



## Refugee & Immigrant Student Education (RISE) Awards 2023-2024 PROGRAM GUIDELINES

### NUMBER, VALUE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

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In its 2023-2024 program year, the Beedie Luminaries Foundation will offer RISE Awards as follows:

#### **FULL-TIME STUDENTS\***

- Up to \$11,000 CAD per year for a college certificate/diploma or trades foundation programs, tenable for **up to two years of funding** OR
- Up to \$11,000 CAD per year for a bachelors degree program, tenable for **up to four years of funding**.

#### Annual Payment Structure:

\$5,500 tuition payment - paid directly to the post-secondary institution in two equal payments (Fall and Winter Semester)

\$5,500 stipend - paid directly to the student in two equal payments (Fall and Winter Semester)

*\*Full-time studies are defined as completing at least 9 credits per academic term, and a **minimum** of 24 percentage-graded credits (or equivalent) per academic year (3 terms) are required to remain eligible for scholarship renewal.*

#### **PART-TIME STUDENTS\*\***

- Up to \$5,500 CAD per year for a college certificate/diploma or trades foundation programs, tenable for **up to three years of funding** OR
- Up to \$5,500 CAD per year for a bachelors degree program, tenable for **up to six years of funding**.

#### Annual Payment Structure:

\$2,750 tuition payment - paid directly to the post-secondary institution in two equal payments (Fall and Winter Semester)

\$2,750 stipend - paid directly to the student in two equal payments (Fall and Winter Semester)

*\*\*Part-time studies are defined as completing at least 3 credits per academic term, and a **minimum** of 12 percentage-graded credits (or equivalent) per academic year (3 terms) are required to remain eligible for scholarship renewal.*

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;
- Student Success Managers;
- Peer Support Groups;
- Access to mentors; and
- Career guidance.

## ELIGIBILITY

### To be eligible to apply for the 2024 Cohort, a candidate must:

- Be born between the years 1988 and 2004
- 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 2024/25 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.
- A Beedie Luminaries Scholarship cannot be held concurrently with any other financial awards that total more than \$2,500 per year, or a cumulative total amount of \$10,000, over the 4-year scholarship funding period (not including student loans).

(ONLY IF APPLICABLE – a Community Partner is not mandatory) If you are associated with a Beedie Luminaries community partner, please note where indicated on the application:

- 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
- Or other

\*\*Applicants must attend one of the 25 public post-secondary schools (\*or NEC) 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 (NEC)

**Please note, additional PTA (The Private Training Act) designated institutions *may* also be considered based on an individual’s specific circumstances.**

**FIELD OF STUDY / PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

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- 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**

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- 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 2024**. Deferrals in the first year are not permitted.
- 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 over four years, excluding student loans.
- Please note the Beedie Luminaries scholarship programs for Grade 12, SPARK and RISE are limited to a maximum of 2 people in the same family (regardless of home address).

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 your social assistance case manager 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

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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

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- 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.