

# Scholarships and Awards and Bursaries, oh my!

Welcome to the Abbotsford Senior Secondary School collection of known scholarships available to students. This list is not complete. Students are encouraged to use this list as only an initial dive into financial aid for post-secondary studies.

\*Please Note: Scholarships are organized by Application Deadline. **Application Deadlines arrive quickly!** Start the application process for an award well in advance.

\*Applying to a scholarship and found a mistake? Please let Mrs. Jongenburger know!

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# GRADE 11 STUDENTS

## Horatio Alger National Entrepreneurial Scholarship

**Application Deadline: March**

**Award: 10x \$10000**

**Criteria:**

- Be enrolled full-time as a high school grade 11 student in Canada
- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor’s degree program at an accredited university
- Prove critical financial need (\$65,000 or less annual net income per family is required)
- Demonstrate desire and ability to be entrepreneurial in a chosen field
- Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
- Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Maintain a minimum grade percentage of 70
- Be Canadian citizens

**Additional Requirements:**

- Applicants for both the Entrepreneurial and Canadian Scholarships are required to fill out only ONE application. The Association will use the one application to consider you for all programs for which you are eligible.

**Website:** <https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/about-our-scholarships-programs/>

## Horatio Alger Undergraduate Scholarships

**Application Deadline: March**

**Award: 160x \$5000**

**Criteria:**

- Be enrolled full-time as a high school grade 11 student in Canada

- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree program at an accredited university
- Prove critical financial need (\$65,000 or less annual net income per family is required)
- Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
- Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Maintain a minimum grade percentage of 70
- Be Canadian citizens

**Additional Requirements:**

- Applicants for both the Entrepreneurial and Canadian Scholarships are required to fill out only ONE application. The Association will use the one application to consider you for all programs for which you are eligible.

**Website:** <https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/about-our-scholarships-programs/>

# SEPTEMBER

## James Lee Foundation

**Application Deadline: September**

**Award: \$5000**

**Criteria:**

- Student entering the advertising industry

**Additional Requirements:**

- Portfolio submission
- Paragraph explaining how the funds will help you pursue your creative path

**Website:** <https://jamesleefoundation.com/>

## Rick Blight Scholarship

**Application Deadline: September**

**Award: 6x \$6000 and 2x \$500**

**Criteria:**

- Canadian students aged 16-21
- Show a commitment to mental wellness as individuals, for their team, or their community
- Demonstrate a dedication to sports and athleticism

**Website:** <https://menshealthfoundation.ca/>

# OCTOBER

## AES Scholarship

**Application Deadline: October**

**Award: \$500**

**Criteria:**

- High school student attending a post-secondary educational facility next year
- \*You are not required to take Engineering courses to be eligible

**Additional Requirements:**

- Students must submit an essay of between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the following question:
  - When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?

**Website:** <https://aesengineers.com/index.php>

## Credit Union Foundation of BC Bursary Program

**Application Deadline: October, February and June (3 application periods)**

**Award:**

**Criteria:**

- All applicants must have a demonstrated financial need
- Proof of enrolment, tuition payment and transcripts are required (once enrolled)

- A recent letter of reference from a credit union, coach or other individual that speaks to your community involvement and shared credit union values is required
- Applicants must be BC residents who are Canadian Citizens, a permanent resident of Canada or designated as a protected person
- Applicants must be in attendance at a public Canadian post-secondary school when the application is submitted
- Applicants attending accredited private schools will only be considered if the program is not offered at a public school. Applicants must provide a statement as to why they are not attending a public school and provide a receipt for tuition
- Programs of study may be academic, vocational, technical or technological
- Graduate and post graduate students are not eligible

**Additional Requirements:**

- Recipients may be eligible for up to two awards per year

**Website:** <https://cufoundation.org/>

# NOVEMBER

## Live your Dream Award

**Application Deadline: November**

**Award: up to \$16000**

**Criteria:**

- Provides the primary financial support for yourself and your dependents. Dependents can include children, spouse, partner, siblings and/or parents
- Has financial need
- Is enrolled in or has been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program
- Is motivated to achieve your education and career goals
- Resides in one of Soroptimist International of the Americas' member countries/territories (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Guam, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Northern Mariana Islands, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Taiwan, United States of America, Venezuela)
- Has not previously been the recipient of a Soroptimist Women's Opportunity or Live Your Dream Award
- Does not have a graduate degree

