

Beedie   
LUMINARIES



# SPARK

SINGLE PARENT AWARD FOR RESILIENCE & KNOWLEDGE

# SCHOLARSHIP

## 2025-2026 APPLICATION CYCLE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

### VALUE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

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#### 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 combined)
- **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 years)
- **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 combined)
- **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 expenses.

## VALUE & DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP CONTINUED

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

- Student Success Managers
- Mentors
- Peer Support Groups
- Special events and workshops
- Beedie Luminaries digital community group
- Paid summer internship opportunities
- Career guidance.

## ELIGIBILITY

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**To be eligible to apply for the 2026 Cohort, a candidate must:**

- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or a protected person in Canada (International students are not eligible)
- 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<sup>1</sup>
- 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 public post-secondary institutions listed below. The Private Training Act (PTA) designated institutions are not eligible
- 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 other life adversities.

<sup>1</sup> Please see Definitions for more information on dependents.

## ELIGIBILITY CONTINUED

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Eligible post-secondary institutions:

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

## FIELD OF STUDY/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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- There are no restrictions on the program or discipline of study.
- Program must be of a minimum of 1 year in duration.
- Students in full-time studies must take 60% or more of a full course load (typically a minimum of 3 courses per term) and complete a minimum of 24 credits (or equivalent) over the course of the full academic year.
- Students in part-time studies must take a minimum of 40% of a full course load (typically a minimum of 2 courses per term) and complete a minimum of 15 credits (or equivalent) over the course of the full academic year.
- On-line courses at eligible post-secondary schools are permitted.
- Prerequisite courses required for admission into a post-secondary program are not supported through the scholarship.

## CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

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- Students must commence, or continue, their post-secondary studies in September 2026. Deferrals in the first year of the scholarship award are not permitted.
- The scholarship may be withdrawn if the family gross income exceeds the stated levels, 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, commits an infraction or crime; (e.g., infraction such as breaching a school's code of conduct or engaging in plagiarism) or does not complete mandatory academic progress reports and enrollment confirmations as required.
- While receiving Beedie Luminaries funding, a SPARK student cannot hold other scholarships or financial awards that total more than \$10,000 per year. This does NOT include bursaries, student loans, or band funding.
- Beedie Luminaries acceptance is limited to a maximum of two active or past recipients per one household/family, each enrolled within a different program (SHINE, SPARK, RISE, BUILD, or the Graduate Studies Award). For example, only one family member may be the recipient of SHINE and another of SPARK, but not both the recipients of SHINE.
- The scholarship funding can only be applied toward courses and credits commencing in September 2026. Students will not be retroactively reimbursed for any studies or courses completed prior to September 2026.
- Employees of Beedie and their dependents are not eligible to apply.

Please note: If a student is currently receiving, or intends to apply for additional funding support including income assistance, government subsidies, band funding, school bursaries and other awards, student loans or any other type of financial assistance, it is important that the student discusses the application with the respective administering organization to understand what impact additional funding from a Beedie Luminaries Scholarship may have on the student's eligibility with these programs.

## SELECTION PROCESS

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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 2026 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

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- 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.

## DEFINITIONS


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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.

## APPLICATION ENQUIRIES

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