

Beedie 
LUMINARIES



SPARK

SINGLE PARENT AWARD FOR RESILIENCE & KNOWLEDGE

SCHOLARSHIP

2024-2025 APPLICATION CYCLE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

VALUE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

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)

The annual payments will be as follows:

- \$11,000 paid directly to the post-secondary institution in two equal annual installments of \$5,500 (Fall and Winter Term).
- Funds remaining in the account after covering the tuition and student fees per each term should be applied toward school-related and living expenses.

PART-TIME STUDIES:

\$5,500 CAD per year for up to 6 years of funding, or until the student completes their first accreditation in Canada (whichever is the shorter period):

- **Certificate** (funded for up to 2 year)
- **Diploma** (funded for up to 3 years)
- **University transfer program** (funded for up to 3 years plus a university degree funded for up to 3 additional years for a total of 6 years of funding for both institutions)
- **Undergraduate degree** (funded for a total of 6 years)

The annual payments will be as follows:

- \$5,500 paid directly to the post-secondary institution in two equal annual installments of \$2,750 (Fall and Winter Term).
- Funds remaining in the account after covering the tuition and student fees per each term should be applied toward school-related and living expenses.

VALUE & DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP CONTINUED

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

- Student Success Advisor;
- Mentors;
- Peer support groups;
- Special events & workshops;
- Beedie Luminaries digital community group;
- Paid summer internship opportunities;
- Career guidance.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for the 2025 Cohort, a candidate must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- Be a full-time resident of British Columbia (i.e. have lived in the province for the previous 6 consecutive months);
- Be 19 years of age or older;
- Be a single parent, with no spouse or common-law partner present, (regardless of marital status) living in a dwelling with one or more dependent children;
- Pursue a first vocational diploma/certificate; or a first bachelor's degree in Canada as a full-time or part-time student at one of the eligible post-secondary institutions listed in this document;
- Not be eligible for the BC Tuition Waiver Program (for former Youth in Care);
- Not be presently enrolled or concurrently receiving support from WorkBC Single Parent Employment Initiative (SPEI);
- Have faced financial and/or other life adversities.

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.
- Full-time studies are defined as taking a minimum of 3 courses/9 credits per each academic term (Fall, Winter and Summer) and completing a minimum of 24 percentage-graded credits per year.
- Part-time studies are defined as taking a minimum of 6 credits per each academic term (Fall, Winter, and Summer) and completing a minimum of 15 percentage-graded credits per year.
- On-line courses at eligible post-secondary schools are permitted.
- Prerequisite courses required for admission into the program are not supported through the scholarship.
- The Private Training Act (PTA) designated institutions may also be considered based on an individual's specific circumstances.

Eligible post-secondary institutions:

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| ◦ 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 & 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 |

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- Students must commence their post-secondary studies in September 2025. Deferrals in the first year are not permissible.
- Students must be enrolled in full-time or part-time studies at one of the eligible institutions listed in 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 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.
- A Beedie Luminaries Scholarship cannot be held concurrently with any other financial awards that total more than \$10,000 per year, or a cumulative total amount of \$40,000, over the 4-year scholarship funding period.
- The Beedie Luminaries scholarships for SHINE, SPARK, BUILD, RISE and Graduate Studies Awards are limited to a maximum of 2 people in the same family (regardless of home address).
- Your application will be flagged for additional review, if you are using AI or a paid agency, such as GrantMe, to provide you with assistance in completing your application.

DEFINITIONS

Dependent child: An unmarried child, stepchild, adopted child or legal ward, supported by the applicant, who resides in the applicant's place of residence for more than 50 per cent of each month and rely on the applicant for the necessities of life, and is:

- Under 18 years of age; or
- Under 21 years of age and at the time of application registered in full-time studies at a post-secondary institution pursuing a recognized diploma, certificate, or degree;
- 21 years of age or older and dependent on the applicant due to a physical or mental condition, and eligible for the Canada Caregiver Credit.

Please note: If you are currently receiving Income Assistance or any government subsidies, it is important that you discuss the application with your case worker to understand the impact the additional funding from the Beedie Luminaries SPARK Scholarship may have on your existing benefits and subsidies.

SELECTION PROCESS

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

Phase 1: Each application is read and scored by a minimum of two experts on the Beedie Luminaries Selection Committee. The Beedie Luminaries Selection Committee may invite some shortlisted candidates for an interview.

Phase 2: The Beedie Luminaries Foundation will meet to determine the 2025 recipients. All applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process, once available.


Please refer to our website for the selection process timeline. Once the selection process is complete, decisions are irrevocable.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Personal circumstances;
- Demonstration of financial adversity;
- Responses to application questions;
- Clarity of the applicant's educational goals, and focused commitment;
- Contributions to community, to family, and/or extracurricular activities;
- The reference form.

APPLICATION ENQUIRIES

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