- Is not a Soroptimist member, an employee of Soroptimist International of the Americas or immediate family of either

**Additional Requirements:**

- Complete online application

**Website:** <https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/apply-for-the-live-your-dream-awards.html>

## **TD Scholarships for Community Leadership**

**Application Deadline: November**

**Award: 2x up to \$70000**

**Criteria:**

- Have demonstrated community leadership
- Are in their final year of CEGEP (for students in Quebec), or high school (for students outside Quebec).
- Have a minimum overall grade average of 75% (outside Quebec), or a minimum R score of 26 (in Quebec), in their most recently completed school year
- be Canadian citizens, have permanent resident status, or have protected person status under the Canadian Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- Have shown exceptional leadership in helping to make a meaningful and lasting difference in your community

**Additional Requirements:**

- Complete online application

**Website:** <https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/student-banking/community-leadership-scholarship-for-canadians>

# **DECEMBER**

## **Burger King Foundation Scholar Program**

**Application Deadline: December**

**Award: \$1000+**

**Criteria:**

- A Canadian student
- Grade 12 student interested in pursuing post-secondary studies

**Additional Requirements:**

- Complete online application
- Site speaks to the following qualities: integrity, high standards, entrepreneurial spirit, and good citizenship
- Applications will take into consideration grade point average, work experience, extracurricular activities, financial need, and community service

**Website:** <https://www.burgerkingfoundation.org/programs/burger-king-sm-scholars>

## **Terry Fox Humanitarian Award**

**Application Deadline: December**

**Award: \$28000**

**Criteria:**

- In good academic standing
- Canadian citizens or landed immigrants
- Students graduating from secondary (high) school or students who have completed secondary (high) school
- Involved in voluntary humanitarian activities (for which they have not been compensated)
- Planning to or are already studying towards their first university degree or diploma at a Canadian post-secondary institution, or entering their 2nd year of CÉGEP in the upcoming academic year

**Additional Requirements:**

- Complete online application
- Provide three referees
  - Referees will be emailed a link requesting they complete an online Referee Form
- Provide an unofficial transcript with last two years of schooling

**Website:** <https://terryfoxawards.ca/applicant-information/>

# **JANUARY**

## **Ayn Ranf – Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest (2024)**

**Application Deadline: Starting January, runs all year long**



**Award: 3x \$1000, 3x \$2000, 2x \$3000, 1x \$25000**

**Criteria:**

- Read a novel, complete seasonal essay prompts
- Open to high school, university/college, and graduate students worldwide

**Website:** <https://aynrand.org/>

## **David Lam/BC TEAL English Language Learner Scholarship**

**Application Deadline: January**

**Award: \$4000**

**Criteria:**

- Must be a BC Grade 12 graduate who wishes to attend a BC post-secondary institution
- Must provide a transcript documenting completion of a minimum of one English language [ELL] course taken in grades 9 to 12
- Must provide documented school or community service
- Must fully complete application form

**Additional Requirements:**

- A personal essay describing the applicant's life before and after coming to Canada
- A personal essay :
  - Two pages in length, double-spaced, approximately 500 words
  - Please consider the following questions in the essay.
    - How will having a post-secondary education make a difference in your life?
    - How will the post-secondary education help you contribute to Canadian society?
- Two letters of reference:
  - One from a teacher referencing the applicant's academic performance
  - One from an administrator, counselor, coach, sponsor, or coordinator referencing school and or community service
- Documented proof of permanent residency or Canadian citizenship
- Mark transcripts, documenting the English language courses taken from grade 8 to grade 12
- Grade 12 transcripts to date

**Website:** <https://tealcharitablefoundation.ca/david-lam-bc-teal-english-language-learner-scholarship/>

## **DB Perks & Lifesaving Society Scholarships**

**Application Deadline: January**

**Award: \$1000**

**Criteria:**

- A Canadian student
- Nominees must be holders of current Lifesaving Society awards and be actively employed as a lifeguard or Lifesaving Society Instructor
- Nominees must also be pursuing post-secondary education in the subsequent school term at a university, college or vocational school

**Additional Requirements:**

- Complete online application
- Resume outlining aquatic experience
- Work reference and personal reference
- Volunteer involvement in the aquatic community is an asset

