Since 1994, Imperial’s Cold Lake operation provides a one-time educational award of $1,000 for Indigenous people. The award is designed to assist a student in their first or second year of post-secondary education towards a career in the petroleum industry. The recipient of the award will also be considered for summer and post-graduate employment with Imperial at Cold Lake, if employment opportunities are available.

Eligibility requirements

To be eligible, candidates must:

- Be a resident of Alberta
- Have a high school diploma or a G.E.D.
- Be able to provide proof of acceptance into a post-secondary educational institution in a petroleum industry career path
- Be a registered member of one of the following communities:

  **First Nations**
  - Beaver Lake Cree Nation
  - Cold Lake First Nations
  - Frog Lake First Nation
  - Heart Lake First Nation
  - Kehewin Cree Nation
  - Onion Lake Cree Nation
  - Saddle Lake Cree Nation
  - Goodfish/Whitefish Lake First Nation

  **Métis**
  - Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement
  - Elizabeth Métis Settlement
  - Fishing Lake Métis Settlement
  - Kikino Métis Settlement
  - Métis Nation of Alberta – Region 2
  - Métis Nation of Alberta – Region 1*

  *born in or resident of Lac La Biche only

Preference will be given to individuals who have graduated from high school in the current year.
Programs and educational institutions

An approved program is defined as any post-secondary course in business or technical fields leading to a career in the petroleum industry. Some examples are listed below. All programs are two years except where identified.

Business and administration
- Business administration (accounting, finance, management)
- Secretarial and office administration (1 year)

Technical
- Civil engineering technology
- Chemical engineering technology
- Civil engineering technology
- Computer science
- Computer engineering technology
- Computer systems technology
- Electric/electronics technology
- Engineering design and drafting technology
- Environmental monitoring and enforcement
- Environmental conservation and reclamation
- Environmental science technology
- Heavy oil operations technician
- Instrumentation engineering technology
- Mechanical engineering technology
- Millwright - entry training (1 year)
- Petroleum engineering technology
- Power engineering (4th, 3rd, 2nd or 1st class)
- Power engineering technology

Other
- Indigenous studies
- Communications

Application process
- Completed application must be received by Imperial at Cold Lake by July 31
- Recipients must attend their educational institution for one month prior to receiving the award payment

More information

Email your application to: coldlakecommunity@esso.ca

Do not apply if:
- You do not intend to pursue a career in the energy industry
- You have not included your Métis or Treaty registration number

Completed applications must be received by July 31