



**THE  
RUTH SHEAD**  
Memorial Scholarship



**“ACHIEVING RECONCILIATION IS LIKE CLIMBING A MOUNTAIN – WE MUST PROCEED A STEP AT A TIME. IT WILL NOT ALWAYS BE EASY. THERE WILL BE STORMS, THERE WILL BE OBSTACLES, BUT WE CANNOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE DAUNTED BY THE TASK BECAUSE OUR GOAL IS JUST AND IT IS ALSO NECESSARY.” - JUSTICE MURRAY SINCLAIR**

**\$500  
SCHOLARSHIP**

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*For Indigenous, Metis  
or Inuit students  
enrolled in any type of  
post-secondary school.*



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GROUP OF COMPANIES

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Ruth Melrose Shead (nee Asham)  
 April 25, 1915 - May 8, 2012

*Ruth attended Elkhorn Indian Residential School for three years. In 1924 at the age of 9, she and two of her siblings were among its first students. "I did not like that place." Ruth would later write in her memoirs. "You can believe what bad things you hear are all true."*

*Ruth only spoke of her memories at Elkhorn on rare occasion with other students who attended the school. Even then they chose not to discuss all that they experienced, choosing instead to focus on happier moments or the mischief they got into.*

*Ruth went on to marry Harry Shead, and bring seven children into the world. She is remembered for her wit, laughter and the love she showed her family.*

*Today, Ruth would be proud of the various accomplishments of her grand children and great grandchildren, and she would, know doubt, feel hopeful for the positive difference that the Indigenous youth of Canada will make in our country and world.*

#### Scholarship Requirements

The Ruth Shead Memorial Scholarship of \$500 is open for applications until April 30th, 2024. Successful applicant will be contacted by June 15th, 2024.

- Must have been a student in the Wolf Creek School Division.
- Proof of full-time registration and attendance in a secondary school program (college, university, trade school)
- Canadian Indigenous Status in accordance with the federal laws of Canada.
- Proof of age (candidates must be 21 years of age or younger).
- Copy of current most recent year academic transcripts.
- A short one-page, two-part essay describing the academic future the student wishes to engage in and their personal thoughts on Truth and Reconciliation.
- A reference letter from a teacher, guidance counsellor or principal, or mentor.



# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please include this check list in your application package.  
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- Your contact information: email, phone, mailing address
- Most recent year of transcripts
- Proof of Indigenous status
- Proof of age
- Letter of reference
- Proof of registration into a secondary institution
- One-page essay

Completed applications can be sent either by email or mail to:



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