**Website:** <https://www.lifesaving.bc.ca/db-perks-scholarship>

## **Joan Mackinnon Memorial Scholarship**

**Application Deadline: January**

**Award: \$1000**

**Criteria:**

- A Canadian student
- Nominees must be holder of current Lifesaving Society awards and a resident of a community with a population of under 100,000 people
- This scholarship is to support someone looking to start their training and enter the aquatics field

**Additional Requirements:**

- Complete online application
- Resume outlining aquatic experience
- Work reference and personal reference
- Volunteer involvement in the aquatic community is an asset

**Website:** <https://www.lifesaving.bc.ca/joan-mackinnon-memorial-scholarship>

# **FEBRUARY**

## **Abbotsford Community Foundations**

**Application Deadline: February**

**Award: Various**

**Students apply once for up to 10 awards**

**Criteria:**

- Applicants who are pursuing education in trades, technical, and career fields, as well as those entering universities and colleges, are encouraged to apply
- Grade 12 student graduating from an Abbotsford school district high school or MEI
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident with a Canadian Social Insurance Number

**Additional Requirements:**

- Application to school counsellor includes:
  - Completion of the online application form
  - Online form is printed and signed by student and parent/guardian
  - Reference letter
  - Awards summary checklist
  - Any other documents for awards with special criteria

**Website:** <https://abbotsfordcf.org/>

**B.C. Excellence Scholarship**

**Application Deadline: February**

**Award: 55x \$5000**

**Criteria:**

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) and have that on record with the school at which you registered for Grade 12
- Be a B.C. resident
- Be or have been in the school year for which the scholarship is awarded:
  - Enrolled in a British Columbia public school (including online learning schools), or
  - Enrolled in a Group 1, 2, or 4 British Columbia Independent School, or
  - Enrolled in a Continuing Education Centre, or
  - Registered as a homeschooler with an eligible school in British Columbia
- Complete all graduation requirements, and be on record as having graduated, by August 31 of the scholarship awards year

**Additional Requirements:**

- Have the following final marks.
  - Minimum "B" average in grades 11 and 12 courses required for graduation
  - Minimum "B" (73% or above) in Language Arts 12

- Minimum “B” average, no more than one "C+" (67% or above), and no marks lower than “C+” in courses that fulfill graduation requirements for Science 11 or 12, Math 11, and Social Studies 11 or 12

**Website:** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/bc-excellence-scholarships>

## **B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Council Educational Award**

**Application Deadline: February**

**Award: \$1000**

**Criteria:**

- Grade 12 student attending a BCCPAC-member school
  - Most District 34 schools meet this requirement
- Well-rounded student with an understanding of the importance of parent involvement in school
- \* Children of current BCCPAC board members, staff, or contractors are not eligible to apply for this award

**Additional Requirements:**

- Essay on the value of parent involvement in education

**Website:** <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/awards/educational-award>

## **BCSTA’s Scholarships for Student Citizenship**

**Application Deadline: February**

**Award: 3x \$750**

**Criteria:**

- This scholarship recognizes graduating B.C. public school students who have displayed exemplary citizenship within their school and community
- Students must be graduating from a B.C. public school in the 2023/2024 school year
- Students must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution
- Students must submit a completed application in the required format by the application deadline
- The scholarship is only available to residents of B.C.

**Additional Requirements:**

- These scholarships reflect BCSTA’s commitment to its values:
  - Focus on students

- Support lifelong learning
- Support public education
- Recognize the importance of community in public education
- Provide opportunities to recognize and celebrate public education

**Website:** <https://bcsta.org/>

## **John Evans Engineering Entrance Award**

**Application Deadline: February**

**Award: \$5000**

**Criteria:**

- Must self-identify as a woman
- Possess Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Residency Status
- Be a high school graduate, entering into an accredited Canadian Engineering program

**Website:** <https://www.cemf.ca/en/john-evans-engineering-entrance-award>

## **Kin Canada**

**Kin Canada disburses funds from a number of people/organizations**

**Application Deadline: February**

**Award: 56x \$1000**

**Criteria:**

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Community and school involvement
- Knowledge of Kin Canada (review the website)
- Financial need

