



First Nations Law Students Association
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To Whom It May Concern:

The First Nations Law Students Association (FNLSA) at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law is a group of diverse First Nations students from all across Canada, including Kwakiutl, Sliammon, Musqueam, Okanagan, Dene, Cree, Ojibway, Métis and others. We have chosen the law as one means of helping our Peoples in our struggle to have our Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights recognized and respected. We bring with us our varied experiences and traditions through which we gain our persistence and strength to carry on this work for justice.

Canadian law can be difficult. Canadian Aboriginal law can be even more disorienting. The FNLSA is here to help students meet the challenge by providing peer, academic, emotional and personal support. Many times our student's largest challenge is affording the rising costs of tuition. While the FNLSA does what it can to assist students, we are unable to financially help many of our members and this can lead to many being unable to complete their studies.

The FNLSA wholeheartedly supports the initiative to establish a trust fund to assist Aboriginal law students attend law school in British Columbia. Aboriginal students are faced with many diverse challenges outside of their legal education and financial challenges should not be a factor in their ability to achieve their dream of becoming a legal warrior for their people. We thank you for supporting the initiative and giving our people a chance to obtain a degree which can help them change not only their own lives, but the lives of others as well. By supporting the initiative you are giving hope and an education to someone who can truly make a difference.

Sincerely,
Amanda Miller
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