

Grade 12 Students Scholarship Program 2024 Program Guidelines

NUMBER, VALUE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

In its Cohort 2024 year, the Beedie Luminaries Foundation will support 100+ scholarships for the following:

FULL-TIME STUDIES*

\$11,000 CAD per year for up to 4 years of funding, or until the student completes their first accreditation in Canada (whichever is the shorter period):

- **Certificate** (funded for up to 1 year)
- **Diploma** (funded for up to 2 years)
- **University transfer program** (funded for up to 2 years plus a university degree funded for up to 2 additional years for a total of 4 years of funding for both institutions.)
- **Undergraduate degree** (funded for a total of 4 years)

Annual Payment Structure:

- \$5,500 paid directly to the post-secondary institution in two equal annual installments of \$2,750 (Fall and Winter Term).
- \$5,500 stipend paid directly to the student in two equal annual installments of \$2,750 (Fall and Winter Term). Your personal stipend is to be used for education-related expenses, for example textbooks, commuting, housing, etc.

**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.*

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

- Invitations to Beedie Luminaries events;
- Invitation to join Beedie Luminaries digital community group;
- Ongoing support from the Student Success Managers;
- Access to mentors;
- Beedie Luminaries Peer Support Groups; and
- Paid summer internship opportunities.

ELIGIBILITY

An eligible 2024 applicant must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident since 2021;
- Be a full-time resident of British Columbia;
- Be in their final year of high school, entering into full-time studies in a first bachelor's degree, first diploma/certificate, or first trades program at one of the eligible public post-secondary institutions listed below*;
- Be ineligible for the BC Tuition Waiver Program (for former youth in care);
- Have a minimum cumulative average of 75% (or equivalent) for grade 11 and available grade 12 marks based on Universities Canada's Calculation of Average Policy**; and
- Have faced financial adversity.

*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

**Universities Canada's Calculation of Average Policy

Universities Canada's policy on calculation of average has been developed in consultation with university and college admissions and financial aid officers from across the country. It is Universities Canada's policy to calculate the academic average of applicants so that it reflects an academically well-rounded individual, while recognizing the differences in the programs of studies. For this purpose, the most recent, followed by the highest available grades in the following categories will be considered: Language, Social Sciences, Mathematics and Sciences. Six courses are chosen for each applicant, with no more than 2 in each category. If there are not enough available courses, the calculation of academic average may be based on 5 or 4 courses.

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's program may be considered either as a university-level program or a college-level program;
- Students must commence their post-secondary studies in September 2024. Deferrals in the first year are not permissible.
- Students must be enrolled in full-time studies at one of the eligible institutions listed in the "Eligibility" section of this document;
- The scholarship may be withdrawn if the student fails to make appropriate academic progress (according to the individual school's criteria), fails to obtain sufficient grades to pass a year or complete a program, withdraws from full-time attendance at the selected institution, or commits a crime;
- Employees of Beedie and their dependents are not eligible to apply; and
- 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.
- 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: your application will be flagged for additional review, if you are using a paid agency, such as GrantMe, to provide you with assistance in completing your application.

ADMINISTRATOR

Scholarship Partners Canada, a division of Universities Canada, administers the scholarship program on behalf of the Beedie Luminaries Foundation. Universities Canada's mandate is to facilitate the development of public policy on higher education and to encourage cooperation among universities and governments, industries, communities, and institutions in other countries.

Universities Canada is associated with leading firms in nearly every sector of the economy through its provision of scholarship services and management of more than 120 different scholarships programs on behalf of corporations, government agencies and private foundations throughout North America. For additional information, please visit www.univcan.ca.

Beedie Luminaries retains the right to change and/or end the sponsorship of the scholarship plan without notice.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Beedie Luminaries selection of scholarship recipients is made by experts from the community and educational institutions in British Columbia. The selection process is conducted in three phases:

Phase 1: **Financial Adversity** - Each application is read and scored by two experts on the Beedie Luminaries Reader Panel, evaluating the applicant's demonstration of financial adversity, including the household income, living arrangements, etc. The top 150 candidates move to Phase 2.

Phase 2: **Individual Evaluation** – Each application on the shortlisted list of candidates is read and scored based on the evaluation criteria listed below by three experts on the Beedie Luminaries Selection Committee.

Phase 3: **Interviews* and Award Announcements** – The finalists are invited for interviews with the Beedie Luminaries Selection Committee. All applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process, once available.

Once the selection process is complete, decisions are irrevocable.

*Applicants must make themselves available for interviews in late April/May 2024.