**Additional Requirements:**

- Each bursary has one of the following special requirements
  - Top scoring applicant
  - Persons wishing to pursue excellence in the field of music at a school of music
  - Persons wishing to pursue excellence in the field of business
  - Recipient with a military or first responder background
  - Applicant who a parent or single parent

**Website:** <https://www.kinCanada.ca/apply>

## Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship

**Application Deadline: February**

**Award: 20x \$5000**

### Criteria:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) and have that on record with the school at which you registered for Grade 12
- Be a B.C. resident
- Be or have been in the school year for which the scholarship is awarded:
  - Enrolled in a British Columbia public school (including online learning schools), or
  - Enrolled in a Group 1, 2, or 4 British Columbia Independent School, or
  - Enrolled in a Continuing Education Centre, or
  - Registered as a homeschooler with an eligible school in British Columbia
- Complete all graduation requirements, and be on record as having graduated, by August 31 of the scholarship awards year

### Additional Requirements:

- Be eligible for a B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma)
- Have the following final marks.
  - Minimum "B" average in grades 11 and 12 courses required for graduation
  - Minimum "B" (73% or above) in Language Arts 12
  - Minimum "B" average, no more than one "C+" (67% or above), and no marks lower than "C+" in courses that fulfill graduation requirements for Science 11 or 12, Math 11, and Social Studies 11 or 12

**Website:** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/pathway-to-teacher-education-scholarship>

# MARCH

## BCPVPA Student Scholarships

**Application Deadline: March**

**Award: 10x \$1000 for children of BCPVPA members, 8x \$1000 for graduating students, 2x \$1000 for Indigenous students**

### Criteria:

- Applicants who are pursuing education in trades, technical, and career fields, as well as those entering universities and colleges, are encouraged to apply

**Additional Requirements:**

- Completion of the online application form
  - Email the following documents to [scholarship@bcpvpa.bc.ca](mailto:scholarship@bcpvpa.bc.ca)
- A copy of your most recent unofficial transcript
- A copy of your most recent resume
- An essay, up to 500 words, addressing:
  - A significant leadership role/initiative you have been involved with; and
  - Your post-secondary plans
- A letter of reference from your Principal or Vice-Principal who is a member of the BCPVPA (children of BCPVPA members must submit a letter from a Principal or Vice-Principal who is not a parent or guardian)

**Website:** <https://www.bcpvpa.org/>

**Girl Guides BC Council and Canada National Scholarships**

**Application Deadline: March**

**Award: Various**

**Criteria:**

- Applicants must be active members of Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada in BC
- Applicants must have been registered in BC Council for the past three years
- Applicants must be residents of BC
- Applicants must be registered grade 12 students at a BC secondary school (including public, private, home, and independent schools)
- Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution
- All awards are conditional upon acceptance at a post-secondary institution of the recipient's choice and must be used within 18 months of the date of notification. All recipients are encouraged to continue their involvement in Guiding

**Special Note:**

- Provincial Grant, Scholarships and Bursary opportunities:  
[https://www.girlguides.ca/web/BC/Volunteers/Guider\\_Resources/Awards\\_Recognition/GGC\\_Scholarships.aspx#:~:text=Each%20year%20BC%20Girl%20Guides,%2C%20university%2C%20or%20trades%20program](https://www.girlguides.ca/web/BC/Volunteers/Guider_Resources/Awards_Recognition/GGC_Scholarships.aspx#:~:text=Each%20year%20BC%20Girl%20Guides,%2C%20university%2C%20or%20trades%20program)
- Canada National Scholarship program:  
[https://www.girlguides.ca/web/GGC/Volunteers/Membership\\_Opportunities/Scholarships/GGC/Volunteers/Membership\\_Opportunities/Scholarships/Scholarships.aspx](https://www.girlguides.ca/web/GGC/Volunteers/Membership_Opportunities/Scholarships/GGC/Volunteers/Membership_Opportunities/Scholarships/Scholarships.aspx)

**Website:** see above

## RE/MAX Quest for Excellence

**Application Deadline: March**

**Award: 40x \$1000**

**Criteria:**

- Grade 12 student attending high school in Canada
- Entrants must be graduating this year

**Additional Requirements:**

- Completion of a 1250-word essay based on one of the three key themes:
  - charitable community contribution
  - the vision for a “brighter future”
  - ensuring future generations have a safe, secure, and affordable place to call “home”

