelor of Arts Honours program majoring in law at Carleton University. She enjoys challenges and the feeling of accomplishment, so after she completes her degree, she plans on getting into law school to become a lawyer. Marthajoy knows the Inuit Qaujimatuqangiit values, culture, land, and language and plans to use her legal knowledge to help advocate for Inuit, her community and our territory.



Shaunya Ullulaq, Gjoa Haven

Shaunya graduated from the first year Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program in 2026 and is now pursuing Business Management and Entrepreneurship at Algonquin College. She wants to develop a strong foundation in business and gain practical knowledge to help improve programs, services, and opportunities for people in Nunavut. Shaunya's long-term goal is to use her newly developed skills to build a successful career while also giving back to the territory that she grew up in.

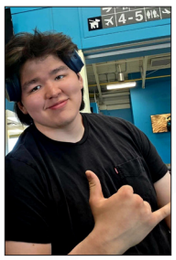
Atuqtuarvik Corporation John Hickes Business Scholarship: The John Hickes Business Scholarship was created in 2018 to honour John's leadership. This scholarship awards one student $5000 who is pursuing post-secondary studies in business.

Dennis Lyall Memorial Trades Scholarship: The Dennis Lyall Memorial Trades Scholarship honours the lifetime achievements of Dennis Lyall. This scholarship awards one student $5000 who is pursuing post-secondary studies in a trade.



Amy Aingidlik, Rankin Inlet

Amy is entering her second year of Business Administration, majoring in Marketing at Red River College Polytech. In 2016, she earned a diploma in Fashion Design and Apparel Production at MC College and used that knowledge to become an entrepreneur. As marketing becomes increasingly digital, she knows there are opportunities for Nunavummiut to reach customers beyond our communities. Amy wants to help Inuit entrepreneurs gain confidence in marketing themselves, build their brands, and tell their own stories in ways that feel authentic to them. When she completes her studies, her goal is to combine her background in fashion, her experiences, and her education in marketing to create opportunities for herself while also sharing what she learns with others.



Morgan Kakuktinniq, Rankin Inlet

Morgan is enrolled in his first year of the Apprentice Electrician program at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Alberta. Becoming a Red Seal journeyman will allow him to take on greater responsibility and train future electricians to pass on his knowledge and help more Inuit develop stable careers without having to leave their communities. He plans to earn an electrical engineering degree and has the goal to establish an Inuit-owned electrical contracting company to serve communities in Nunavut. Ultimately, he wants his career to be about more than personal success. He wants to contribute to the development of Nunavut, share his knowledge and help create more opportunities within Nunavut and strengthen local economies.

Atuqtuarvik Corporation is proud to support April, Mea, Marthajoy, Shaunya, Amy, and Morgan in achieving their post-secondary goals!

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