

DR. OLIVE DICKASON AWARD: PRESENTED BY THE WRITING SYMBOLS LODGE

Award Description:

The Writing Symbols Lodge wishes to recognize and honour the accomplishment of an Indigenous Student who exercised resilience in overcoming adverse life events to achieve success and graduate from the University of Calgary. This tribute includes a financial award of \$1000.00 provided by Brent and Hugh Alexander.

Criteria: This honour goes to an individual who: Is a **UCalgary Indigenous student graduating** (or graduated in Fall 2022/ Winter 2023) from an undergraduate or graduate degree and is being honoured at the Annual Indigenous Graduation Celebration.

1. **Resiliency:** Has met challenges of adversity such as circumstances that may include but are not limited to academic, family, financial, health, or social challenges, with resiliency. (examples: reconnecting with community/ culture, demonstrating dedication to the completion of the degree, continued movement towards personal and academic goals.)
2. **Leadership and Community Engagement:** Has made contributions to student life and the campus community through volunteerism, leadership and/or peer student development.
3. Is viewed as a **role model** by others within the Indigenous community. (Role modeling within Indigenous communities can include, but are not limited to, acting as an Elder's Helper, participating as a member of a society/ drum group, speaking and teaching their Indigenous language, and participation in ceremony).

Application Process:

Due to the required submission of confidential information, this award is by student application only. If you are aware of an eligible candidate, please encourage the student to apply for the award with the required letters of support listed below. Undergraduate students who wish to be considered for this award **MUST** submit all the following documentation as a PDF to **writingsymbolslodge@ucalgary.ca**

APPLICATIONS OPEN MAY 8 – MAY 26 @ 11:59 p.m.

1. Completed Award Application Form.
2. Short application essay, completed by you, the student, who should include a brief biography, a description of eligibility/qualifications as outlined in the award criteria, a description of volunteer experience and community work, and rationale as to why you are deserving of this award.
3. Faculty Member Letter of Support (University of Calgary).
4. Peer Letter of Support (family member, friend, teacher/instructor, mentor, etc.); and

Selection: This selection committee will consist of one University of Calgary Indigenous alumnus, one to two faculty members, an SES staff member, and a Writing Symbols Lodge program advisor. The following three criteria will be taken into consideration by the selection committee:

- Suitability of the candidate's application/nomination with the outlined award criteria;
- The overall quality and presentation of the application; and
- The candidate's merit.



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Application Form

Name of Award: Dr. Olive Dickason Award

Date of Application: When did you graduate? (Which term)

Candidate Information:

Name of Candidate: _____

Faculty/Field of Study: _____

University of Calgary ID Number: _____ **Cumulative GPA:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, _____ **Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Home:** _____ **Other:** _____

Application Checklist:

Applications must include the following:

- Award Application Form
- Completed short application essay
- Peer Letter of Support
- Faculty Member Letter of Support

Application essay must include:

- A brief biography
- How you meet the specified award criteria; and
- A description of volunteer and/or community engagement.

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Applicant

Date: _____