**Website:** <https://blog.remax.ca/quest-for-excellence/>

## Retail Education Scholarship Program

**Application Deadline: March**

**Award: 1x \$3000, 1x \$2000, 16x \$1000**

**Criteria:**

- Currently enrolled full-time or part-time at a Canadian college or university for Fall 2024
- Currently pursuing a retail, business, fashion, marketing or any other retail related post-secondary program
- Currently working part-time or full-time within the retail industry

**Additional Requirements:**

- Complete the online application and release form – Application details will be available in January
- An official transcript from the last two semesters from either a high school or post-secondary institution
- Proof of applicant’s enrollment in a Canadian post-secondary institution. One of the following is acceptable:
  - Letter of acceptance or conditional letter of acceptance
  - Proof of tuition payment
  - Letter from Office of Registrar
- A reference letter (200 words max.) from a current employer that includes the following:
  - Applicant’s demonstrated and continued commitment to the retail industry
  - Ways in which the applicant has distinguished him/herself from other employees
  - Reasons indicating why the applicant is deserving of this scholarship



- Current employer/supervisor contact information
- Retail Education Scholarship Essay :
  - Essay topic will be available in January
- Make Retail your Career presentation of the following:
  - Introduce yourself
  - Employer: Where do you work and why?
  - Retail experience: How has the past year affected your experience in the industry?
  - Post-secondary school and program of study: What program will you be taking in September 2024 and why?
  - A career in retail: Retail is an industry that offers new challenges and opportunities every day. It is fast and exciting and requires talented individuals to fill a variety of roles, from front-line customer service and store management to data analysis and cyber security. Tell us why you are one of these special professionals.

**Website:** <https://www.retailcouncil.org/resources/education/retail-education-scholarship-program/>

# APRIL

## Abbotsford Teachers' Union Bursary

**Application Deadline: April**

**Award: 9x \$1000**

**Criteria:**

- Current grade 12 student who is attending a public school in BC
- Parent is member of Abbotsford Teachers' Union in good standing

**Additional Requirements:**

- Parent requests application package through email: [reception@abbotsfordteachers.ca](mailto:reception@abbotsfordteachers.ca)

**Website:** <https://www.abbotsfordteachers.ca/>

## Abbotsford Teachers' Union Bursary for Indigenous Students

**Application Deadline: April**

**Award: \$1000**

**Criteria:**

- Identifies as an Indigenous student
- Current grade 12 student who is attending a public school in BC

- Intends to pursue a career in teaching
- \*Student does not need to be a child of an ATU member

**Additional Requirements:**

- Complete application form
- 500-word essay or a 2-minute video to introduce yourself, and why you want this award
- Current resume
- Copy of student's transcript
- Letter of reference

**Website:** <https://www.abbotsfordteachers.ca/>

## **Trevor Linden Community Spirit Scholarship**

**Application Deadline: April**

**Award: 4x \$2500**

**Criteria:**

- The applicant must be entering their first year of study at a post-secondary institution with a full-time course load
- The applicant must be a BC Resident, but can be attending any post-secondary institution
- Must have participated in a leadership role in community and school service work or volunteer activities
- Must have made exceptional contributions to school or community service, initiating community development, leadership, affecting positive change, mentoring others, and/or personal development and growth

**Additional Requirements:**

- Grade 12 student who has made exceptional contributions in the following areas:
  - School and community service, leadership
  - Initiating community development
  - Affecting positive change
  - Mentoring others
  - Personal development and growth
- Personal qualities such as dedication, commitment to helping others and strength of character will also be considered
- 600 word double spaced essay describing applicant's community involvement, highlighting great achievement(s)
- A letter of reference describing the impact of his/her involvement
- Copy of high school transcript for proof of enrollment

**Website:** <https://community.canucks.com/trevor-linden-community-spirit-scholarship/>

# MAY

## BC School Sports: BC Dairy Association Scholarship

**Application Deadline: May**

**Award: 2x \$1000**

**Criteria:**

- Be enrolled at a BCSS member school
- Be graduating this year and will be entering their first year of full-time studies at an Accredited Post-Secondary Institution
- Have demonstrated school spirit, a healthy lifestyle, and community involvement
- Have participated in at least two BCSS recognized activities in their grade 11 and 12 years

**Additional Requirements:**

- A letter from a school coach/athletic director clarifying the candidate's involvement in the school's sport community
- Transcript of grades showing percentages for all grade eleven and twelve courses completed, as well as interim percentages for all courses in progress
- A letter from a school administrator or counsellor certifying candidate's school spirit, and community involvement
- 500-750 word essay on the following topic:
  - Describe your involvement in school sports and how it has helped you become a leader/role model in your community.

