



Lifting up our
community...

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide opportunities for urban Indigenous people on their journey to success through education and training, secondary and post-secondary scholarships, and the relief of poverty.

Urban Spirit Foundation



The Urban Spirit Foundation (USF) was first established in 2007. In what seems like a short time since, we have worked to create our vision, build our leadership, support our local community, and engage with people who have been so moved by our purpose that they have made valued contributions of many kinds.



Our Annual Chili n' Bannock Fundraiser returned in 2021!

CORE PURPOSE

- Education and employment training
- Scholarship / bursary awards for secondary and post-secondary students
- Short-term assistance

OUR VALUES

RESPECT - Yourself and Each Other

HONOR - Through Dignity, Honesty and Accountability

SHARING - Our Experiences and Wisdom

KINDNESS - In our Actions

“My life has never been easy. Thank you to USF for this scholarship, and for a chance at pursuing my dreams” - **HANNAH HARRISON**



Hannah Harrison
(Métis and Kwakwaka'wakw Nations)

Hannah is the recipient of a USF Scholarship to attend UBC. She is passionate about studying how the brain works and the biological motivators behind certain actions and decisions. She aspires to one day be a neuroscientist or clinical psychiatrist.

Paul Black
(Chipewyan Prairie First Nation)

Paul Black is attending Native Education College and is enrolled in the Indigenous Justice Studies program. USF awarded Paul with a scholarship to help him pursue his studies and follow his dreams.



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Organization Chart



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR DONORS



Jamal Rodgerson
(Kiniston Saulteaux Nation)

Jamal is the recipient of the USF Top Student award. He is currently working on his level 3 electrical certification through ACCESS, with ambitions to earn his Red Seal and one day start his own company.

"Thank you for recognizing me as a candidate for the USF Scholarship award." - **MAYA MARK**

Maya Mark
(Haida and Nisga'a Nations)

Maya is currently enrolled in the Tourism Management program at BCIT, where she'll attend this Fall with the support of the USF Scholarship award.