Evaluation criteria:

- Demonstration of financial adversity;
- Clarity of the applicant's educational goals, focused commitment and academic readiness, according to BC's new curriculum set of core competencies;
- Applicants' proven work ethic, grit and resilience in the face of adversity;
- Responses to short-answer questions on the application form;
- Community and home contributions and/or extracurricular activities;
- Quality and relevance of the reference letters; and
- A brief personal video file.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Successful applicants will receive confirmation of their scholarship in May. Recipients will be required to complete the online scholarship acceptance process and forward proof of registration from the educational institution they will be attending.

It is the responsibility of the recipient to keep Scholarship Partners Canada informed of any changes to their contact information through the online portal.

Please note, the names, videos and photographs of successful applicants may be used in promotional initiatives for the Beedie Luminaries Foundation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit an online application by visiting <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/BeedieLuminaries/>
2. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all supporting documents have been received and accepted. This can be done through the online portal.
3. An application with all supporting documentation must be submitted electronically to Scholarship Partners Canada no later than the application deadline of January 8th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. PST.
4. Applicants will be notified by email once their application has been received and processed by Scholarship Partners Canada. To ensure that all supporting documents have been received and accepted, visit <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/BeedieLuminaries/> to review your scholarship application information.
5. All communications regarding the Beedie Luminaries Scholarship will be done online via the student portal and via email.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

As part of this application, the supporting documentation described below is required. If any of these documents are not received and accepted, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be evaluated. Supporting documents must be received by Scholarship Partners Canada on or before January 8th, 2024 at 9 a.m. PST.

1. Transcripts

Please provide an official transcript of your grade 11 marks and your available grade 12 report card (this can be in two attachments or one combined attachment). An official transcript will only be considered acceptable if it is presented on the official paper of the institution AND it bears the appropriate signature(s) and/or seal of the institution. Home school grades will only be accepted if they have been validated through a recognized, independent evaluation process.

The transcript and report card are to be uploaded to the online application portal. Scholarship Partners Canada reserves the right to request an original copy of an uploaded transcript at any time in order to verify its authenticity.

2. Two Letters of Reference:

Academic

One letter of reference must come from a past or present teacher, school counsellor or administrator who knows the applicant and is familiar with their academic history, and who is not related to the applicant.

Community-based

One letter of reference must come from an adult (18+) who is familiar with the applicant's contribution to the community, household and/or their engagement in volunteer and other extracurricular activities, and who is not related to the applicant.

Both Letters of Reference must be sent directly to Scholarship Partners Canada by the person you have selected to write each letter via email to awards@univcan.ca

The email subject line should have the Student's First and Last Name.

For assistance with the preparation of these letters, please refer to the **Letters of Reference Guidelines**.

Please be advised that the Reference Letters are emailed to Scholarship Partners Canada and then manually attached to your application. As Scholarship Partners Canada receives hundreds of letters, this process may take several days.

PLEASE NOTE: If any of the application requirements noted above are not met, the application will be considered incomplete.

APPLICATION INQUIRIES

Scholarship Partners Canada
Ref: Beedie Luminaries
Toll free: 1-844-567-1237
Fax: (613) 563-9745
E-mail: awards@univcan.ca

**Scholarship
Partners Canada.**
**Partenaires en bourses
d'études Canada.**

LETTERS OF REFERENCE: GUIDELINES

You have been asked to write a letter of reference on behalf of a student applying for a Beedie Luminaries Scholarship through Scholarship Partners Canada. Writing a letter of reference takes time and is greatly appreciated both by the applicant and by the program selection committee.

The letters MUST be sent via email to awards@univcan.ca and received by January 8th, 2024, 9 am PST. The email subject line should have the Student's First and Last Name.

The applicant would appreciate a prompt response in order to meet the application document deadline.

To assist you in the preparation of this letter, please refer to the scholarship program guidelines and to the information below.

Letter of Reference (Academic)

If you are providing a reference letter related to a student's academic performance, please ensure that the letter indicates the student's full name, is typewritten on school letterhead, is signed, dated, and includes your contact information.

Please state the length of time and the capacity in which you know the student. Please provide an overall picture of the student in the following areas:

- Personal character traits
- Strengths and weaknesses
- Academic history
- The applicant's educational goals, focused commitment and academic readiness, according to BC's new curriculum set of core competencies

In addition, please indicate if the applicant demonstrated resilience, extraordinary effort and ability to overcome adversity.

Letter of Reference (Community-based)

If you are providing a reference letter related to volunteer/community contribution or extracurricular activities, please state the length of time and the capacity in which you know the applicant. Describe the applicant's role, their accomplishments and how their service and/or involvement has impacted the organization, the community or the individual students' household.

In addition, please indicate if the applicant demonstrated resilience, extraordinary effort and ability to overcome adversity.

Thank you very much for taking the time to support this applicant and contributing to a fair selection process.