**Website:** <https://www.bcschoolsports.ca/>

## BC School Sports: BCSS Indigenous Student-Athlete Scholarship

**Application Deadline: May**

**Award: 2x \$750**

**Criteria:**

- Be enrolled at a BCSS member school
- Be graduating this year and will be entering their first year of full-time studies at an Accredited Post-Secondary Institution
- Demonstrated leadership and volunteerism within their school community

- Participated in a BCSS activity in grade 12.

**Additional Requirements:**

- A letter from school administrator or school counsellor certifying character, scholastic achievement, and school citizenship
- Letter from coach/athletic director certifying leadership and volunteerism within school community
- A transcript of grades showing percentages for all grade 11 and 12 courses completed, as well as interim percentages for all courses in progress
- Copy (front and back) of your “Indian Status” card, Métis citizenship or membership card, Inuit Trust, or, in the case of a lost card, a letter from your First Nation Band Council or Métis office certifying your membership
- 500-750 word essay on the following topic:
  - Describe how school sports has impacted your life; OR
  - What is an achievement as a student-athlete that makes you proud? Why?

**Website:** <https://www.bcschoolsports.ca/>

## **BC School Sports: Bert & Greta Quartermaine Badminton Scholarship**

**Application Deadline: May**

**Award: 6x \$1000**

**Criteria:**

- Have played badminton at a BC School Sports member school during their grade 12 year
- Be graduating this year and will be entering their first year of full-time studies at an Accredited Post-Secondary Institution
- Demonstrate leadership and volunteerism within their school or community
- Be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been confirmed under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act

**Additional Requirements:**

- A letter of recommendation from the badminton coach
- At least one letter of support outlining your involvement in the community
- A transcript of grades showing percentages for all grade 11 and 12 courses completed, as well as interim percentages for all courses in progress
- A 500-750 essay outlining on one of the following topics
  - Describe how your school sport community has impacted who you are today; OR
  - What is an achievement as a student-athlete that makes you proud? Why?

**Website:** <https://www.bcschoolsports.ca/>

## **BC School Sports: Dave Gifford Memorial & BCSS Zone Scholarship**

**Application Deadline: May**

**Award: 2x \$1500 and 2x \$750**

### **Criteria:**

- Be enrolled in and participated in a minimum of one BCSS Sanctioned Sport at a BCSS Member School during their grade 12 year for the Zone scholarship and participated in at least two sanctioned BCSS sports during their grade 12 year to be considered for the Dave Gifford Memorial Scholarship
- Be graduating this year and will be entering their first year of full-time studies at an Accredited Post-Secondary Institution
- Have demonstrated exceptional athletic achievement in a BCSS activity and, have a minimum grade percentage of 75%. • Have demonstrated outstanding service and leadership in school and/or community
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been confirmed under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

### **Additional Requirements:**

- A 500 - 750 word essay on one of the following topics
  - Describe your most meaningful school sport experience and how that has enriched your high school experience, how did it impact you; OR
  - What does it mean to be a student-athlete?

**Website:** <https://www.bcschoolsports.ca/>

## **Lisa Huus Bursary – Children’s Health Foundation**

**Application Deadline: May**

**Award: up to \$5000**

### **Criteria:**

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Be enrolled in an accredited college or university in British Columbia or Alberta
- Be a person with significant physical disabilities or ongoing health challenges, such as someone who:
  - requires a personal attendant;
  - is dependent on a mechanical device for mobility or maintenance of body functions;
  - requires major continuing therapies, OR
  - has other significant special needs

Applicants with mental health challenges are welcome to apply if they also have a significant physical disability.

