



## 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.

USF continues to work with and support urban Indigenous people with employment and training needs during Covid-19. Although the USF Charity Golf Tournament has been cancelled this year due to Covid-19, USF continues to provide scholarships and grants towards the relief of poverty in the urban Indigenous community in Metro Vancouver. We are thinking outside the box to find new and innovative means to fundraise as we continue to fund services to the Indigenous community.

### Core Purposes

**Education and Employment Training**

**Scholarship / Bursary Awards for  
secondary and post-secondary  
students**

**Short-term Assistance**

### 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.**

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**Chester Gould** of the Okanagan Band attended McGee school in Vancouver. He plans to attend UBC in the fall to study computer science. Chester received the \$1,000 Continuation of Learning scholarship from Vancouver School District and Urban Spirit Foundation.

*"Thank you to Urban Spirit Foundation for their generous support."*



**Darlynda Jack** is from Ulkatcho First Nation. Darlynda received a \$500 USF Bursary and is in her third year of working toward her Bachelor of Social Work degree at Nicole Valley Institute of Technology.

*"As a mother of four, these awards help my family substantially. I eventually plan on gaining my Master of Organizational Development. My goal is to help build healthier working relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people within a social work setting. These bursary awards allow me to concentrate on my studies. Thank you so much for your generous support!"*



**Emma Pflanz** is Red River Métis from Manitoba. Emma received \$1,000 scholarship from Urban Spirit Foundation. Emma attended Semiahmoo Secondary in Surrey and would like to study Sciences at UBC. She plans to become a psychiatrist, specializing in the areas of mental health and addiction. USF wishes her the very best in her continued study in the Health Care field!

*"I will fight to help those who are most vulnerable to these struggles. Many times, medical professionals stigmatize mental health and I want to change that. I love to spend much of my time in Indigenous communities, helping Indigenous people. Thank you so much to USF for this amazing opportunity to continue my studies at UBC."*



**Juniper Pierre** is from the Lil'wat Nation. Juniper received the \$500 single parent bursary award from Urban Spirit Foundation. She is attending the Early Education Childcare Diploma program at Native Education College.

*"Thank you for awarding me this bursary. It will help me a lot. I enjoy attending NEC and continuing in September in the Aboriginal Early Childhood Educator Diploma program."*



**Merissa McNeil** is from Nisga'a Village of Gingoix. She is in her fourth year of the Bachelor of Social Work program at Nicola Valley Institute of Technology. Merissa received a \$500 scholarship from Urban Spirit Foundation.

*"I am so grateful to have been the recipient of the Urban Spirit Foundation Bursary award. It is not an easy task to be a full-time student while maintaining multiple roles at times. Awards like these make life a little easier for students like me. T'ooyaksiy'niin (I thank you)."*



**Thomas Joseph** is a member of the Squamish Nation and lives in North Vancouver. He is a Red Seal Carpenter working in construction. In August 2020, Thomas received a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of Neptune Terminals and Urban Spirit Foundation.

*"I was nervous going into the program as I had my own carpentry business and I needed a job to support my family. ACCESS staff have been really helpful. I really enjoyed the program. Thanks to USF for the scholarship and for your support. It means a lot!"*



# Urban Spirit Foundation Organization Chart

