



Refugee & Immigrant Student Education (RISE) Awards

2022/23 PROGRAM GUIDELINES

NUMBER, VALUE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

In its 2022/23 program year, the Beedie Luminaries Foundation will offer **10** RISE Awards as follows:

FULL-TIME STUDENTS

- **Up to \$44,000** (\$11,000 CAD per year and subject to annual renewal based on the program eligibility criteria), tenable for up to four years of funding or until the first undergraduate degree/ certificate or diploma is obtained (whichever is the shorter period)
- Annually, \$5,500 is paid directly to the post-secondary institution & \$5,500 stipend is paid directly to the student.

Full-time studies are defined as completing a **minimum of 24 percentage-graded credits (or equivalent) per each academic year.*

PART-TIME STUDENTS

- **Up to \$33,000** (\$5,500 CAD per year and subject to annual renewal based on the program eligibility criteria), tenable for up to six years of funding or until the first undergraduate degree/ certificate or diploma is obtained (whichever is the shorter period)
- Annually, \$2,750 is paid directly to the post-secondary institution & \$2,750 stipend is paid directly to the student.

In addition to the financial support, the Beedie Luminaries Foundation offers student support, including:

- Invitations to Beedie Luminaries workshops & events;
- Invitation to join the Beedie Luminaries digital community;
- “Stay on Track” Student Success Coach;
- Peer Support Groups;
- Access to mentors; and
- Career guidance.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for the 2023 Cohort, a candidate must:

- Be endorsed by a Beedie Luminaries community partner
 - Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC)
 - Mosaic
 - The Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) Program (*select BC locations*)
 - S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
 - Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria
- Be born between the years 1987 and 2003
- Have completed a secondary school (or equivalent)
- Be a person in Canada who has been determined under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act to be a Convention refugee and can present a Notice of Decision issued after **January 1, 2016** by the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. (Note: Refugee Claimants are not eligible.)
- Be eligible for domestic tuition fees at an eligible BC institution.
- Be a full-time resident of BC (i.e. have lived in the province for the previous 6 consecutive months)
- Be planning to enroll for the 2023/24 academic year or already attending (part-time or full-time) an eligible BC institution*. Please note, additional PTA (The Private Training Act) designated institutions *may* also be considered based on an individual's specific circumstances.
- not be concurrently holding any other scholarships or academic financial awards in the amount of \$10,000 per year or greater (not including student loans).

**Applicants must attend one of the 25 public post-secondary schools in British Columbia. Schools outside of the province are not considered.

Eligible post-secondary institutions:

British Columbia Institute of Technology	Northern Lights College
Camosun College	Okanagan College
Capilano University	Royal Roads University
Coast Mountain College	Selkirk College
College of New Caledonia	Simon Fraser University
College of the Rockies	Thompson Rivers University
Douglas College	University of British Columbia (all campuses)
Emily Carr University of Art and Design	University of Northern British Columbia
Justice Institute of British Columbia	University of the Fraser Valley
Kwantlen Polytechnic University	University of Victoria
Langara College	Vancouver Community College
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	Vancouver Island University
North Island College	Native Education College

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FIELD OF STUDY / PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- There are no restrictions on the program of study or discipline.
- Program must be of a minimum of 1 year in duration.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- Depending on the curriculum, an applied bachelor program may be considered either as a university-level program or a college-level program;
- Students must be enrolled in **full-time or part-time studies** at one of the eligible institutions listed in this document and commence, or continue, their post-secondary studies in **September 2023**.
- The scholarship may be withdrawn if the student fails to make appropriate academic progress (according to the individual school and program's criteria), fails to obtain sufficient grades to pass a course or complete a program, withdraws from attendance at the selected institution, or commits an infraction or crime; (e.g., infraction such as breaching a school's code of conduct or engaging in plagiarism);
- Employees of Beedie and their dependents are not eligible to apply; and
- RISE cannot be held concurrently with any other education-related financial award(s) that total more than \$10,000 per year, excluding student loans.

Please note: If you are currently on Social or Income Assistance or receiving any government subsidies, please have a discussion with your Community Partner representative or a Case Worker to ensure the funding from the Beedie Luminaries RISE Award and your student status will not negatively affect your current benefits and subsidies.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Beedie Luminaries selection of scholarship recipients will be conducted in three phases:

- Phase 1:** Each application is read and scored by a minimum of two experts on the Beedie Luminaries Selection Committee.
- Phase 2:** The Beedie Luminaries Selection Committee will invite shortlisted candidates for interviews.
- Phase 3:** The Beedie Luminaries Foundation will meet to determine award recipients.

Once the selection process is complete, decisions are irrevocable. Only the finalists will be invited to an interview.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Personal circumstances;
- Demonstration of financial adversity;
- Applicant's proven work ethic, grit and resilience in the face of adversity;
- Clarity of the applicant's educational goals, and focused commitment;
- Career goals;
- The reference letter.

All applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process, once available.