**Additional Requirements:**

- Online application
- Statement of personal goals

**Website:** <https://islandkidsfirst.com/lisa-huus-bursary/>

## **Odenza Vacations College Scholarship**

**Application Deadline: May**

**Award: \$500**

**Criteria:**

- Be between the ages of 17 and 24 on September 1st, 2024
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater
- Be a resident of the United States or Canada

**Additional Requirements:**

- Submit answer to the essay question, which can be found on the application page, prior to the May 1st, 2024 deadline

**Website:** [odenzavacationscholarships.com](https://odenzavacationscholarships.com)

## **Prospera Education Grants**

**Application Deadline: May**

**Award: 2x \$5000 and 15x \$1000**

**Criteria:**

- Be an entering or returning student at an accredited post-secondary institution in Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley, or the Okanagan in September
- Provide their acceptance letter from an accredited post-secondary institution (if the applicant is currently in high school or is a mature student)
- Provide their transcript with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (if the applicant is a returning post-secondary student)
- Submit a complete and accurate application form with the above documentation on our Do Some Good application form

**Additional Requirements:**

- Two grants will be awarded to students who have demonstrated significant involvement in their communities, highlighting how this engagement shaped their personal growth and academic achievements
- Fifteen grants will be awarded to students with both clear career goals and plans to positively impact their communities post-education, emphasizing forward-thinking and societal impact

**Website:** <https://www.prospera.ca/Community/Education+grants+and+bursaries>

# JUNE

## BC Hydro Indigenous Scholarships and Bursaries

**Application Deadline: June**

**Award: 1x \$8000 and multiple \$5000 and \$2000**

**Criteria:**

- Identifies as an Indigenous student
- Current grade 12 student who is attending a public school in BC
- Intends to study at an accredited post-secondary institution in a program that matches a career at BC Hydro

**Additional Requirements:**

- Ensure program of study is eligible on website

**Website:** [https://www.bchydro.com/community/indigenous-relations/opportunities/individuals/donations\\_sponsorships.html](https://www.bchydro.com/community/indigenous-relations/opportunities/individuals/donations_sponsorships.html)

## Horatio Alger Seaspn VTE Scholarships

**Application Deadline: June**

**Award: 55x \$3400**

**Criteria:**

- Awarded to eligible students in British Columbia
- Have completed high school (or earned high school equivalency credential) by July 1
- Applying or enrolled for Fall 2024 in a vocational or technical certificate program at a government or not-for-profit institution with direct pathways to employment
- Demonstrated critical financial need (\$100,000 or less annual net income per family is required)
- Demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Be under the age of 35

- Be a Canadian citizen

Website: <https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/about-our-scholarships-programs/>

## Horatio Alger Vocational & Technical Education Scholarships

**Application Deadline: June**

**Award: 25x \$3000**

**Criteria:**

- Have completed high school (or earned high school equivalency credential) by July 1
- Applying or enrolled for Fall 2024 in a vocational or technical certificate program at a government or not-for-profit institution with direct pathways to employment
- Demonstrated critical financial need (\$65,000 or less annual net income per family is required)
- Demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Be under the age of 35
- Be a Canadian citizen

Website: <https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/about-our-scholarships-programs/>

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## BC Scholarships

Student guide for British Columbia Students: <https://bcscholarships.ca/>

## Credit Union of BC

College & University Dispersed Grants: <https://cufoundation.org/other-bursaries-grants/>

## StudentAidBC

Student loans, grants, and scholarships: <https://studentaidbc.ca/sabc-home-page>



# SCHOOL NOMINATED

The following scholarships require a nomination from a school administrator or counsellor. Please connect with school personnel before completing an application.

## **Cmolik Foundation – TCF Scholarship**

**Application Deadline: February**

**Award: 20x \$45000**

### **Criteria:**

- Be a current resident of BC
- Have lived in Canada for at least 7 years
- Be in Grade 12 or a recent secondary school graduate
- Have demonstrated financial need
- Have faced adversity
- Plan to be a full-time student
- Be ineligible for the BC Tuition Waiver Program (for former youth in care)
- Use funding for a post-secondary institution or college
- Be endorsed by their school principal

### **Additional Requirements:**

- Must be at arms-length to any Trustee of the Foundation
- Must complete a Cmolik Foundation Application (available online)
- Must be graduates from a British Columbia Secondary School and have lived in Canada for a minimum of 7 years
- Must be seeking financial aid to complete a post-secondary education
- Must be ineligible for the BC Tuition Waiver Program (for former youth in care)
- Must have a specific post-secondary goal to complete. Post-secondary education must be a requirement for their chosen career path
- Must have demonstrated the tenacity, focus, and ability required to succeed with their individual post-secondary educational goal. Please note that while academic standing is an important factor in determining future success in post-secondary endeavours, it is not necessarily our main consideration
- Must have experienced adversity or hardship in their life
- Without financial aid they may not have the opportunity to attain a post-secondary education. The reason for the financial need should be explained in their application
- Must demonstrate the ability to finance their transportation and living expenses while attending their chosen educational university or institute, and have a plan to do this

- Those who have significantly contributed to their school, family and/or community will be given special consideration

Website: <https://thecmolikfoundation.com/>

# AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

## Credit Union Foundation of BC Bursary Program

**Application Deadline: October, February and June (3 application periods)**

**Award:**

**Criteria:**

- All applicants must have a demonstrated financial need
- Proof of enrolment, tuition payment and transcripts are required (once enrolled)
- A recent letter of reference from a credit union, coach or other individual that speaks to your community involvement and shared credit union values is required
- Applicants must be BC residents who are Canadian Citizens, a permanent resident of Canada or designated as a protected person
- Applicants must be in attendance at a public Canadian post-secondary school when the application is submitted
- Applicants attending accredited private schools will only be considered if the program is not offered at a public school. Applicants must provide a statement as to why they are not attending a public school and provide a receipt for tuition
- Programs of study may be academic, vocational, technical or technological
- Graduate and post graduate students are not eligible

**Additional Requirements:**

- Recipients may be eligible for up to two awards per year

Website: <https://cufoundation.org/>

## Mensa Canada Scholarship Programme

**\*One application is submitted for The Mensa Canada General Scholarship, The Edgar Kerstan Memorial Scholarship, and The Frank & Betty Woodhams Memorial Scholarship**

**Application Deadline: January**

**Award: \$1000 - \$2500**

**Criteria:**

- 2023 - 2024 applicants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants enrolled in a full-time program at a Canadian post-secondary institution, accredited by the applicable provincial Ministry of Education, during the 2023 - 2024 academic year
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old on January 31, 2024
- Essays may be written either in English or in French. Only one essay is accepted per applicant

**Additional Requirements:**

- Complete online application
- Include essay (description on site)

**Website:** <https://mensacanada.ca/rules.html>

## **PGT Educational Assistance Fund**

**Application Deadline: April**

**Award: \$500 - \$4000**

**Criteria:**

- A former permanent ward of the Ministry of Social Services or Formerly in the continuing custody of the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) or a Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA)/Indigenous Child and Family Service Agency (ICFSA)
- At least 19 years old
- A high school graduate or equivalent
- Enrolled or planning to enroll in a post-secondary academic, technical or vocational program

**Additional Requirements:**

- Show you have financial need for the bursary
- Attach proof of enrolment (1st year students) or transcripts from the last year of school you attended (returning students, 2nd year onwards)
- Attach references from people who can speak to your commitment to your education and/or career goals (optional)

**Website:** <https://www.trustee.bc.ca/services/estate-and-personal-trust-services/pages/pgt-educational-assistance-fund.aspx>

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**Website:** <https://www.prospera.ca/Community/Education+grants+and+bursaries>

## **Terry Fox Humanitarian Award**

**Application Deadline: December**

**Award: \$28000**

**Criteria:**

- In good academic standing
- Canadian citizens or landed immigrants
- Students graduating from secondary (high) school or students who have completed secondary (high) school
- Involved in voluntary humanitarian activities (for which they have not been compensated)
- Planning to or are already studying towards their first university degree or diploma at a Canadian post-secondary institution, or entering their 2nd year of CÉGEP in the upcoming academic year

**Additional Requirements:**

- Complete online application
- Provide three referees
  - Referees will be emailed a link requesting they complete an online Referee Form
- Provide an unofficial transcript with last two years of schooling

**Website:** <https://terryfoxawards.ca/applicant-information/>

## **Undergraduate Ambassador Awards**

**One application submitted to be considered for all applicable awards**

**Application Deadline: February**

**Award: \$5000 - \$10000**

**Criteria:**

- Must self-identify as a woman
- Possess Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Residency Status
- Be enrolled in an accredited Canadian Engineering program

**Website:** <https://www.cemf.ca/en/undergraduate-ambassador-awards>